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Vienna Choir Boys

Many of them are not even old enough to shave, but that doesn't keep the Vienna Choir Boys from traveling the world and bringing prestige with them. See story on Page 37.





Community says goodbye to a king

By STEPHANIE LUBIS Anthony Hill was an all-around great guy, and he will be sorely missed by his many friends and loved ones.

Dec. 6 of Hodgkin's

lymphoma did not come as a surprise. The popular 17-year-old Berne-Knox-Westerlo senior, whose mother Jackie Hill is a Bethlehém school bus driver, was diagnosed with the disease in eighth grade and had been battling ill

health for quite some time. Still, it does not lessen the sadness felt by his many friends and admirers, or the happiness they feel for having known him.

'You couldn't not smile when he was around," said Brenna Dees, a friend and classmate of Anthony. "He was so strong, so funny, so positive, never negative or crying. You wouldn't even know he was sick.'

Dees and her friend Erika McDonald, also a good friend of Anthony's, got to know him through his sister this year.

"If you met him once, it was

instant love," said Dees.

Dees and McDonald joined other friends of Anthony's on the night of his death and made a home video in his memory and Anthony's death last Tuesday, collages with pictures of him. The

> video and collages were shown celebration of his life Saturday morning. The

"Superman," called "Ant" and "Bud" touched a lot of lives.

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young man

"His illness was a community thing, and everyone pulled

through for him," said Amanda Alteri. She and Anthony were childhood sweethearts and best friends, and were last year's prom king and queen.

We always had so much fun together," she said.

Anthony's illness made it difficult for him to go out and do a lot of the things some teenagers take for granted. Going out on dates, playing sports and going to school depended on how well he felt, but he had the same interests of many boys his age. He loved

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Cool schools

Board hopes lower temps could close big budget gap

By JIM CUOZZO

may not make the cut as the Bethlehem Central School District considers an array of energy saving measures, in hopes of offsetting an unexpected \$400,000 gap in the district budget.

school buses; and removing all personal appliances where appropriate, including electric heaters, microwaves, coffee pots and toaster ovens.

"The board of education has Small personal appliances been working on this for a long time, and there has been cost savings," O'Shea said.

> For additional help, district officials believe there may be a possibility of the state Legislature providing fiscal relief for the escalating energy costs.



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of Albany. That's been our experience. There's a growing secularization in our society that militates against church attendance and an anti-authoritarianism that also militates against it."

The Rev. Darius Mojallali, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar, said the 1960s brought a big change to the way, people looked at their lives and the role of faith.

Pluralism vs.





By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Local church leaders are, hearing about, and welcoming firsthand, people as. they return to faith, as churches with conservative roots are seeing an increase in congregation numbers, a



Dodge-y behavior

When some members of the Rifenburg Construction Company crew get done with their day working on the Northway Exit 12 project in Malta, they don't necessarily go home right away.

Instead, they drive a mile to the nearby Charbonneau Recreation Center, don Tshirts and shorts and go back in time to their childhoods.

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Figures released by the district show the new projected energy costs to be near \$1.77 million and not the \$1.37 million estimated earlier this year.

A team being led by District Finance Official Steve O'Shea and Director of Facilities and **Operations Greg Nolte are** looking into several energy conservation measures they expect will reduce the \$400,000 overrun by \$128,000.

These energy-saving measures include reducing classroom temperatures district-wide during the day from 71 to 68 degrees: maintaining a nighttime temperature of 55. degrees; implementing a no-idling policy for

"The Legislature is looking at a formula that may provide \$100 million statewide to districts," O'Shea said.

Other possible solutions include targeting budget reductions in other areas and the appropriation of the already depleted district fund balance, though school officials cautioned that may serve as a last resort.

"The notion of fund balance appropriation as an option after the audit report we just received is not very appealing to me," said board member James Lytle.

"The use of fund balance is a viable option, but maybe not a

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uniformity

"The heyday of our church came in 1960 - 1961, when we had 300 people at church on Sunday," Mojallali said. "The flip side of that was the explosion that came in the 1960s. The seeds of that were sown in the 1950s. World War II was over; productivity was up.'

Mojallali said baby boomers questioned the uniformity of that era.

When everyone went to church, we were less kind to those who didn't," he said. "We whispered about our neighbors who were Jewish, who were divorced, and we never mentioned homoationwide trend that has filtered through to local churches.

What they hear from people as they exit services that the new congregants are now making time for faith. or want to get back to traditional faiths — they find overwhelmingly reassuring. The leaders say that the return doesn't wholly come as a result of people's perceptions of the world or people's political beliefs evolving or steady - but from doctrinal stability or the Gospel — the first four books of the Bible's New Testament itself. "I have been here for three CGROWTH page 31

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Police Blotter

Erratic driving leads to arrest

• On Dec. 3, Kathleen A. Generali, 40, of 333 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

Police received a call from state police that a car was reported driving erratically on Delaware Avenue. Officer Michael Whitely responded to the call. Generali was seen driving in the wrong lane heading east on Delaware Ave. and struck a guard pole at the McDonald's drive-thru, police said. When patrols arrived, the car was gone. Police received

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another call that the vehicle was seen at 333 Delaware Ave., and when police arrived they observed the vehicle pull behind the building.

Officer Regina Cocchiara observed that Generali had her foot on the gas pedal, revving the engine, and advised her to stop the car. When she didn't, Officer Cocchiara reached in and turned it off. Generali began speaking but was incomprehensible, police said. Generali was asked to exit her vehicle and needed assistance from Officer Cocchiara to keep her balance. Generali said she had not been drinking, but failed field sobriety tests. She admitted she was taking numerous prescription medications for bipolar disorder and for degenerative disk disease, police said, but she did not have these prescriptions on her person.

No damage was reported to the guard pole near McDonald's or to Generali's vehicle, police said.

Generali was brought back to Bethlehem Police Station for processing, and agreed to submit to drug tests. She was then transferred to Albany Medical Center for treatment and evaluation, police said. She is due in Town Court Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.

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Rotarians make clean water possible

Small group helps locally, internationally

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Delmar Rotary may be small, but its members are involved in some big things.

At this year's annual holiday party Dec. 5, a \$1,000 check was presented to Rotarian Bob Mohr to contribute to the Pure Water for the World program and its work providing water filters for Choluteca, Honduras.

What really strikes everyone who sees the water filter is how low-tech it is," said Mohr, who has been involved with Pure Water For The World for three years.

The water filters, which cleanse the water and prevent rampant disease such as dysentery and diarrhea, are really only sand filters, inexpensive to install and easy to use. Members of Pure Water for the World also treat the parasites in the water and perform maintenance on the filters. Rotary members go to Honduras and meet with Rotary club members there to show the citizens how to operate the filters. Next, the Rotarians would like to increase production of the filters.

"It's a great Christmas gift," said Vicky Plotsky, director of the Delmar Rotary.

Mohr, a Rotarian for 18 years who is also a member of the Colonie/Guilderland Rotary, has been involved with "Pure Water for the World" for the last three years. He said that Rotary International

is in the process of funding a second grant to keep the program running for another two years, and the goal is to install 5,000 more filters.

"That would mean pure water for 35,000 people," he said, "I hope to get more members of the Delmar Rotary to join the effort."

Mohr's interest in the project stemmed from his friendship with Vermont Rotarian Carolyn Mube, who is executive director of Pure Water for the World. He and his family then joined her on her next trip to Honduras.

Funds raised through the Delmar Rotary and its projects, as well as from other area clubs, will go to the expansion of the project in Choluteca.

"I want to get the word out that anyone can get involved," said Mohr. "You don't have to be a Rotary member."

Mohr is returning to Honduras in February.

The Delmar Rotary is relatively small, with about 20 members, but two of its biggest fund-raisers this year have allowed the club to award donations to 11 different organizations, nine of which are local. A golf tournament in June called "Teeing for Charity" was a big help, and is already planned for next year. A grapefruit and orange sale at the end of the year helps bring in money as well.

Plotsky has been a Rotarian for two years. She joined initially as a way to get an exchange student to the U.S., and decided to become a member after learning about the projects Rotary is involved in internationally as well as locally. "I was surprised at first, I

didn't know that Rotary was concerned with things that really matter," she said.

Along with projects that span the seas and cross country borders, the Delmar Rotary contributed this

year to Bethlehem Festival Fund, Bethlehem Senior Services, Bethlehem Youth Court, Clowns on Rounds, Community Gardens, Food Pantries for the Capital District, Rotary's Gift of Life, Junior Achievement, Literacy Volunteers, Ravena Senior Projects and To Life!



Above: Children in Choluteca, Honduras. Left: Petroleum. engineer. Mikael Swirp, from Canada, and local engineer, Carlos Meije, transport a water filter. Top: Choluteca.

The group's largest donations were to Bethlehem Senior Services and Ravena Senior Projects.

The Rotary Club awarded two vocational scholarships at Bethlehem Central High School and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Matisse, Picasso, Modigliani, Da Vinci, McGuire

Student artist has her first show

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Zoe McGuire is only 9 years old, but she already has career aspirations.

The Elsmere fourth-grader recently organized her first art show at Perfect Blend Espresso



back hallway of the coffeehouse. And while McGuire loves the work of Monet, she did not do any portraits depicting his style, since it is so much like her own.

"I wanted to do something different from my own style," she said. "I wanted to do artists with a unique style."

About 100 people were in and out of McGuire's show on Dec. 3, and so far, she has sold two of her

Da Vinci are on display in the Blend rotates exhibits frequently, it piqued her interest.

> "I think it may have inspired her," said Bastow. "She had to come up with more pieces, and she had a goal and achieved it. I think she enjoyed the reception."

> A brief written explanation of McGuire's exhibit accompanies her works. As part of that description,

she writes, "I wanted to do someis

said, because of the clothes and designs of that period.

The experience of the art show was one she enjoyed, she said, and she looks forward to others in the future. A career as an artist is something she is striving for.

"I really love art, it's my passion," she said. "Everyone says I should stick with it, and I will."

Still, it was a bit stressful, she admitted.

Bar and Café at the Four Corners. Her art collection features self-portraits that she sketched and painted in the styles of different artists.

"She always had a pencil in her





Self portrait by Zoe McGuire, painted in Mona Lisa style.

hand," said her mother, Donna Liquori. "She has a real passion for art that not even a lot of adults have. She's very focused, and that's unusual. She knows what she wants."

McGuire knows Roberta Bastow, the owner of Perfect Blend, well, and asked to have her own show. Now, McGuire's self-portraits in the style of Picasso, Modigliani, Matisse and

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pieces, and another person has shown interest in purchasing her Picasso sketch.

"I don't know that much about money, so I asked them what they thought they were worth," she said. "I wanted to buy my mother a Christmas gift with the money, but she said I should buy something for myself so I will probably get a keepsake like a necklace or a bracelet.3

Although this is McGuire's first complete show, it's not the first time her work has been on display at Perfect Blend. One of her works was part of a group

peace, art is. everything." "What - I

by style." meant saying 'art is peace' is that a

lot of art was

"Art

created during times of war," McGuire said "Matisse painted doves, which represented peace, and a lot of art has to do with fourth story so far. peace and shows love. Art makes you happy and it makes you feel good. I'm never grumpy when I'm around art."

people, she said, which she grew to enjoy from her school art class this year. Sketches of women especially interesting to her, she in New York City.

creativity, art is thing different from my own style. I wanted to do artists with a unique

"I had a lot on my mind, with schoolwork, ballet, and guitar," she said.

Zoe McGuire

Writing stories on her

mother's old laptop computer is also high on McGuire's list of interests, and she is on her

"It's fun," she said. She also enjoys drawing people playing sports

McGuire has followed many McGuire's main artistic art exhibits, and Liquori said it exhibit, and because Ferfect interest right now is drawing can be difficult to get her daughter out of some art museums and galleries.

> McGuire's favorite museum is from the Victorian period are the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Snow days packed with mixed blessings

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

There's nothing like a snow day to make you wish you were a kid again. There's a great sort of anticipation that comes the night before a forecasted storm. The outside air hangs heavy with unshed flakes and the moon is either not visible or looks smudged by the light cloud cover.

For stay-at-home mothers, snow days are a mixed blessing. There's a sort of relief that comes . very early morning fills the house into the rest of

the day.

There's question of whether it will be a full day off delay means Mom must do delay bè one hour or two? What time does that mean the

must the children be woken up? What time must they leave the house? Is there anything else that needs to be rearranged? For the dog's big eyes beseech you grade school students, it's easy to to take her for a walk and before just drop them off. By middle the video game controllers have of panic when my kids faced the hands so they can be sent out to first delay of the winter.

"I don't know what period it is!" Christopher said when he was in sixth grade, a little wideeyed about where to go in that year when he didn't seem to fit in anywhere.

I had a panicky moment, too. Had I missed an important instruction? Surely, somewhere in the paper work, something had said what to do when school was delayed. Had I tossed it? Had I never seen it? Was it lurking in Christopher's backpack, which had been declared completely off-limits to me? Was I not violating his rule often enough?

"Go to your homeroom," I finally advised him, figuring he



wouldn't be the only sixth grader trying to figure out where he belonged without actually asking an adult who might have the answer

By the time high school came with checking the television or around, he was much more have always assured us, and in radio while the pitch black of the sanguine about where to go. "I'm sure somebody will tell me." and the silence of everyone still he said, cheerfully heading into sleeping offers a peaceful slide the abyss of kids who look like adults.

A full snow

There's always the day is easy always the question of whether it from a mathematical standwill be a full day off or a point, since delay. A delay means the only pressor a delay. A Mom must do math. ing question is whether to Will the delay be one crawl back math. Will the hour or two? What time between the does that mean the flannel sheets for a little more school day starts? shut-eye or to

seize the gift of school day starts? What time a little extra time alone. Maybe a second cup of coffee, maybe read the whole newspaper before the laundry needs to be done, before school, though, there was a kind to be pried from the children's "help" shovel the walk.

> For working moms, snow days are an extra level of complication. Will the baby-sitter get here on time? Is there a neighbor who can help out? Or does one parent take a day off? Sick day, vacation day? And, horrors, when the children are old enough to stay home alone, and parents return to glazy-eyed children with television remotes glued into their grubby paws, empty Oreo packages strewn at their feet. Maternal kisses are rebuffed: "Mom, Mom, I'm watching that!" are the words that automatically issue forth, as they bob and weave away from the mothership looking to land in the security of

workday.

Then there's the whole issue of kids home alone, be it while mom dashes out to CVS, parents attempt a night out after their kids have grown old enough to be insulted by the notion of a baby sitter, or if it's the first work day for both parents on a snow which the kids completely don't the teacher to explain why the get.

"We're fine, really," our boys truth, I think they rise to the occasion more when we're not around than when they need to tussle to assert supremacy over one another in the eyes of the parental units.

Cormac, at the ripe old age of 13, recently declared himself ready to spend a chunk of time without us.

"You know, Mom, you and Dad should go away for a second honeymoon," he said one day. 'We'd be OK on our own."

File that in the category of 'Yeah, right." I may have completely relaxed my standards on video game playing and movie ratings, but I do know that two teenagers - even the very finest and most well behaved - alone in a house for more than a day is a really bad idea.

"Thanks, hon," I told him, "but I think that Grandma will be available if Dad and I feel the need for a second honeymoon."

I know where my beloved younger child is coming from; I remember wanting to be responsible and in charge when I was a kid. In fact, I only ever wanted to be a grown-up, and wonder sometimes what the heck that was about. Maybe it came from being the oldest of five children and having my attempts at being the boss of everyone thwarted when my youngest siblings would inform my mother that "Kathy's being haggy."

Maybe it came from having been unbearably self-conscious, particularly in those touchy early teen years, when nothing felt right. I always felt like everyone was watching and judging me -

matter so much?

I blame the Dick and Jane readers, which we only used briefly in first and second grades. I remember looking at the father in the suit and hat and the mother in her 1950s-style full-skirted dress, pointy-toed day. It's never without its worries, - heels and pearls. I waited for parents were dressed up like they were going to a funeral, or for one of my classmates to ask why on earth the mom and dad looked like they did. None of the grown-ups in mv Burlington, Vt., neighborhood dressed like that. When no explanation was offered and nobody else protested, I assumed everyone else in my class lived in a world I didn't belong to.

> In the ensuing 40 years, I've learned that realities are relative. Sometimes I wish I had been born old, and bold enough to ask whether Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Jane were for real.

Sometimes, though, I think the lack of certainty that can lead to identity questioning is what made me love being a writer. People who are a little bit shy, who watch other people, and who listen and pay inquisitive

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a home port at the end of a which they very well may have attention to detail may be the bestbeen, but why on earth did it ones to tell the stories that form our world.

> Still, there's a value to creating our own stories, and I often wish I hadn't spent so much time questioning and doubting myself. His confidence was one of the things I loved first about my husband; second was his ability to be funny, and take risks that made people laugh.

When we first met - nearly 21 years ago – he sang "O Canada". in French. This was a piece of home to me, since my father was an obsessive "Hockey Night in Canada" watcher.

"As a European, I can't imagine that," a friend sniffed when I told him how I'd met Chris.

Maybe I loved Chris' random song because I'd just returned from two years in Germany. where my group of friends frowned on even small talk.

We try to teach our children to be friendly and interested in others, and to be confident enough in themselves to speak up when they have something to say. Right now, life is full of things they can look forward to; some day, they'll be looking back. How great if they remembered most of the days as being as fulfilling as snow days.



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Longtime family support program in jeopardy

Bethlehem Newtorks may be forced to close

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

For almost two decades, Bethlehem Networks has touched the lives of many teens and families in the area, providing programs that deal with family issues and substance abuse prevention.

Now, unless an alternative source of funding is secured, Bethlehem Networks will be closing its doors at the end of the year.

The community-based prevention program was originally funded by the state Department of Education, then by the state Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. This year, Bethlehem Networks is one of two programs not receiving funding from them.

"For a few years, they had concerns, since this project only serves the town of Bethlehem,' said Connie Mills. Bethlehem Networks project coordinator. "They thought it should be open to everyone and not just one town, but the strength in this program is that it is community based."

A feeling of affiliation and connectedness among families who have utilized the Network's programs over the years is one of the reasons Bethlehem

Networks was so successful. Square also made it easier for money per year. families with issues to seek help, Mills said.

"It was really a response to the community," she said.

In addition to substance abuse prevention, Networks has offered parenting classes, community education, safety plans for kids who are home alone, Internet safety, and task forces dealing specifically with mental health and suicide prevention. Also, have worked in they conjunction with Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, which helps raise money to fund healthy youth activities, to produce a 40-page book called "Growing With Your Teen." The book is a guide to help parents and teens communicate effectively and deal with issues.

'Our programs were very popular, and some even had Networks was granted to the waiting lists, like 'Home and On-Your Ŏwn' and 'Second Step,' said Mills. "But grant money can be re-directed and for any number of reasons. Budgets are getting strapped everywhere, and they were always encouraging us to look at other funding sources."

Networks The convenient location in Main received \$47,000 in grant

> Currently, alternative ways to fund the program are being explored, and Networks is

relying on members of the community to get the word out: awareness. exploring grant and foundation opportunities; and talking to elected officials as they look for ideas. One of the problems in seeking funding early, Mills said, is that the need is not immediate.

"People can say,

well, you still may be funded', and in that time, there are other agencies requesting funding," she said. "You may not get it until you actually are not funded."

Money for Bethlehem school district, which was then filtered to the program. and the county has decided that funding should go to areas of staff and services will be utilized. the greatest need," he said. "We're a relatively affluent everything we can with existing

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Will the Internet gods descend upon and vanquish us from the Earth if we take aim at e-mail?

E-mail bears watching. It can be like verbal garbage coming from many sources - many of them illegitimate, offensive, lewd, cajoling and even threatening at times.

The latest e-mail gig is to tell the user — me — that I visit illegal Web sites. Since I use Web sites as little as possible, this is hardly

likely.

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The old stand-bys

are of course the drug



offers of all the kinds of remedies advertised on late-night TV. The only difference is that the Internet plugs don't even pretend to be tasteful.

These are the first e-mails I trash since they're so obviously a come-on. A typical e-mail "success" story involves Tom, Dick or Harry's problem with his sex life and how A, B or C drug has the ability for the user to tap into the proverbial Fountain of Youth. You get the gist of it; it's a minor variation on the same old theme.

Another popular sure-thing come-on is that you've got credit and plenty of it; you can actually borrow hundreds of thousands of dollars, for practically nothing.

And then there's the bloke from somewhere on the planet, who needs to transfer millions of dollars into account like yours, and you will be lavishly reimbursed for your effort.

We worry, though, since by sheer numbers and repetition, some of these scams must be getting through to some people and their hard-earned money, just waiting to fly out the window.

Many of these scams seem so blatantly ridiculous that they wouldn't sucker anyone into buying into them. But clearly they do attract takers and their money. Our best advice is to have this "spam" (if that's what it is) blocked from our computers.

After all, we can have our telephone calls blocked as well as junk mail, so why not be able to block the e-mail junk that stinks?

Please don't get hoodwinked. If you have a medical question, call your doctor. If you need help with credit. see a financial adviser. It will be safer in the long run to bypass e-mail offers. Among other things, it will help to protect you from identity theft, which is rampant, and difficult to correct once it occurs.

Remember, folks, if it sounds too good to be true, it

By THE REV. DARIÚS MOJALLALI

The writer is pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

The day before vesterday I woke up with a tune in my head.

At first I wasn't aware it was there but by the time I was getting dressed for the day, I recognized it, and I groaned as I realized what it was. Coursing through my head was the annoying sound of a Christmas song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

Now, I have nothing against Christmas music, but this particular one annoys me, and it was not readily leaving when I asked it to go away. By the time I was putting on my coat to go to work, I had started whistling the song obnoxiously, leading my wife Stephanie to ask why I was in something she has come to call a "buggative" mood (I whistle out of tune when I am in a buggy, restless, annoying or annoyed mood). I told her about the song that was occupying space rentfree in my head and began to sing the chorus, doing a poor imitation of an overly cheerful nightclub singer. When she laughed out loud, I became even more dramatic, and sang it once more "with feeling." Then I went off to fight sin and save some souls in my work as a Christian pastor. It was an inauspicious start to the day.

I realize that some people actually are in love with this time that has come to be called "the holiday season." I am envious of them, and wish I could have an uncomplicated happiness about shopping, wrapping, decorating, baking, parties, and checking lists twice. I actually have a lot of respect and awe for women and a few men who get all excited about decorating their homes with greens, with the trek to the basement or attic to get the boxes marked "Christmas" and revel in the process of making the house look merry.

Point of View

Five thoughts for holiday cheer

I must confess that this time of year often makes me feel tense and anxious, and I am trying to figure out what to do about it. I feel much the way I used to feel when I was in junior high on Sunday afternoon when I had a lot of homework and I hadn't touched it yet. Except that I feel that way from the Monday after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. A lot of put-off homework to do and very little time.

I actually think seriously about Christmas shopping in October. That is when the first L. L. Bean catalogues arrive that say. "There's still time!" In my head I consider the fact that if I did my shopping then, it would free me up in December to focus on what I tell people in sermons is "The Real Meaning of Christmas." But the thought passes, November comes and goes, and the catalogues for us ingrate procrastinators arrive telling us that we are absolutely at the last minute and we will be in serious trouble if we don't call or click NOW.

So last night, I had a free evening, something relatively rare in the life of a busy pastor. My wife and 2-and-a-half-yearold son Matthias were thrilled I would be home for the evening. We thought about what to do together, and decided to watch "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" (for the 50th time). I watched somewhat half-heartedly while Matthias wrestled with me on the couch.

But I was distracted. I sensed the pull of the computer, the call of the mouse. And I had a list of family members who live far away that I had to get Christmas gifts for. So I snuck off furtively, sat down and began to click away. I was disturbed to discover that the L. L. Bean women's fleece vest I was hoping to get for someone was only available in persimmon, but decided my sister-in-law probably wouldn't look too bad in orange. And on it went. You know that TV ad with all the little kids and their miner's lamps watching TV and having lots of fun together? Those lamps are history. Out of stock! The

that grief comes a message that is far deeper than the superficial cheerfulness of so much holiday music. It is a message that is at the heart of the Christian Good News - a message about the Light of the World being born into the midst of human darkness and hurt and leading us to "good news of a great joy." When we grasp that joy, that message about a God who loves us so much that he condescended to become a human being, we rejoice with exceeding great joy. We know that our mourning has been turned into dancing.

Here's another thought. Well-to-do people in towns like our Capital District suburbs worry too much about getting the right present for another well-to-do person in their family or among their friends. When I was little, my mother taught me that it was unseemly and selfish to think about myself in anticipation of Christmas. There were no Christmas wish lists from me when I was a boy I would not have dreamed of insisting that I get a certain brand of video game or toy that would send my parents into a tizzy of shopping and searching. We were not perfect, and my brother and I did get lovely Christmas some presents, but they were usually surprises, and we were taught that being there for others is what Christmas is all about.

I believe that the joy something much greater than happiness - of the Christmas season is not about getting expensive gifts for people who don't need them, but about extending a gift of redeeming love to someone who really needs it, in whose life can we really make a difference this time of year - or for that matter throughout the year. Rather than focusing on some difficult-to-find gift for a hard-to-shop-for person, why not give food, shelter, clothing, companionship, or hope to a person who is materially or emotionally poor? The question I keep asking myself and my congregation is "In whose life can I be an agent of God's redeeming love this Christmas?"

By the time Christmas Day comes, and Matthias' face lights up when he tears open the gifts we have helped Santa bring him, I will cheer up and calm down. Meantime, my advice to myself and to you is:



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next time you can get one of those in any color is about February of 2010.

All right, all right, I have been ranting and complaining long enough, and you probably figured I might have something to say that would help you and me get through and maybe even enjoy this "wonderful time of the year." I hope you haven't given up on me. But I do have, some ideas about how we can focus on what is most important in this season.

For one thing, the season formerly known as Christmas is a time of very mixed emotions. Maybe it is the decline in the amount of light and warmth, but it seems to bring up any unresolved grief anyone may be harboring. Into

• Let's remember to breathe deeply. There, doesn't that feel better?

• Let's take some time to feelthe deep emotions of this season (even the hard ones) rather than busily avoid them.

• Let's take some unhurried, un-preoccupied time with the people we love the most.

• Let's gather with others in a worshipping community to thank God for his gift of Light.

 And let's pray that God's Christmas present to us will be the gift we so deeply ache for: "Peace on earth and good will among all people."

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Matters of Opinion Spotlight Kudos for Mom's writer for telling it like it is Too bad more don't attend 'unplugged' church service Editor, The Spotlight: you discipline them, but it I could continue about men

I receive the Spotlight weekly

and enjoy the news about the community.

I also enjoy the writings of Katherine McCarthy and her "Mom's the Word" articles.

In the Nov. 24 edition. Katherine had an article about raising a family and keeping it together and all that is involved in doing that. She writes at length about the role the mother plays in the upbringing of her children and what it means to them as they wind their way through life.

This train of thought is especially meaningful to me because of the experiences my wife and I had raising our children.

We had adopted seven children and what a blessing it was to us to have them in our lives. We certainly had the usual problems that most parents have while they were growing up, but we never had a problem with respect, manners, morals in all the years we had them with us, and there have been none since. They never talked back to us and it is, as she says in the article, sometimes you are not thought well of by your children because

becomes a part of their lives, and they respect you more for it.

I, being the breadwinner in the family, left a lot of this up to my wife, and she certainly knew how to raise children. We tried to give them a good life, and we always tried to do things together.

My wife is gone, but I am still proud of them for her and myself.

There is so much today that the parents blame on someone else when their children misbehave or get into trouble. Some parents today actually think that their kids can do no wrong and when they get in trouble, they defend them. Parents believe that when they send their children to school, the teachers will teach them respect manners and the such, or else they don't care whether they learn them or not. All of those very important things should be taught at home before the children start school.

It is certainly sad that our children in school have to be arrested because of the way they acted in school. If they had the proper upbringing, there would be much less or maybe none at all.

wearing their caps indoors and teaching their children that it is OK to do it. I could remark about being courteous, like opening doors for others, and the list goes on.

I think it is courageous of Katherine to bring up moral issues as she did, and it was done very discreetly at the same time. It is a struggle to raise children and do it the right way, but it is worth it.

Let us all be thankful for what we have and not what we think we should have, and be mindful of those less fortunate than we. You get out what you put in.

Keep writing, Katherine.

Rob Diedrich Schenectady

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wanted to share with your readers something new in our! community that our family has just begun attending. Glenmont, Reformed Church (next to Kmart) started a 5 p.m. Saturday evening service called "Worship Unplugged.'

This was something different for my family but we truly love: it.

The service itself is unplugged, simple and to the point. Pastor Jeff Walton does much of the singing while playing his acoustic guitar. The church itself is beautiful with candles all around-a perfect setting for this "unplugged"

service.

We have attended a few times and just love it but wish there were more families there to enjoy the beautiful service.

The children are encouraged to sing, bring their guitars if they play, and be involved in the service itself.

The service is over by 6 p.m., plenty of time for busy families to still enjoy their Saturday nightwith the added bonus of a Sunday morning at home.

I hope other busy families in Bethlehem will give "Worship Unplugged" a try.

> Theresa Weinman & family Glenmont

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Business booms in Bethlehem

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

About 200 members of the business communities in Beth lehem and Guilderland came ou to celebrate the holidays at a Dec 6 mixer at the Albany Best Western Sovereign Hotel.

"It was our annual Christmas party, and we joined with the Guilderland Chamber because we are so similar in size," said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. "You don't need a passport to get to Guilderland and we have a lot of members in common. Our businesses cross over a lot."

Currently, Bethlehem's cham ber is working on a way to make businesses in the area better known to the general public as well as to other chambers. A new business directory is being published by Spotlight News papers at the end of January, and DeLaney said she is excited about the collaboration.

"Directories are traditionally a nightmare, because it's out o date the minute it's off the press, she said. "This way, it's com pletely up to date, and it's a grea tool. It goes to people all over the area."

The new directories are free and will be available at the library town hall, chamber office, and any other venue interested it carrying it.

Dog wash changes hands

In the past year, many nev businesses have come into being in the area, while others changed ownership, expanded, or moved

One business that changed ownership this year is Sham poodle, located at 266 Delaward Ave. behind DaNapoli Opticians Ginny Siciliano is the new owner she bought the business from Sandy Travis, who moved away "Dirty Dogs Done Dirt Cheap! is the motto, and the business offers the opportunity to wash

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Business Spotlight



Staff at the Albany Best Western Sovereign Hotel greet members of the Bethlehem and Guilderland chambers of commerce at the holiday mixer last week.





Left, Liz Grogan of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and Joe Didio of Clear Channel at the chamber mixer. Above, Albany Best Western Sovereign's General Manager Suparmanto and Banquet Manager Tim McGee greet guests.



Business (From Page 8)

your own dog in one of five waisthigh tubs or have a staff member do it for you.

"I love it," Siciliano said. "I love the dogs and I love the customers.

It's a dream come true because I love dogs."

Siciliano said it's not really a grooming service, but one-on-one washing Customers can stay with their dog or

leave it with the staff, but Shampoodle will not leave the dog waiting around.

"It's a nice experience for the dog," Siciliano said.

Siciliano has made some changes to the business. Credit cards are now accepted, and treats, toys and grooming tools are offered. Partial proceeds go

helping dogs and rescue groups," said Siciliano. "It goes hand-in-hand, and we

to animal rescue groups.

goes hand-in-hand, and we also give discounts to rescue groups."

"My family and I are into

In addition to the changing of the guard at Shampoodle, new



businesses include tanning salons, restaurants, storage facilities, clothing boutiques, day spas, and several home-based businesses, something DeLaney said is becoming more frequent. Some home-based businesses include BAM Graphics, HSH Cleaners, and Harvest Food in Delmar.

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Gifts through the library keep on giving

A year or so ago, a couple about to be married asked their wedding guests to make contributions to Bethlehem Public Library, in lieu of wedding gifts. This original idea was very much appreciated by the library's trustees and staff.

There are several ways that people can make monetary donations to the library: honorary and memorial gifts, bequests, and the Bethlehem Public Library Fund.

The library has been the recipient of several bequests over the years from families

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who wished to memorialize a loved one.

Most recently, a gift from the estate of Sarah Whitcomb allowed the library to purchase a generous number of new books. Whitcomb was a regular visitor to the library. Her abiding interests in fiction, mysteries and photography are reflected in the books the

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library purchased.

Similarly, friends and family behalf last year to a memorial fund devoted to travel. Russell had visited the library regularly to research and plan trips for family and friends. This fund is used to purchase travel books and DVDs, and to support the newly created Russell Travel Lecture series.

The library's first ongoing memorial gift was received in 1999 from the family of Edith and Edward Bass. The fund is dedicated to the purchase of recorded books.

All donations purchased with monetary gifts are fitted with special labels. Donors receive written acknowledgement of their gifts, and the honoree's family is notified.

Another gift-giving avenue is the Bethlehem Public Library Fund. The fund was established in 2001 by library trustees in partnership with the Capital Region.

CFCR is a collection of of Al Russell contributed on his permanent charitable funds created by the citizens of this area. The funds are invested and the income is returned to the community in the form of grants to local nonprofit organizations.

> The Bethlehem Public Library Fund is designated to receive bequests to the Community Foundation that have been earmarked for the library. The fund accommodates donors of all ages and means. Donations are managed by financial professionals at CFCR; this facilitates arrangement alternate forms of gift-giving such as securities, stocks, real estate, and IRAs as well as cash gifts.

Gifts to libraries are a timehonored way of contributing to the enrichment of a community, and by extension, the world at large. For more information about gifts, bequests, and the

Bethlehem Public Library Fund, contact library director Nancy Pieri at 439-9314 or email pierin@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Louise Grieco

Book ends

Kids, parents talk

Bethlehem Public Library's BookChat for boys and girls in grades 5 to 8 and their parents will talk about Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7p.m.

Preschool films

"Owen," "Strega Nonna," "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble," and "The Snowy Day" will be shown at Bethlehem Public Library Friday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Free drop-in event for children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers.

Saturday stories

Working parents can take advantage of Time Out for Tales Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. Drop in for a half-hour of stories, songs and puppets. For children ages 2 to 6 with their families.

Afternoon book discussion

Runaway by Alice Munro is the next DayBooks meeting topic Monday, Jan. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Copies of the book are available at the information desk: audiobook editions are also available. New members welcome.

Basic Internet class

Internet Skills, a hands-on workshop for adults, will be offered in January and February. Participants will explore the library's Web page and catalog, learn the parts of a Web address, visit a variety of sites using links from the library Web site, and learn how to evaluate a Web site.

Registrants must have basic computer experience. Signup is on a rolling basis; the first session will be offered Tuesday, Jan.10, at 2:30 p.m.

Call 439-9314 for information.

Art association to host holiday party

Bethlehem The Art Association will meet Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public. Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, for a holiday party. Each member is asked to bring two items - a culinary treat for others to enjoy and a wrapped piece of your artwork for a gift exchange. New members are always welcome.



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Hospitality starts at 1:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 2 p.m.

The event is free: donations are accepted.

The church is located at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Sen. Breslin pays visit to library

Sen. Neil Breslin found his way to the library this week to check up on how well it spent the money he secured for it through the legislature. Breslin said the library put the money to good use by installing computer terminals for the public. In addition to speaking with library staff, Breslin stayed long enough to chat with Pat and Herb Leichman and Skip Slagen, regular users of the library facilities.

Festival of foods

Are there favorite foods that you just have to have to make your holiday special? Holidays bring families and food together and the library would like to bring neighbors and friends together, too, Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 11a.m., with a Cook's Club multicultural celebration of holiday stories, cooking lessons, and a feast that will take us all over the world. This holiday season is particularly special as both Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrated at the same time.

Participants will make potato latkes and applesauce for Hanukkah, prepare Mexican tacos for a Twelfth Night celebration, and finish with Christmas cookies and cranberry punch. The library is asking families to provide a special holiday cookie - one dozen per family - for our festival.

All ages are invited. Young children must be accompanied by a parent.

Sign up is necessary at the reference desk.

The Cook's Club project is

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supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Lifelines group to meet

Lifelines prose writers will meet. Thursday, Dec. 15. Newcomers welcome. Bring a short written piece to share. No signup necessary.

Yoga session

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

Final days for Mitten Tree

This week is the last chance to decorate Thé Mitten Tree, which will come down Friday. Your donations of hats, scarves and mittens will then be distributed to the kids at Phillip Schyler School.

Stay tuned

Library closings due to weather or emergency will be reported on your local news stations.

Barbara Vink

•All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.



Sen. Neil Breslin looks on as Skip Slagen uses one of the new computers at the Voorheesville Public Library.



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The Albany Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Hilltown **Community Resource Center** is sponsoring the 14th annual Hilltown Christmas Program.

All donations should be received no later than Dec. 21 at Nichols Market. Voorheesville; Kohl's Dept. Store, Colonie; Emma Cleary's in Slingerlands; Crossgates Mall, lower level; and the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol Station in Voorheesville.

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Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys may do so at the above mentioned locations.

For information, contact families from the rural areas Kathaleen Taylor at 765-5976. Those wishing to make a

check (made out to Hilltown Christmas Program) to the Albany County Sheriff's Dept., 390 New Salem Road. Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.

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 véar.

Kiwanis Club selling Christmas trees

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is selling Christmas trees and wreaths through Dec. 18, at the Nichol's Supermarket parking lot. All proceeds from this Kiwanis sponsored fundBalsam trees are \$30 and 12-inch balsam wreaths are \$10.

PTA to meet at elementary school

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville PTA will be Thursday, Dec. 15, at the elementary school library. All are invited to attend.

Mitten Tree items to be distributed

The Mitten Tree at the Voorheesville library will be coming down Dec. 16, and the donations will be distributed to kids at the Philip Schuyler School.

Yoga session

A Yoga class will meet Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

monetary donation can mail a community and youth programs. mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothes. There is no charge for this class.

Baseball team selling hats

The Voorheesville high school baseball team is selling its official team fitted hat in youth and adult sizes. The hats are \$15. For information or to purchase a hat, call 765-4990 or 765-5004.

Christmas eve Mass choir forming

A vouth choir is forming to sing at St. Thomas Church Christmas Eve Mass. All children in grades 4 to 8 who will be attending the 6 p.m. Delmar Mass are invited to participate.

There will be a rehearsal Monday, Dec. 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).

Make holiday crafts at Five Rivers Center

A program on crafting holiday decorations will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., at the Five **Rivers Environmental Education** Center, 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Families and individuals are invited to make their own holiday decorations using recyclables and natural materials in an environmentally sensitive way.

There is a \$3 material fee per person and \$2 for friends of Five Rivers members. Space is limited.

For information, call 475-0291.





Honor Roll Spotlight

Bethlehem Central honor and merit roll

Bethlehem Central High School has announced its honor and merit rolls for the first quarter. Students with grade point averages between 89 and 93 are on the merit roll; those with averages of 93 and above are on the honor roll.

Grade 12 Honor Roll

Jacob Abolafia, Kasey Agneta, Adam Augusiak-Boro, Matthew Baboulis, Robert Bellizzi, Christopher Bentley, Steven Berry, Mark Betzhold, Katherine Biagiotti.

And Elizabeth Breaznell, Michelle Bub, Ava Byer, Elizabeth Casline, Nicholas Cassaro, Leigh Collins, Sean Comber, Brian Cooper, Alec Daley, Jack Daley.

Also, Mary Davis, Ann DeLucco, Sue Ding, Kristina Dolan, Caitlin Dombrowski, Aaron Dorman, Sarah Durlacher, Jaime Eberle, Zachary Eck, Caitlyn Edmundson, Denise Feirstein, Samantha Felitte.

And Joshua Finkle, Christopher Fiore, Erin Fitzpatrick, Kelly Fitzsimmons, Morgan Fluster, Bridget Ford, Lisa Frangella, Hannah Fudin, Marina Gaft, Megan Gallagher, Matthew Gerstenzang, Deborah Gorman, Steven Gornic.

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And Tricia Primomo, Darroch Putnam, Ryan Python, Heather Ringler, Lindsay Rood, Alyssa Rosenblum, Jacqueline Rosenthal, Seth Saltiel, Jessica Sanchez, Sydney Schwartz, Kevin Seymour, Matthew Shaffer.

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And Luke Tress, Britta Venter, Catherine Vincent, Nicole Volpi, Katherine Voorhees, Krista Wentworth, Lindsay Wormuth, Christyanne Wray.

Grade 12 Merit Roll

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Grade 11 Merit Roll

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football, and his favorite teams were the Ohio Buckeyes and the New York Giants. Last year Anthony went to the Giant's training camp. Pictures of him with players from the team are on display at Mr. Subb at the Four Corners in Delmar. Friend of the Hill family Ella Ruff owns Mr. Subb.

Anthony also liked to make home videos of himself singing and dancing.

"The videos are so funny, it. makes you laugh and remember him, and it takes away from the sadness," said Alteri.

When she was told about Anthony's illness, she took it hard, and was afraid for her friend. Even then, she said, he was so positive about it.

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costs in many areas and to finish in the black without having to

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Another area of concern are

the recent heavy rains that re-

sulted in the flooding of the high

school athletic fields and the

creation of "Eagle Lake," the

nickname that board president

Richard Svenson said students

have bestowed upon the fields. That flood eventually led to water

runoff in the school gym, fitness center, hallways and downstairs

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said.

"It was almost like he was

helping me get through it," Alteri said.

Fred Marcil, middle school principal at Berne-Knox-Westerlo, said Anthony always seemed to put others first.

"The school really rallied around him with benefits to raise money," he said. "He was very well liked, and he touched a lot of lives in a quiet way. I can't think of anything negative about him."

Marcil said also that Anthony worked hard on his studies until the end. His tutor, Laura Mileto, agreed.

"Anthony wanted everything to stay as normal as possible, and he never complained, even when he didn't feel good," she said. "I've talked about him with my family and word gets around. He's touched lives of people he didn't even know. He was one of those people who really loved life."

Ruff organized two bowl-athons at Delmar's Del Lanes to help raise money for Anthony's family, and each was well attended. Ruff also helped to organize blood drives in hopes that Anthony could find a bone marrow match so he could undergo a transplant. Unfortunately, no match was found.

This is a really hard time now," said Ruff. "It was a privilege to know him. He was beautiful, and I will miss him."

Ruff said in the spring she will resume the blood drives in Anthony's memory, and friends of Anthony's in his economics class will continue with Anthony's plans for a fund-raiser. A blue bracelet was designed, and on it will be

throughout Anthony's illness and for presenting such a lovely tribute at the service on Saturday.

"I want to thank a lot of people," she said. "There are so many to thank, and it is unbelievable that everyone was so giving throughout. It was a wonderful tribute and a beautiful service. I must've hugged a thousand people, some of them twice."

Friends and family as well as hospital workers who cared for Anthony while he was there attended the service. Hill noted how many of the hospital's patients in Anthony's ward were very young children, and is grateful for the time she had with her son.

"I got him for 17 years," she said. "Not everyone is so lucky, and I'm OK because I know Anthony is with the Lord. He had a very strong faith, and that got him through so much. It gives me a lot of comfort."

The Hill family attends Westerlo Baptist Church, and Anthony received a full immersion baptism with three other kids his age a year and a half ago at his request.

"One thing I always loved is that Anthony believed in God, and because of that, he was never scared," said Alteri. "I'll always pull strength from that. I'm happy that I spent every minute I could with him. He was my king."



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Fire department holds vote

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

There was a vote at the Delmar Fire Department last night, but unlike last year's, it had nothing to do with a new building.

The Dec. 13 vote, which was open to all members of the Delmar Fire District, elected a new fire commissioner. The state mandated that elections take place throughout New York. Results from the election came too late for *The Spotlight's* deadline.

John Pierce, spokesman for the Delmar Fire Department, said that the elections had nothing to do with the new building the fire district is planning. Since last year's defeat of a proposal to buy land and build a new firehouse, the district has held two community meetings regarding the new building.

Another public meeting had been scheduled for early this month, but department officials realized they had too many issues to deal with before they were ready for another public meeting.

Consultants Tri-Data Corporation out of Arlington, Va., are conducting a study in conjunction with the fire department.

Consolidation with other districts and decisions on whether to change the ambulance and EMS services are two of the most pressing issues. Pierce said there are also many other identified issues that the department is not ready to answer yet.

"What we're trying to do is determine if there is a problem with the current services," said Pierce. "We have heard time and time again from the public that they have concerns about that."

Pierce said the location of the



Members of the Delmar Fire District gathered Tuesday to vote for a new fire commissioner.

new fire department and building aesthetics are not ready to be discussed yet. Last year, the department approached Verstandig's Florist about purchasing their land, but they have not approached them since. The land is still for sale, according to Bob Verstandig. Another public meeting will be scheduled for early in the new year, Pierce said.

"Once we have a sense of when the consultants are done, we will announce the next meeting," said Pierce.





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 detergent and save energy
 and water, which means
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These models save approximately 8,000 gallons of water per year.

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- Use cold water whenever possible-most of the ener-

gy used in a clothes washer is used to heat the water

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Owners report ENERGY STAR clothes washers deliver on the promises of improved cleaning, and energy and water savings. This demand has the manufacturers adding more ENERGY STAR clothes washers to their product lines, priced for almost every budget, with options to satisfy most every washing need. Through its New York Energy \$martsm Program, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

(NYSERDA) is working with its ENERGY STAR retail partners and manufacturers to stock models in showroom floors and other retail locations. Also, the New York Energy \$martsM Program educates sales representatives on the benefits of these clothes washers, helping consumers make the right buying decision. To learn more about the New York Energy \$martsM Programs and to find retailers who sell ENERGY STAR products, visit www.GetEnergySmart.org or 2 call 1-877-NY-SMART.

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top- or front-loading models with several different washing modes and options. Toploading models look much like conventional machines, but these ENERGY STAR qualified washers use different types of washing action to get clothes clean. Many have sensors to monitor incoming water temperature closely, rinsing clothes with repeated high-pressure spraying instead of soaking them in a full tub of water. The also

All figures are based on replacing a 12-year-old non-energy star clothes washer. Estimates are derived from an average 8 loads of wash per week with use of anelociric water heating system

Bulge veterans speak about going 'Into the Dragon's Teeth'

By STEPHEN PAUSE

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An event at the State Museum this Friday will bring veterans from different generations to speak to the public about their experiences.

The museum will screen "Into the Dragon's Teeth," a docu-mentary that chronicles the experiences of three local men who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The film was based on a book of the same title and was cowritten by Dan Lynch and Paul Rutherford. The book/film follows the real-life stories of Capital District residents Richard. Marowitz, Doug Vink and Al Cohen, who all fought in Germany in 1944 and 1945.

Joining the two authors and three veterans will be a group of veterans from the Iraq War, who will also speak about their experiences.

Lynch came up with the idea for the book after meeting the men at a Veteran's Day luncheon for Gold Star mothers a few years ago. He said he became fascinated with the stories the three men told, but was hampered by other projects. After realizing the project couldn't wait. he decided to co-author the book with Rutherford, who was recommended by a friend.

"We had to get this stuff out of Doug, Al and Rich while they're still around to talk about it," Lynch, a former Times Union columnist and local radio personality, said. "There are very few of these guys left. They're dying off at a rate of about 1,500 a day.

The veterans themselves are also strangely aware of their own mortality.

"I'm the youngest one in the group," said Marowitz, who is just shy of 80. "We really have to do as much as we can; we're on borrowed time."

To help get their stories out, the three veterans have been speaking publicly for eight years, visiting schools and educating students and teachers about the war.

"If it wasn't for the men going around telling people about this, there wouldn't be any history," said Vink, who feels the history books don't tell enough of the history.

Cohen knew he had to do something when he saw that his experiences had been reduced to a few dozen lines in his grandchild's history book.

The 48-minute documentary was produced shortly after the book's release, and features interviews with the men, archival



Into the Dragon's Teeth: Richard Marowitz, Al Cohen, and Doug V nk.

overview of the events.

veterans.

"In one respect, it's their story, but in another respect it's every soldier's story," Rutherford said.

the 6th Armored Division as a Sherman tank gunner and commander; Cohen joined the 90th infantry of the Army 3rd and Marowitz was

member of the 42nd Rainbow Division. All three were drafted at and met the challenge, in my view, 18

"I think it's important, espec-

footage, personal photographs, ially for young people to underand experts to give an historical stand that, in 1944, you weren't going to college, and we pretty What makes the story unique much fought the end of the war is the personal experiences of the with our children," Rutherford said

> For Lynch, the combination of ordinary men and extraordinary circumstances created a prefound story.

"It was the quintessential clash of good and evil, and it happened at a time of conspicuous hardship in America," he said. The way that entire

generation stood up was one of the more remarkable events in world history."

Vink said it was important to have Iraq veterans alongside World War II veterans, because what they are doing now is no different than what he did then.

We all are brothers in this. and it's our way of welcoming back this generation," he said. "Nothing sets us apart. We're all equal, no matter what war we're in.'

Lynch said that war veterans share a special bond that stretches across generations.

People who have been through combat experiences know things that those of us who haven't do not know," he said. "I served in the military, but no one shot at me in anger.

The bridging of generations creates a unique opportunity for the community to hear tales of war and be grateful for the sacrifices of the veterans.

"I just think it's a terrific educational opportunity to see living history," said Rutherford.

The film will be shown Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at the State Museum at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. A question-and-answer session will follow. The event is free: copies of the book will be available for purchase.

For information, call the museum at 474-5877 or visit the Web site, www.nysm.nysed.gov.



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Survey reveals what women really want for the holidays

According to a new Lifetime Television poll, every day is a holiday. This holiday season, more American women would prefer a romantic dinner (69 percent) with their significant other over an iPod (27percent) - despite the portable music player's growing popularity though 58 percent surveyed would prefer a day-long shopping spree over an 'intimate night with the man of their dreams' (38 percent).

Yet, take heart, because an evening with Mr. Right still won out over getting 'bling' (60 percent vs. 32 percent) or devouring a sumptuous fruit cake (79 percent vs. 15 percent).

The poll coincides with Lifetime's third annual "Every Day's a Holiday" movie festival of 34 holiday-themed films, featuring a galaxy of stars such as Penelope Cruz, Susan Sarandon, Alan Arkin, Patricia Heaton. Paul Walker, Mark Ruffalo and David James Elliott.

The popular movie extravaganza, which includes "Deck the Halls" and "His and Her Christmas," runs weeknights at 7 to 9 p.m. (ET/PT) and 9 to 11 p.m. (ET/PT), from Nov. 28 through Dec. 23. As an added



holiday treat, lifetimety.com offers related movie trivia games and a sweepstakes.

Since a majority of women (85 percent) view themselves more as Santa than Scrooge during the holidays, gifts, regifting and who will get either played a large role in the survey. Some 68 percent of women acknowledged they've re-gifted a holiday present they didn't want; nearly half (45 percent) suspected that someone re-gifted them.

When women make their list and check it twice, it's more likely their pet's name will be there than their boss! Among women who own pets, 55

characters were to come alive, who would give the best gifts. For 'The Golden Girls' — celebrating its 20th anniversary this year -33

percent plan on percent selected Rose; followed closely behind by Blanche with 32 percent, Dorothy at 24 percent and Sofia at 11 percent.

> For 'Will & Grace,' which ioined the Lifetime schedule this fall, Will was cited by 50 percent of those polled, with Grace coming in at 26 percent, Karen at 16 percent (despite all that money!) and Jack a mere 8 percent.

A clear majority (65 percent) find the holidays one of 'the most fun times of the year' (although 26 percent find it one of the most stressful). A preponderance of women (81 percent) plan on staying home for the holidays with their immediate family although exspouses and in-laws should not expect an invitation since onethird of women said those were the last people they would want to spend the holidays with.

Tried and true – jewelry is the perfect gift

Looking for great holiday gift ideas? For the special women in your life, jewelry is always a perfect gift. A piece of jewelry thoughtfully chosen to reflect a woman's style and taste is a great way to show that you care.

"Whether you're a man looking for a gift for your wife or girlfriend, cr a woman who wants to give a special gift to a friend, jewelry is a great way to show someone how much she means to you," says Natalie Parman, vice president of merchandising at Jewelry Television.

The company's easy-to-use Web site is your one-stop holiday shopping resource. With a variety of price points and styles, you truly can find something for everyone on your list. This holiday season, Jewelry Television turns to Italy for great jewelry gift ideas that are sure to be the most popular presents



under the tree.

First we head to the island of Murano, near Venice, famous for its blown glass. The artisans of Murano have been revered for their glass making skills since the 11th century. Their techniques for crystalline glass, enameled glass (smalto), glass with threads of gold (aventurine), multicolored glass (millefiori), milk glass (lattimo), and imitation gemstones made of glass set the standard for quality and artistry.

Today, the gorgeous colors and shapes of Murano glass are used to make stunning jewelry.

And thepieces at IewelrvTelevision.com are as affordable as they are beautiful, with most selling for less than \$100.

Choose from bracelets, necklaces and earrings. One of my favorites is the sterling sliver bracelet that features Murano glass hearts along with white and

beautiful Italian black and silver glass bead hanging from a 16-inch sterling silver hollow popcorn style chain adorned with other sterling beads.

If the woman on your list treasures tradition, you're in luck: "Cameos are making a big comeback, and these lovely pieces make a great gift," says Parman. All of the cameos offered by Jewelry Television are hand carved from sea shells in Italy, making each one unique.

Whether you choose a ring, pendant, earrings or a brooch, you'll be enchanted by the beauty and craftsmanship of these shell portraits. Italian carvers began using shell for their cameos in the early 1800s and by the Victorian Era, shell had become appreciated as a medium that was easily carved. A shell cameo has a translucent quality when held up to the light.

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Holiday gift ideas for the handyperson

Is there someone on your holiday list who thrives on home improvement projects? Chances are, your favorite handyperson is always eager for a new tool.

The tool experts at www.rockler.com offer the stocking (and warm the heart) of reference rule. every handyperson on your list:

• Something as simple and basic as a pencil can be a great

stocking stuffer. The Cab- grouping pictures, and makes inetmaker's pencil set features a sharpener to keep the point precise. Extra large lead prevents breakage and a belt clip ensures it's never misplaced. For under \$7, it comes packaged with extra following suggestions to fill the lead, an eraser and a 3-inch

> • Banish bare walls forever with the Right Height Picture Hanger. This hanger takes all the guesswork out of hanging and

unnecessary holes a thing of the past. A sliding hook on the hanger adjusts vertically and horizontally for perfect positioning. It's another perfect stocking stuffer for the decorator on your list.

• Free up more time for your project when you use the rockler.com Woodworker's Pocket Reference guide. Its convenient size means you will have it on you or near you right when you need it. The "at-aglance" format provides quick information on subjects like wood, shop math and formulas," shop set-ups and safety tips.

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• Maybe someone on your list

For the traveler on your list

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In this two page article called "Master Class, How to Pack Like a Pro, Bypass the baggage carousel with help from a travellight guru," written by Ryan D'Agostino featuring travel expert Dyment, Dyment explains what to bring and how to pack for a quick ski trip.

The Tri-Zip[™] also allows computer carrying for business trips.

Doug Dyment also has a Web site onebag.com from which many travel tips can be obtained, including an aside mention by Dyment that he also recommends the Tough Traveler® baby/child carrier backpacks.

The Tough Traveler® Tri-Zip[™] and all Tough Traveler® bag and pack products are sold in the company's Schenectady factory showroom store and also sold and shipped worldwide through the company's Web site, www.toughtraveler.com.

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> The Tough Traveler® Tri-Zip[™] has been sold for approximately four years and has been sold locally as well as shipped throughout the USA and to Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere.

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Buying gifts... for kids Last-minute gift ideas for every kid on your list

From advanced cell phones to hip MP3 players, gifts for kids just keep getting bigger and more expensive every year. While it's clear that they want the hottest toys, newest video games and the most popular gadgets, it's difficult for parents to break through the clutter and crowds — to find that perfect present.

Even though the holiday shopping season unofficially kicks off after the Thanksgiving holiday, it always seems like the malls are that much more crowded in the few days right before Christmas.

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"Shoppers often wait until the very last minute to pick up those stocking stuffers and other gifts," says Nichole Kaley, spokesperson for KB Toys. "Our sales staff is highly trained and ready to help these lastminute shoppers buy great toys that parents approve of and that kids will love. The last-minute shopper sometimes loses sight of what makes a good gift, and our staff is here to help customers make the right purchase."

So, if you decide to wait until the last minute to pick up the gifts for the kids, how do you know exactly what's the right toy for them? And how can you shop without breaking the bank?

Here are a few tips to help the 'tween age category this you find the trendiest toys, year. So, for kids who are "in video games and gadgets for the know" on the playground, every good girl and boy on your they'll ask for the Tamagotchi list this holiday season. All you Connection Version 2 virtual have to do is know the top pet. The Tamagotchi simulates names in games and fun.

Hot Toys for Boys

enough of action figures. To expand their infinite collections, get them the Power Rangers SPD Battlized Figures. Based on the ever-popular television franchise, these figures have armor that transforms them into Mini suggested retail price: battlized mode. Kids can also configure the armor separately form an alien figure. to (Suggested retail price: \$8.99; ages 4 and up).

For the comic book aficionado. the Teen Titans T-Vehicles are sure to be a hit. Join Robin, Beast Boy, Cyborg and the entire Titans team from the DC Comics hit in the Rock Slider or Hyper Skimmer. Both vehicles feature transforming action and can be combined together to form a larger machine. (Suggested retail price: \$12.99; ages 4 and up).

Tech Toys

Tech toys are a hot trend in started.

the life cycle of a real pet, letting kids experience the fun and responsibility of caring for one. Lots of cool design styles, Young boys can't seem to get and 'Gotchi' points and secret codes that you use to shop for treats, mean lots of play value. There's also a mini version that girls can attach to keychains, backpacks, clothing and more. (Suggested retail price: \$14.99; \$7.99; ages 8 and up).

Video Games for the Anime Enthusiast

Kids today have grown up watching Japanese animation,

called anime, on a daily basis. If your video game addict is also a fan of anime, one popular title that won't make them 'walk the plank' is One Piece: Grand Battle. This pirate adventure sees Monkey D. Luffy set out to sea in a rowboat in search of "One Piece," the greatest treasure in the world. Available on Game Cube and Playstation 2. (Suggested retail price: \$39.99; rated T for teen).

Or if they're more into traditional games, try the Zatch Bell! collectible card game. This game, based on a popular anime television series, involves a unique spell book that kids use to battle their opponents. A starter set comes with 32 cards, a spell book, collectible coin and playmat. (Suggested retail price: \$9.99; ages 6 and up).

Home Entertainment

Pop one into the car's entertainment system on a holiday road trip, or gather together as a family on Christmas night and watch something that everyone can enjoy. One great suggestion is the animated tale. The Polar Express. This movie tells the story of one boy who doubts the existence of Santa Claus, but finds himself on a magical train on the way up to the North Pole on Christmas Eve. (Retail price varies; rated G)

All the above gift ideas can be found online and at all major retailers nationwide. Just don't wait until the last minute, or you might miss out on all the hottest toys, games and trends that your kids want this holiday season. Happy shopping!

Holiday traditions: When did they begin?

By Ronda Addy

As the holiday season rolls around again, do you find yourself wondering how some of the traditions we have today began? Let's take a look at how and where some of these traditions got

St: Boniface of the 8th century is probably responsible for the modern Christmas tree. He was converting the Germanic tribes and cut down an oak tree that was worshipped by a particular tribe. However, a fir tree grew in its place. The evergreen was seen as a sign of Christianity, so the Germans began decorating it for Christmas. German immigrants brought the Christmas tree to America when they settled in Pennsylvania.

Henrick Roddmore was a Hessian soldier who was captured at the Battle of Bennington in 1776, but he is also responsible for the first American Christmas tree. After his capture, Roddmore went

to work on the farm of Samuel Denslow of Windsor Locks, Conn. Over the next 14 years, Roddmore put up and decorated Christmas trees in Denslow's home.

Joel Pionsett, the first American ambassador to Mexico, brought the poinsettia, a native plant of Mexico, to America in 1828. The poinsettia began its association with Christmas in the 18th century when the Mexicans thought the plants were symbolic of Bethlehem.

Artificial Christmas trees first appeared in Germany around the end of the 1800s. Metal wire trees were covered with turkey, swan, goose or ostrich feathers, which were died green to imitate pine needles. The Addis Brush Company introduced the artificial brush tree in the 1930s using the same machines that made their toilet brushes. In 1950, the Addis silver pine tree was patented. There was a revolving light source with colored gels that allowed the light to shine in different colors as it revolved under the tree.

Tinsel was first invented in Germany around 1610 and was made from genuine silver.

Machines would shred the silver into thin tinsel-sized strips. Despite the fact that silver tarnishes and loses its shine, it was used for years until an artificial replacement was invented.

As far back as the 17th century, small candles were used in Christmas trees. It took two centuries for that custom to catch on, first in Germany and then the rest of Eastern Europe. The first Christmas tree to use electric lights was in 1882 by Edward Johnson, one of Thomas Edison's inventors. Johnson lit a tree in New York City with 80 small electric light bulbs,

In 1890, James Edgar dressed as Santa and wandered around in his store (The Boston Store) in Brockton, Mass., during the Christmas season to talk with the children who were there with their parents. This established Edgar as the first department store Santa.

As you can see, most of these traditions got their start a long time ago and show no signs of ever going out of favor. This year, why not see about starting some traditions of your own for your family? Maybe hundreds of years from now, they will still be practiced.







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at the last minute Gift-giving made easy; retailers aid shoppers

Buying gifts...

Amid the holiday necessities of sending seasonal cards, preparing family feasts, hosting parties and decorating the house, shopping doesn't have to add stress. According the National Retail to Federation (NRF), nearly 40 percent of Americans have consumer electronics items at the top of their holiday wish lists this year. In light of this, many retailers are offering a variety of in-store and online services to make finding the perfect consumer electronics gifts easy.

This year, there is no one-sizefits-all perfect consumer home renovation project hobbies? electronics gift. The hottest gift without the right tools, so don't on the market may not be the right one for your friends and family. As you head into the Start by thinking about the holiday shopping season, it's unique interests of the people important to be prepared with on your list. Are they music or the right information about the movie lovers? Gaming enthpeople you are shopping for to ensure you select gifts that will fit into and enhance their lives.

Below are a few tips from a major consumer electronics retailer:

1. You wouldn't head into a head to the stores without doing a little research of your own. usiasts? Historians . who preserve all the memories for their families? Think about your friends' and family's different

prior to hitting the stores. Ask questions such as:

• What are their tastes and your shopping adventure, head

• How tech-savvy are they?

 What kinds of electronics do they already own?

• How might they use the gift you're considering? Where? When?

• Do they need help with installation or set-up?

2. For more specific gift interests, needs and lifestyles ideas, familiarize yourself with the variety of products on the market by studying Sunday newspaper inserts and visiting store Web sites. There are many helpful Web sites out there, including www. banneaskablueshirt.com, a unique online resource that gives consumers access to:

> even the least tech savvy person on your gift list,

• gift checklists so you remember the important accessories that make a gift complete.

 helpful holiday shopping strategies and

• a customizable wish list so you can drop hints to friends and family.

In addition, the site offers comic relief for the tired, over-

to the store where you feel you will receive the best customer service. A recent NRF/ American Express consumer choice poll rated Nordstrom, Coldwater Creek, Marshall Field's, Kohl's, Boscov's, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), JCPenney, Lane Bryant, Eddie Bauer and Best Buy among their top 10 retailers for customer service.

4. Many people overlook what truly makes a perfect gift - completing it. Don't forget the accessories that help your friends and family get the most out of their gifts. For example, we all know that iPods will be hot this year. Why not add the car adaptors or the speaker system docking stations that . hot holiday gift ideas to fit. allow users to enjoy their iPod soundtracks anvtime. anywhere? And don't forget simple things like batteries, cables and services like professional home theater installation or Geek Squad service to make using those gifts easy.

If all of this seems a bit overwhelming, remember that you are not alone in the quest to find the perfect gifts this year. Knowledgeable in-store experts are ready to help you uncover the unique interests and hobbies of those on your holiday shopping list and fill your cart with gifts that will bring smiles to friends and

Last Minute Holiday Solutions

the corner and there is still a lot left to do. Is your creativity dwindling? Are you out of fresh ideas or just out of energy? Don't risk being put on the 'naughty' list this year. Instead, follow these tips to get those last minute holiday tasks accomplished with an energized, fresh approach.

Organize holiday cards

As holiday cards pour in, clutter begins to accumulate. Get those well-wishes up for all to see by creating holiday card magnets. These embellished discs can be made from recycled cards and are perfect for the refrigerator, or even the office bulletin board.

To create the magnets, start by painting two wooden discs with acrylic paint, allowing them to dry for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, use a 13/4-inch paper punch to punch circles from old holiday cards for the front of the magnets. When paint is dry, apply Perfect Glue 1 to the back of the card circle and press onto the wooden disc. Glue a ceramic magnet to the back of the disc and let dry for 30 minutes. Apply Perfect Glue to the surface of the magnet, over the card. Smooth into a thin layer with your finger, rubbing glue along the sides of disc as well. Dry for one hour before using.

Purchase last minute gifts

Last minute shopping seems to be an inevitable part of the holiday season. For those that have



Finish wrapping gifts

With all the last minute shopping out of the way, it's time to wrap those presents. Whether your packages are half-wrapped or just a little lack-luster, glitter initial tags will add pizzazz to any package. Using stencils or letters printed from your computer, trace each recipient's first initial onto cardstock. Apply a thin layer of add glitter to match your package. You'll add a brilliant finishing touch to each gift that will be as exciting as what's inside.

Give the kids

something to do Kids are often overcome with anticipation as the holiday season approaches. Once they are out of school it becomes even tougher to channel their excitement and prevent boredom from setting in. Put that extra energy to good use making last minute by decorations or gifts for loved ones, like no-sew ornaments. Perfect Glue wonit bond skin, so even the youngest kids can join in the fun. Log on to www.perfectglue.com for step-bystep instructions for this and

many more creative holiday

projects that will help you make

· shopped customer, courtesy of comedian and Best Buy roving holiday reporter Mo Rocca. 3. When you're ready to start family this holiday season.





Celebrating... the holiday

On the first day...

By Tresa Erickson

You probably hear the song at least once every holiday season and you may even know the verses by heart. It's "The 12 Days of Christmas"-you know, the song of gifts in which the narrator receives a partridge in a pear tree on the first day of Christmas, two turtledoves on the second day and so forth. While at first glance, it may just seem like a 🖌 silly song full of Christmas gifts and cheer, according to legend, there may have been a more serious meaning within the song.

In 1558, Mary I died and her half-sister Elizabeth I took the English throne. Unlike Mary, Queen Elizabeth was not Catholic. The following year, she restored the Church of England through the Act of Uniformity. The act forbade the open practice of Catholicism, leaving Catholics to practice their faith secretly until 1829 when Parliament passed the Catholic Emancipation Act. Legend has it that "The 12 Days of Christmas". was penned during this time to serve as a sort of catechism for young creation

Catholics. Each element in the carol served as a reminder of some tenet of the Catholic faith. In the opening line, for example, "my true love" referred to God and "a partridge in a pear tree" to his son Christ. Hence, God gave the narrator the

gift of his son Christ.

7 swans a-swimming-Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 maids a-milking-Eight beatitudes

9 ladies dancing-Nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

lords a-leaping-10 10 commandments

11 pipers piping-11 faithful apostles

12 drummers drumming-12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

While many believe that the song did indeed serve as a catechism for young Catholics, some claim otherwise.

They argue that the 'song has no hidden religious meaning, and even if it did, it is neither Catholic nor Protestant as many of the tenets described above apply to both faiths. According to some experts, if the song has any religious meaning at all, it may well be because the song is in fact a version of "A New Dial" which dates back to 1625 and assigns religious meanings to each of the 12 days of Christmas.

Whatever the meaning of 'The 12 Days of Christmas," the song has certainly become a beloved carol. Numerous artists and choirs have recorded it over the years and more are sure to follow.



Dress Your Gifts to Impress

A Guide to Holiday Wrapping

Impress friends and family this holiday season by ditching the wrapping paper for a more personalized gift presentation. Creative packaging can heighten suspense and make gift exchanges more memorable and meaningful.

The gifting experts at 1-800-Flowers.com suggest the following wrapping ideas that are guaranteed to dazzle all those on your gift list.

 Make reusable gift bags from silk, taffeta, burlap, chintz or another fabric, or from dish towels, doilies or pillow cases. These are great for wrapping odd-shaped or unboxed items in a hurry.

 Use colorful shoelaces, artificial rope pearls, leather strips, vinyl cording, jump ropes, strips of netting, paper twist, raffia, hemp rope, twine or yarn as creative alternatives to ribbon when tying a package.

 Mislead shakers and squeezers by adding marbles, bells, weights or padding to your package before wrapping it.

• Design your own gift wrapping paper by splatterpainting, rag-rolling, sponging or stenciling sheets or rolls of plain-colored paper.

• Use sheet music to wrap concert tickets or other small gifts for the music lover.

• Hide a small gift in a huge bouquet of flowers, a jar of penny candy, a bucket of marbles, a box of chocolates or a bag of popcorn.

• For a truly one-of-a-kindpresent that begs to be talked about, check out the Fresh Flower Present by Julie at 1-800-Flowers.com. Created by floral expert Julie McCann Mulligan, this exclusive gift is a glamorous gift box design made entirely of fresh flowers.



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Celebrate Hanukkah with some tasty treats

By Tresa Erickson

In 165 B.C., the Jews defeated the Hellenist Syrians and took back their holy temple. After cleansing and rebuilding the all over the world celebrate the temple, the Jews decided to rededicate it. They looked for oil miracle that took place at the holy to light the menorah and found a

to light the menorah for a day. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days and the celebration of Hanukkah was born.

Every year for eight days, Jews victory of the Jews and the great temple thousands of years ago. small flask with just enough oil They light the menorah, play

dreidel and eat traditional foods. If you are Jewish, light up the holiday with one of these tasty lightly beaten treats.

Fruit-Filled Hamantaschen

Take A Spin

By Tresa Erickson

Hanukkah will be starting soon and families everywhere will

be kicking off the festivities with traditional foods and games like dreidel. If you're Jewish, you probably know all about the dreidel, the four-sided spinning top with a different Hebrew letter on each side. If you're not, you may or may not be

"nothing," gimel for ganz for "all,"

Later, with the birth of Israel, the Israelis called the dreidel a sivivon and changed the letter shin to pay, resulting in the phrase Nes gadol haya po or "A great miracle

"A great miracle happened there."

happened here." Whatever its origins, dreidel is a fun game.to

To start, each player receives an equal amount of pennies, chocolate coins or other tokens. They put one token into the pot and take turns

agree to quit.

3/4 c. prunes, pitted 1/3 c. raisins, seedless 1/4 c. water 1/4 c. walnuts, shelled 1/4 apple with peel 1/4 lemon, juice and rind 2/3 c. butter 1/2 c. plus 2 T. sugar 1 egg

1/2 t. vanilla

1/2 to 3 c. unbleached allpurpose flour

1 t. baking powder Dash of salt

In a small pan, cover and simmer prunes and raisins in water for 15 minutes or until prunes are soft. Add walnuts and apple and chop up mixture in a food processor. Stir in lemon and 2 T. sugar and mix well. Set mixture aside.

Cream butter and remaining sugar together for the dough. Add in egg and vanilla and mix well. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt, and mix until dough is stiff. Roll dough into a

1 onion

1 t. pepper Oil for frying Squeeze excess moisture

matzah meal

1 t. salt

1 carrot, finely grated

1 egg white and 1 whole egg,

1/2 c. white flour or 1/4 c.

from potatoes and onion. In a small bowl, mix potatoes and onion with milk, carrot, beaten egg, flour or matzah meal, salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, heat enough oil to cover the bottom. Pour



about 1/4 c. batter for each pancake and fry pancakes a few at a time, turning them when they are golden brown on the bottom. Serve with applesauce, sour cream or low-fat vogurt.

Sweet Kugel

1/4 lb. butter

1/2 lb. noodles, cooked and drained

- 3 eggs
- 1 t, vanilla
- 1/2 c. sugar
- . 1/4 c. cottage cheese
- 2 c. milk
- 1/2 c. raisins

Cinnamon and sugar for topping

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter in a 9x11-inch pan. Add noodles to melted butter and stir until butter is absorbed. In a small bowl, mix eggs, vanilla, sugar, cottage cheese and milk. Pour over noodles and add raisins. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and bake for 45 minutes.

Try out these recipes this year for Hanukkah. Your family and friends are sure to love them.



play.

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Last Minute Gift Guide * SPOTLIGHT NEWSPAPERS

Symbols of the season

By Tresa Erickson

The holiday season is upon us and you're looking forward to celebrating it with your family and friends. As you sit back and enjoy the holiday, you're sure to be surrounded by many symbols of the season from the tinsel on the tree to the holly hanging on the mantle. Many of these symbols are derived from religious legends, which you may or may not be familiar with. Read on to learn more.

There are religious legends behind many symbols of the season. Some of these are as follows:

 Bells. Bells have long been a religious symbol of joy and sorrow. High in towers, they were believed to serve as a link between heaven and earth. In Europe, a popular legend states that anyonc who puts their ear to the ground on Christmas Eve can still hear the ringing of bells in churches that were destroyed by earthquakes and other natural disasters.

 Candy cane. Legend has it that a confectioner created the candy cane as a symbol of Christ. He started with a plain white stick of candy representing the purity of Christ and added three small, red stripes for the pain inflicted upon Christ during the crucifixion and one bold red stripe for the blood Christ shed for humankind. The confectioner shaped the stick into a "J." Upside down, the cane stood for the first letter of Jesus' name, and rightside up, it resembled a

shepherd's staff, symbolizing Christ as the shepherd of humankind.

• Christmas rose. Legend links the Christmas rose to a shepherdess named Madelon. On the night of Christ's birth. Madelon saw the Wise Men pass by with gifts for the Christ child as she was tending her flock and broke out in tears because she had nothing to give. An angel took pity upon Madelon, brushed away the snow that was falling on her face and revealed a beautiful white flower tipped with pink, which was known thereafter as the Christmas rose.

 Christmas tree. According to an early legend, St. Boniface was the first to discover the Christmas tree when he came upon a group of people planning to sacrifice a child to their gods. An oak tree symbolized the gods, and to save the child's life, St. Boniface cut it down. To everyone's surprise, a fir tree sprang from the stump. According to St. Boniface, the fir tree represented the eternal life offered by Christ.

• Holly. There are many legends behind holly. In one story, the plant sprouted in the middle of winter to hide the holy family from Herod's soldiers, while in another, it gave Christians a means to disguise their homes and avoid persecution. When used as a wreath, holly is also known to represent the crown of thorns placed up Christ's head during the crucifixion, and the red. berries, the blood that he shed.

one night while Martin Luther was walking home from a Christmas Eve service in the forest, he saw the stars either shining through the trees or reflected off the icicles and they reminded him of Christ, the light of the world. Luther cut down his own tree, took it home and placed candles upon it in honor of what he had seen.

• Nutcracker. Once a popular Christmas gift among the poor because it could be made from a scrap of wood, the nutcracker is linked more to a proverb than a legend. According to the German proverb, "God gives us the nuts but we have to break them ourselves." The nutcracker symbolizes the religious principle that nothing in life comes without hard work.

• Poinsettia. The poinsettia sprang up from a Mexican legend involving a young boy

• Lights. Legend has it that who had nothing to give to the Christ child. According to one version of the story, the boy prayed at the church altar for a gift to give to the Christ child and the poinsettia bloomed before him. In another version, the boy and his sister picked up some weeds along their way to church to give to the Christ child, and as they placed the weeds around the manger in the nativity scene, the weeds miraculously turned into beautiful poinsettias.

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• Rosemary. According to legend, Mary laid the clothing of the Christ child on the branches of a nearby bush. Soon afterwards, the bush began to smell as sweet as a rose and was thereafter known as "rosemary" in honor of Mary and its new scent.

• Tinsel. Legend links tinsel to a German widow and spiders. Too poor to buy gifts for her children, the woman gave them

Gifts From Afar

By Tresa Erickson

Every year on Christmas Day, thousands of people across the world rejoice in the birth of Christ. Many read passages from the Bible recounting the birth of Christ. The story is full of memorable images from there being no room in the inn to the angel of the Lord appearing before the shepherds with news of Christ's birth. You probably have your own favorite image.

While you may not know much about frankincense and myrrh, you are probably very familiar with gold. A yellow metallic element, gold is rare,

and no matter what form or shape it takes, it is highly prized. Gold One that may come to mind is the is also durable and there are



These are just some of the religious legends behind the many symbols of the season. This year, as you're enjoying the holidays with your family, take a look around. Who knew that so many symbols had such stories behind them.

Wise Men and the gifts they many passages in the Bible that brought from afar-gold, reflect its ability to endure frankincense and myrrh. But through almost anything what exactly are the three gifts? including fire. In ancient times, it

was customary for subjects to present their kings

with gold as a sign of respect. By giving Christ gold, the Wise Men were honoring Christ as their king and

paying their respects with the very best that they possessed. Along with gold, the Wise Men brought Christ frankincense. While you may not hear much about frankincense now, back then it was a valuable resin that when burned in its purest form produced a beautiful white smoke that many believed to be a symbol of the prayers of the faithful. Frankincense is a yellow gum from various trees of the genus Boswellia found in Somalia and southern coastal Arabia. When the wood is cut, it oozes yellow drops of resin, which then harden and are pulled from the tree. When burned, frankincense gives off a sweet scent. In the Bible, it was used primarily in holy anointing oil. 🔒

In addition to gold and frankincense. Christ received the gift of myrrh from the Wise Men. Myrrh is similar to frankincense in that it is a vellowish-brown resin that oozes from a prickly shrub found in South Arabia and eastern Africa. In the Bible, it too was used in holy anointing oil, as well as for embalming, as a perfume and as a form of medicine. Unlike frankincense, however, myrrh is bitter to the taste and many believe that the gift represented Christ's human side and the suffering he would undergo later on earth. Like gold, frankincense and myrrh were rare and expensive. Together, the three gifts represented the finest that the Wise Men could give and were symbolic of Christ. Gold represented His kingliness; frankincense, His divinity; and myrrh, His manhood. With just three gifts, the Wise Men paid tribute to Christ as their king, god and savior.





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Wishful thinking



Clare Boegel of Delmar shares some thoughts with Santa Claus at Indian Ladder Farms Sunday. Jim Franco



BCHS Hall of Fame accepting nominations

Central High School's Alumni Hall of Fame are now being accepted through Jan. 31.

BCHS' Alumni Hall of Fame, now in its second year, honors graduates of the school who have brought special demonstrated through their educational accomplishments and/or career achievements.

Tο individual must be a BCHS graduate and at least five years careers and/or to the lives of John F. Kennedy.

the nomination form at http:// bcsd.k12.nv.us/news/ 051201halloffame.htm or pick one up at any BC school office, the district office and at the Bethlehem Public Library.

A committee will screen all recognition to themselves as nominations this spring before tees were community activist Joselecting one or more inductees by March. Selection will be former president of NBC News based on alumni's accompbe nominated, an lishments and significant Dennis E. Fitzpatrick '76, contributions made in their commanding officer of the USS

Nominations for Bethlehem out of high school. Download others since graduation. Inductees chosen in 2006 will be recognized during the BCHS graduation ceremonies, and their names will be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed at the High School.

> Last year's inaugural induc-Carol Block Davidson '74; Neal Shapiro '76; and Captain

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for an afternoon of entertain- Singers, followed by the ment with the Houghton Christmas pageant and will College Chamber Singers and conclude with more music by the children of the First United the Chamber singers. The Methodist Church of Voor- Chamber Singers will be offerheesville. The Chamber Singers ing their music CDs following is the most select ensemble on the pageant. There will be a free the Houghton College campus. will offering collected to help It consists of sixteen music raise funds for the Chamber majors, both undergraduate and singers' future travel. Dinner graduate, and is dedicated to will follow the pageant and performing a diverse repertoire concert, provided by the Food of sacred choral music at the Service Team. For information highest level.

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Isachsen to perform at Delmar Reformed

On Thursday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon, Sten Isachsen, classical guitarist and member of the Musicians of Ma'alwyck, lectures and performs "From Bach to Bossa Nova." The performance will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. This free event is open to residents of the Capital District.

Milne Class of '56 reunion set for June

The 50-year reunion of Albany's Milne School Class of 1956 is scheduled to be the weekend of June 9, 10, and 11, 2006.

All members and friends of the class are asked to contact Carl Eppelmann at 489-6352 or Ron Killelea at 459-1832 for detailed information and reservations.

Although the school is gone, the spirit continues.

Theater Guild presents Christmas musical

The Classic Theater Guild presents the play "A Child's Christmas in Wales," a family musical based on a Dylan Thomas story and adapted for the stage by Jeremy Brooks and Adrian Mitchell. The play tells the story of a young boy's experience on a typical Christmas growing up in Wales in 1920s. Performances are on Dec. 16, 17, 18. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 17. The theater is located at the Hilton Center for the Arts, Russell Road in Albany. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under the age of 14.

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Community Update Delmar Fire and Ambulance District's Report to the Community

For the last six months, the Delmar Fire & Ambulance District has been working with the community to develop some better understanding of the needs and options for a new fire and ambulance station to replace the aging firehouse on Adams Street.

This open process has included public meetings in September and October, as well as numerous meetings with interested community members, and has provided valuable feedback about the direction the District should take in making decisions about the siting of a new fire and ambulance station to provide fire protection services in Delmar and ambulance service for Delmar, Elsmere, and Slingerlands. The input of local residents and professional experts has been valuable in understanding community concerns and developing a better process.

There are still, however, a number of important unanswered questions, which have been brought up by community members and need to be answered before the public process and project move forward. Among those questions are issues facing the Town concerning the long-term needs of the community with respect to the number of fire districts and the wisdom and feasibility of keeping the ambulance service for Delmar, Elsmere, and Slingerlands based w th Delmar's fire protection services.

To help answer these questions, the Delmar Fire & Ambulance District has engaged a nationallyknown consultant on municipal and emergency service organizational design. This firm is conducting an independent study to help answer these questions and better enable the District to site, design and build a facility that matches the community's current and future needs. Just married, engaged or celebrating a milestone anniversary? Call Spotlight at 439–4949 to request an annoucement form.





We expect these studies to be completed and the results ready to be discussed with the public in early 2006. At that time, we will resume regular community meetings as we move towards decision-making on this project.

In the meantime, please visit the District's remodeled website at www.delmarfire.com, including a new section summarizing the public discussion on the fire and ambulance station. Additionally, binders with all information from the public process to-date will be available at the Bethlehem Town Library, Town Hall and the firehouse (located at 145 Adams Street).

If you have any questions about the process or these studies, please email us at info@delmarfire.com or call 475-7323. Until then, the eighty volunteers of Delmar Fire and Ambulance wish the entire community a joyous – and safe -- holiday season and New Year.

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W.K.AARON

One thing the Capital District is ripe with this time of year, aside from faux Santas and too many cars at the malls with too few parking spaces, is theater. Theater for kids, for families, for teens and for adults. No matter what your preferences are, you can certainly find some form of live entertainment to take the family to.

That's a good thing.

How exciting to be able to expose a young mind to the vicissitudes of the arts. Whether an old- time standard, a popular new experimental piece or

something in between, our area them! From seems blessed this year to have a multitude of choice. Capital Repertory's Pulitzer Prize winning "You Can't Take it with You;" Steamer 10's rendition of Samuel Beckett's "Krapp's Last Tape;" NYSTI's production of "King Island Christmas;" Curtain Call Theater's "It Runs in the Family;" and Cohoes Music Hall's "Annie" all offer a myriad of theatrical experiences for young and old. Lest we forget, Peter Pan will be flying into Proctor's Theater in Schenectady soon

And do not forget the Nutcrackers - this area is rife with

all. Spend your time and your money wisely; the list goes on.

> Just like holiday gift-giving. everyone doesn't want another striped necktie or bottle of cologne so you'll need to figure out what works for your particular family mix.

> sampling of one-nighters...

musical and non — may be safely packed away with the fruitcakes until next season when it will start all over again.

Cohoes Music Hall's "Annie," one of many theater offerings this holiday season.

Now the purpose of this is Of course we also have a great not to sound jaded or even antiholiday; quite the contrary. It is concerts certain to warm the wonderful to live in an area that cockles of your heart until you has so much to offer to so many. are so sick of the icky sweet A theatrical experience is a sounds of the holidays, you'll be wonderful gift for a young mind. panting for the strands of Auld The first time a child hears the Lang Syne and the notion that all overture begin, sees the house District's stages.

of the glitter and tinsel - both lights dim, the curtain rise and performers make an entrance. can be exciting moments certain to be remembered for years to come.

> To be part of that memory and to begin to create an excitement in that child's life for something new is an experience that should not be missed. So tear yourself away from that package of holiday treats, pack up the family. and head out to one of the Capital

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idiosyncrasies and not be judged for them," he said.

That pluralism has brought what Mojallali calls a "post-Christian world."

"Increasingly, being a Christian is a choice," he said. "A lot of people are living a legacy. There are people getting their babies baptized, but they're not interested in coming to church."

. Seeking security

In spite of the decrease in church attendance, both Hubbard and Mojallali see an increased number of people seeking spirituality. Rabbi Scott Shpeen, leader of

Temple Beth Emeth in Albany, the area's oldest Jewish congregation and the fourth oldest Reform congregation in the country, has made the same observation.

"In our generation, we realize life is fragile," he said. "When illness, tragedies, and circumstances occur over which we have no control, people turn to faith, religion, philosophy, to try and make sense out of why we're here."

Mojallali and Shpeen both named Sept. 11 as an event that shook the American public's sense of security.

"Since Noah and the flood, the power of nature has been something we haven't been able to control," Shpeen said. "But 9/ 11 was human driven. It shook our security and gave us a sense of vulnerability. That sense of security won't be regained in our generation, and many people turned toward faith after that."

But each in their own way, Shpeen said, also discussing the idea of a pluralistic society.

"We live in a society that validates not being connected to a faith," Shpeen said. "That doesn't diminish the need to give meaning to things over which we have no control. Pluralism is the foundation of a democratic society, but it comes with a responsibility. We must respect each other."

In addition to that respect, Shpeen said today's pluralism allows people to consider which faith may work best for them.

"People are looking to connect to a faith that works best for them," he said. "One of the byproducts of a pluralistic society is that the religion you were born into is not a life sentence. Conversion is not out of the realm of possibility, and in our society, nobody has to marry somebody of their own religion. Maybe that happened in our parents' generation." Hubbard named service to food pantries, assistance to the homeless, and church members participating in programs to assist the mentally ill, the disabled, and the homebound, as some of the community service that can grow from faith and spirituality.

"The church is a wellspring to providing for people in the community," Hubbard said.

"There's a heightened level of spiritual questing," Shpeen said, "and there's a renewed interest in community projects. We're seeing increased participation in things like our Mitzvah Day and the soup kitchen. People are also taking study more seriously, and there's an increased membership among the younger segment of the population – adults before they have children, which is typically

temporary place. Eternity is what we're working for."

Filling the pews

So why don't more people participate in religion? In addition to today's pluralism and secularism, sometimes issues get in the way. "Christians have sometimes done a bad job of promoting their religion," Mojallali said. "They forced people to convert; there were the Crusades. Fundamentalists proclaim that nonbelievers will go to hell."

"Sometimes religion has gotten a bad rap," Shpeen said. "Extremism is one of the pitfalls of religion. Also, sometimes people join a religion thinking that everyone will be nice and altruistic. But, as in any group, there are nice people and not-

nice people." At this time of

year, though, church leaders tend to see an increase in attendance and think about what could be.

"When we see increased attendance this time of year," Hubbard said, "we realize what the potential is. We use these opportunities as occasions to gently remind people to come to church on a more regular basis and to remind them of their faith. Faith can give individuals a sense of purpose, meaning and belonging; of inner peace and serenity. Churches, temples and mosques are offering people a chance to make wonderful contributions to



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years, and the increase has been substantial," said Pastor Steve Foti, 33, of the Bethel Full Gospel Church, which serves the Guilderland and Rotterdam areas. The church is a member of the Assembly of God, which Foti described as "very conservative."

"Some are relocating, some are looking for more stability," he said of the church's newest congregants. "They know what we believe and that our issues haven't changed for over 100 years. There is something to be said for consistency."

Issues such as abortion, homosexuality and divorce are clearly outlined by the church. What can and can't be done as derived from religious texts, and the word of God, is printed in black and white, and church leaders speak those words with clarity.

For some faiths, leaders approach conservatism with more of a "teach a man to fish" mentality.

Rather than a particular stance the church holds, the Bible and the word itself is conservative, said Bill Minchin, 53, executive pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in Latham.

Grace Fellowship is a nondenominational church that located to the area in 1993. If anything, the church refers to itself as evangelical, Minchin said.

"Our platform is the Bible, God's word. Most people would say that's a conservative doctrine," he said. "But, as a church, we don't take a specific stance on things, we leave that to peoples' consciences."

Since arriving in the arca three-and-a-half years ago, Foti has watched his congregation size triple, now totaling 60 active patrons. In the Capital District alone, there are up to seven Assembly of God churches.

Bethel Full Gospel has been discussing an expansion. Already, the church's congregation could be larger than 60, but there isn't enough room, he said.

On average, Grace Fellowship sees anywhere from 2,000 to 2,200 at weekend services. Since moving into the Latham church in May 2002, annual church attendance has grown by 15 to 20 percent, Minchin said.

Why more people are making their way to, back to or away from particular religious institutions is a question with no precise answer.

Foti and Minchin both agree that each person has some component of ingrained faith. How they express that faith, or live by it, through the Gospel determines where they choose to exercise that faith, Minchin said.

Whether people are looking to an inclusive ideology or a traditional church, people are returning to, or identifying, their religious roots, Foti said, a trend with which many church leaders can find comfort.

"They are returning to what it should be," he said.

the time people become members of a congregation."

Mortality

Being a member of a religion also helps people deal with their own mortality, Mojallali and Shpeen said.

"A foundation of faith is like a life preserver," Shpeen said. "It helps us deal with the fact that we're all mortal; and figure out what our purpose for being here is."

"I can't imagine what life would be like without faith," Mojallali said. "Without faith, thinking that this is all there is would be so limiting. People face illness and death much more gracefully, and have more trust, when they know that God is bigger than death. Our culture gets us to live for temporal things; faith lets us live for what's lasting. In the quality of our relationships we can focus more on love and caring."

Faithful children

Flo McDonough and her husband, Roger, are raising their six children in the same Roman Catholic faith they both-grew up in, and that sense of purpose is something Flo McDonough relies on.

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Spirituality and faith can work hand-in-hand, and produce good results for the betterment of our society.

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"Spirituality can permeate a faith community," Hubbard said, "and church membership can enhance spirituality and provide a support system. Faith needs to be reinforced by community, and there can be an increase in the amount of services churches provide." "As I get older, I rely on my faith more," she said. "It provides guidance and helps me figure out how I'm supposed to go about this life."

Practicing their faith means going to church with the children on Sundays and church holy days; saying prayers at night and grace before meals. Sometimes, McDonough said, people look at them funny when they hear this. "Roger and I feel we're the oddballs that we do this," McDonough said. "But it's not hard. We feel we're doing this because it's right. So much in this world is materialistic, but this is a

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Scene Spotlight Orphan, long-lost son delight audiences placed in the lap of luxury for wo sparkles and mugs with just the right of Warbuck's secretary Grace

By W.K. AARON

It's the holiday season ... a time to laugh, a time to get tearyeyed, a time for family. Curtain Call Theater and Cohoes Music Hall have offerings that will evoke all of the aforementioned, even in the "Scrooge-iest" amongst us.

The sun will come out If you are in the market for tried

and true, a score that you will recognize, that will get the kids singing, then head to Cohoes pronto. "Annie," Cohoes Music Hall's holiday gift to the community, is replete with Tony award-winning music that has become a part of the American lexicon of memorable Broadway tunes and a "too-cute-for-words" dog.

The story, already known to almost everyone, is of the poor little orphan girl in the Great Depression who, along with her dog Sandy, is

weeks as a part of a publicity campaign for the rich and sometimes heartless Oliver Warbucks. However, Annie's stay turns out to be much more than anyone had bargained for as she works her way into everyone's heart and learns a few things for herself.

The role of Annie is alternated between young ladies: Lawson Young and Kelly Swint.

Ms. Young is a pure delight. She

amount of cuteness added. Her singing and dancing acumen are professional and well presented. Don Circle Jr. as Daddy Warbucks, replete with shaved head, turns in a strong performance, though one might have hoped for more of a visible transition as Annie softens his money-making-geared heart.

Karla Shook, an area regular, can always be counted on to turn in a solid performance. Once again, in the role



The show, however, easily belongs to the gaggle of orphans, nine little girls who already know their way around the boards with a strong sense of ease and maturity far beyond their years. In particular, Zoe McGreevy as Molly, the littlest orphan, is not only talented but also bumps the cute meter off the charts.

Director Jim Charles, along with Scott Aranow and his set design and Musical Director Thom Culcasi's work, has put together all of the pieces of the puzzle for a wonderful family event. "Annie" will run Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall is on Remsen Street in Cohoes. Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$28. For information, call the box office at 237-5858 or visit the Web site at www.cohoesmusichall.com.

Funny family

Interested in laughing for two hours? Then head to Curtain Call Theater in Latham, which is presenting "It Runs in the Family." The show is a bedroom farce that happens to be set in a London hospital rather than a bedroom. The show is, loosely, the story of a doctor, about to present the biggest and most important speech of his career when a nurse shows up from the past with a surprise for him. It doesn't ruin the play to say that the surprise is a bouncing 18-year-old son who was the result of a liaison the very married doctor had some 19 years ago with the very young, attractive and available nurse.

Folks dress up, get drunk, slam doors, make up stories, cover up stories and on and on. While a bit more on the mature side, the antics are pure fun and frivolity. As Shakespeare wrote, all's well that ends well, the evening's conclusion.

Artistic Director Steve Fletcher has taken the reins of Ray Cooney's script and choreographed the actors in a well-timed dance. Monica Cangero, Jessica Guyon, Pat Hoffman, Brian Molis and John.

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Vivian Sawyer

Vivian Charlotte Klemme Sawyer, 91, a native of Chicago and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, Dec. 9, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a graduate of Chicago's Austin High School and was class valedictorian. She was awarded a full scholarship to the University



business and master's degree in personnel

of Chicago

where she

earned a

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degree in

administration.

major in music and was a concert pianist.

She worked for the American Hospital Association, Columbia University, various jobs during World War II, and she taught piano for over 30 years.

She was the widow of Clifford George Sawyer.

Survivors include two daughters, Kara Cady-Sawyer of Delmar and Lorna Lawrence of Yorktown Va.; a brother, Ernest M. Klemme of Chicago; and four grandchildren.

She was a resident of Delmar since 1992 and was formerly of Muttontown, L.I., where she lived

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for 34 years.

Mrs. Sawyer was a lifelong member of the American Association of University Women, (AAUW) where she served as president in 1964 of the North Shore Branch of Long Island. She later served on the association's state executive board and an education endowment was named in her honor for her dedicated service.

She joined the Delmar Progress Club in1994 and was an active member of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens since 1992 where she loved a good bridge game.

Mrs. Sawyer traveled worldwide and loved to learn about different cultures.

She was an ardent supporter of saving the environment, Mrs. Sawyer also had a double supporter of the arts and of preserving American civil liberties.

> Burial was in George Washington Cemetery in Paramus, N. J.

Contributions may be sent to the Nature Conservancy, 4245 Fairfax Dr., Arlington, Va 22203-1606, or the Bethlehem Senior Projects, Bethlehem 12054.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. followed by calling hours and reception until 6 p.m. on Friday December 16, at 80 Darroch Road, Delmar.

Thomas Novotny

Born in Albany, he worked and

retired from Simmons Machine & Tool in Menands.

He is best remembered by his family and friends as a man that enjoyed his home on the Hudson River along with his canine friends and visits by all who knew him.

He is the husband of the late Sara Jones Novotny.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Novotny of Albany and Brian Novotny of Niskayuna; a daughter, Carol Fenton of Baldwinsville; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his former wife, Jane Novotny. Special thanks goto the wonderful staff at Albany Memorial Hospital for their kind and compassionate care.

Services were from New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Interment was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Thomas Matias

Thomas Redmond Matias, 74, died Monday, Dec. 5, at his home.

Mr. Matias had been a resident of Delmar since 1972. A native of Binghamton, he graduated from Binghamton North High School in 1949. In 1953, he received his bachelor's degree from Harpur College of the State University of New York at Binghamton. He Thomas J. Novotny, 86, of attended the Maxwell School of

Glenmont, died Tuesday, Dec. 6. Public Affairs at Syracuse University and in 1958 he received a master's degree from Cornell University. In 1959, he received a doctor of laws degree, also from Cornell.

> Mr. Matias held several positions with the federal government in Washington, D.C. including service with the executive office of the president, the Internal Revenue Service and the United States General Accounting Office. His federal government service concluded in 1965 as a trial attorney with the Federal Maritime Commission. Mr. Matias practiced law in New York City, first on the legal staff of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and later with the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. Practicing before the Federal Communications Commission and several state regulatory commissions, he was a litigant in the first proceedings involving satellite communications and competition for AT&T. In 1971 Mr. Matias joined the New York State Public Service Commission as an administrative law judge. He continued in that position until his retirement in 1993. Mr. Matias was a member of the New York Bar, the bars of several federal courts, the New York State Bar Association, and the Cornell Law Association.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion in Delmar.

He was husband of 42 years to the late Joanne Foody Matias.

He is survived by two sons, James R. Matias of Rensselaer and Timothy R. Matias of Albany; a sister, Mary Matias Condon of New York City, daughter-in-law Judi Dunham-Matias and faithful hunting companion Heidi.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Norwich. Contributions may be made to the Delmar Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Corps, 145 Adams St. Delmar 12054.

Anthony Hill

Anthony Earle Hill, 17, of Clarksville died Tuesday, Dec. 6, at his home.

Anthony loved going to school where he was a senior at Berne-Knox-WesterloHigh School. He was proud to have recently earned his driver's license, something he had looked forward to doing.

Anthony was a very strong, yet caring and sensitive person. He attended the First Baptist Church in Westerlo and had a strong faith which sustained him during his illness. At the same time, he was always concerned for the wellbeing of his family and those around him who were giving him his care. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. Anthony loved spending time with his friends enjoyed and sports, skateboarding, riding his dirt bike and playing games.

In addition to his parents and sisters, Anthony is survived by many loving family members who will miss him dearly. Anthony's family would like to thank the many family, friends and caregivers for their support and prayers during the past 3 1/2years.

Services were from First Baptist Church of Westerlo.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery, Clarksville.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Children's Cancer Program, AMCH, D-7 North, Mail Code 1119, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Linda Gilligan

Linda M. Gilligan, 46, of Delmar died Saturday, Dec. 10, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Business College.

She was employed as a Arrangements were from the customer service representative for Verizon for over 20 years. She was a very active member of St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary and she enjoyed volunteering her time in the hospital gift shop.

> She was a communicant of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Survivors include her parents, Ed and Judy Reinisch Gilligan of Delmar; a brother, Edward J. Gilligan of Delmar; two sisters, Suzanne Grassucci of Slinger-Born in Dearborn, Mich., he lands and Christine St. John of was the son of Bill and Jackie Hill Arlington, Mass.; and dear friend



and the brother of Lindsay Hill Victor Rosado of Delmar. and Sarah Hill, all of Clarksville. Christian Burial will be celebrated

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Janice Romero

Janice Wetmore Romero of Delmar, 64, died Thursday, Dec. 8, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A native of Albany and a longtime resident of Delmar, she was the proud mother of singer, actress and hair artist, Loretta Romero of Albany.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Boston University and Russell Sage College. Ms. Romero was a social welfare caseworker in Albanv and on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa and Mescalero Apache Indian reservations; an activist for Native Americans through Rights for Americans Now (RAIN). She retired from the state School **Boards Association in December** 2004, where she had worked as a secretary since 1989. She was a poet, inspired by the Native American heritage and the Great Compassion of the Budda.

Thanks to the friends, coworkers and medical staff whose kindness, support and prayershelped ease her struggle with breast cancer.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. Those who wish to do so may best remember her through sincere

beings.

Vivian Thorne

Vivian Hillier Thorne died Saturday, Dec. 10.

A native of Johnstown, she was a long-time resident of Delmar.

She was a graduate of Johnstown High School and State College for Teachers (now University at Albany), class of 1948. She taught at Germantown Central School, Albany High School, Albany Business College and was a substitute teacher for the Bethlehem Central School District

Mrs. Thorne had a record of sustained leadership and commitment to the community. She served as national chair woman of the Annual Fund at the University at Albany and received the University's Distinguished Service Medal. She was also a recipient of the State University Excellence in Alumni Service Award. Her past presidencies included Faculty Wives Clubs of both the University and the SUNY Central Administration when her husband served at those institutions; University at Albany Fund; Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and Delmar Progress Club where she was also named to the New York State Honor Roll. Her board memberships included University of Albany Alumni Association; University Council; Center for Counseling; Visiting Nurses Foundation; New York State General Federation of Women's Clubs; the University at Albany Foundation and the University at Albany Fund.

Active as a volunteer, she was involved in Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library, New York State Special Olympics, Tri-Village Directory Association, 4-H Clubs, Cub Scouts, Hamagrael **Elementary School Reading** Program and the Bethlehem Central Career Guidance Program.

Mrs. Thorne was a member of First United Methodist Church of Delmar and Kappa Delta sorority.

She was the wife of the late Clifton Cornell Thorne. Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Cornell Thorne Mazzone of Delmar and Cindy Cornell Thorne Chadwick of Apalachin; a son, Evan Cornell Thorne of Chatham, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

She enjoyed golf, tennis, bowling, crafts and art. She won several awards for her writing and creative work. She also enjoyed traveling and toured China, Africa and Alaska. Visiting hours will be

held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from and presence during our time of 4 to 8 p.m. at Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave.

Contributions may be made to Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054 and the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association, Inc., 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916-2924. This organization helps preserve the heritage of the Cornell family.

Harry Gochee

The family of Harry O. Gochee Jr. wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude and prayerful thanks our many relatives, neighbors and friends who blessed us with prayers cards, flowers and food and who also gave so generously of their time sorrow.

We wish to extend a special thanks to Father Forno and the parish family of St. John the Evangelist Church in Rensselaer. the staff of Applebee Funeral Home, the Albany Region Military Forces Honor Guard and the Wadsworth Lodge 417, F. & A. M.

The Gochee Family

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Guilderland High School and Boston University.

She is an assistant account executive for Brodeur, a public relations agency in Boston.

The future groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Boston University.

He is a senior staff coordinator in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Engineering Department at Boston University in Boston.

The couple plans a May wedding.

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Courtney and Brendan Wolf

Skivington, Wolf marry

Skivington. Courtney daughter of John and Cathy Skivington of Scottsville, and Brendan Wolf, son of Robert and Cindy Wolf of Latham, were married Sept. 3.

The ceremony was performed by Pastor Susan Hartley at the Union Presbyterian Church in Scottsville.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents in Scottsville.

The maid of honor was Kate Skivington, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristin Wolf, sister of the groom, Margaret Ciarpelli, aunt of the bride, Jill Skivington, cousin of the bride, and Amanda Craig, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Robert Wolf, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Matthew Glassman, Keith St. Germain, Christopher Hempstead, Jared Heller and Ronald Varnem.

The bride is a graduate of St. John Fisher. She is a management analyst for Bearing Point, Inc. in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School, Colgate University and Albany Law School. He is an associate of Carter. Conboy, Case. Blackmore, Maloney and Laird, P.C. in Albany.

After a honeymoon to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Troy.



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By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

any of them are not even old enough to shave, but that doesn't keep the Vienna Choir Boys from traveling the world and bringing prestige with them.

The group was founded in 1498 by Emperor Maximilian I of Austria. Since then, it has grown and evolved into a school and worldwide traveling group. It is made up of talented 10- to 14-yearolds who charm audiences in their homeland as well as other European countries, Asia, Australia and America.

And now, the Capital District will be treated to their music as the group arrives at the Troy Music Hall before Christmas, with a two-part performance of classical pieces and holiday songs.

"The choir has a high musical quality," said the conductor of the choir for 12 years, Martin Schebesta. "The audience also likes the innocence of the boys."

The boys' youth is emphasized by their sailor uniforms, and the other costumes that sometimes accompany skits. Listeners often forget the boys' ages when they sing and their training and experience shows.

"The older boys will change from soprano to alto when their voices become lower," said Schebesta. "But they have practiced the music so the changing of their voices doesn't affect their performance."

The boys sing everything from medieval to cotemporary works, in German, English and foreign languages.

"Before I joined the choir I learned some German," said Andrew Markowich, 14, originally from Cincinnati. "Then I learned to speak German fluently so it's not hard to learn the songs anymore.'

Markowich sang in a choir in Cincinnati, where the conductor recommended he try out for the Vienna Boys Choir. He was accepted when he was 11 and now his little



Traveling youth singers to perform in Albany

brother Jacob, 10, has become a member also.

Markowich's parents live in

Cincinnati while he attends the boarding school and tours. All the boys in the choir attend the school in Vienna

where they receive a musical and academic education.

"At first it was hard. Before I was in the choir I'd never been outside the United States," said Markowich. "I was nervous and sad."

When Markowich turns 15 he will return to Cincinnati

doing things in their leisure time together. Yesterday they went bowling."

Through their travels the boys have been exposed to a variety of cultures and music styles, all before they attend high school. Many of them go on to





and looks forward to attending high school and seeing the friends he left three years ago. He imagines that he will pursue singing.

"I'm very glad I ioined because I've gotten to do things some people don't ever get to do," said Markowich.

The boys spend most of their time together, between school and touring. They travel 9-11 weeks of the school year, giving about 300 concerts a year.

"They are normal boys," said Schebesta about the group. "They are very close friends, and sometimes they argue. They enjoy things

become professionals in the music world.

The Vienna Choir Boys will perform at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. p.m.

Reserved seats may be purchased by calling the Music Hall's box office at 273-0038 or online at

www.troymusichall.org. The box office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 30 Second St. in Trov.



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A musical about a girl, a dog and the rich man that adopts them, presented at Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through Dec. 18, \$17 to \$28. Information, 237-5858

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES

Musical based on Dylan Thomas story, presented by Classic Theater Guild, Hilton Center for the Arts, 40 Russell Road, Albany, through Dec. 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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Play about children putting on a holiday show, presented by Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, through Dec. 18, Fridays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1 *p.m., Dec 17 matinee at 4:30 p.m., \$16 adults, \$10 children 12 and under. Information,

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IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Holiday cornedy by Ray Cooney, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, 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.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, North Pearl

HENRY BOLTINOFF

Street, Albany, through Dec. 18, \$32-40. Information, 445-7469.

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"TONY KENNY'S CHRISTIMAS TIME IN IRELAND"

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

CHERYL WHEELER

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

JUDY COLLINS

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

BURNS SISTERS

Christmas show, Dec. 16, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

THE MCKRELLS

Regional Irish band, Dec. 16, Red Square, 388 Broadway, Albany, Information, 432-8584.

WHOLESALE KLEZMER BAND

Performing songs of the Hannukkah season, Dec. 17, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila

St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

DONNA THE BUFFALO Roots rockers from western New York take the stage, Dec. 17, Revolution Hall, 421-425 River St., Troy. Information, 273-2337.

OCTAVO SINGERS

Annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," featuring vocalists Anne Agresta Dugan and Frances Pallozzi Wittmann, Dec. 18, 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$8 students. Information, 344-7464.

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Former Capital District singer/songwriter performs unique collection of songs, with Matthew Lolacano of Kamakaze Hearts, Dec. 22, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$7, Information, 465-5233, ext.

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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.

THE CLARK

"Pastels," featuring works by late 19thand 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, sitespecific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony

Union College, Schenectady, \$20 general Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

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.

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

7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

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421 Kenwood Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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.

SECOND MILERS

Normanside Country Club, noon, Information, 439-2752.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

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

TOWN BOARD

Bethtehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Dela-

ware 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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS Wyman Osterhout Community Center,

New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

Thursday, Dec. 15

BETHLEHEM

FREE LECTURE FROM H.I.L.L. "From Bach to Bossa Nova," a lecture and performance by Sten Isachsen, classical guitarist and member of the Musicians of Ma'alwyck. 10 a.m. - noon, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Open to residents of the Capital District. Call 767-9579 for information.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

Friday, Dec. 16

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, Dec. 17

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sunday, Dec. 18

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethfehem 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 Eismere 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 Dela-

ware 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

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Place, Delmar, 439-4951.

Unity of Faith Christian Fellowshin, 436 Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Informa-Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438tion, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

465-3193.

Ave

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

SELKIRK

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, Dec. 20

BETHLEHEM

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Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,

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Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. In-

Information, 765-3644.

formation, 767-2930.

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a NOTICE OF FORMATION license number OP 2130282 OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED 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 14, 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 tawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be lo-cated in Albany County. The Secretary of State is desig-nated as the arent of the nated 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

WASHINGTON STREET PARTNERS OF ALBANY, Notice of formation of a limited partnership (LP) Cer-tificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Sec retary 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 ocess against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12419

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maxwell Holdings LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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

LEGAL NOTICE

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 law-

12303 ful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secre-tary 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 14, 2005)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

A DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY 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 pro-cess against the LLC is c/o Tri-City Rentals, 255 Wash-ington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.

LEGAL NOTICE

(December 14, 2005)

LCD-12487

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA-TION

OF CAMELOT ASSOCI-ATES DEVELOPMENT, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company .aw

FIRST: The name of the lim-(December 14, 2005) ited 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 Al-THIRD: The secretary of

state is designated as agent

of the limited liability com-

pany upon whom process

against it may be served.

The address within or with-

out this state to which the

LEGAL NOTICE 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 HOLD ited INGS, 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, 16 c/o Camelot Associates Corporation 210 Morris Road, Suite A chenectady, New York S

FOURTH: The name and business or residence street address of each general partner is: Dennis A. DeGennaro Filed by: Alexander Powhidwa, Esq. Attorney-in-Fact Harvey and Mumford LLP 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard

Albany, New York 12211 LCD-12498 (December 14, 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

legal activity. LCD-12522 (December 14, 2005)

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Purpose: To engage in any

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

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LIABILITY

The name of the LLC is MONROE ST OF ALBANY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 30, 2005. The purpose of the

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the LLC, 928 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-12555 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Wellington Gardens, LLĊ

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 6, 2005. Office lo-cation 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SPI 555 9TH STREET, LLC. Au-thority 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 Re-search, 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 activi-

LD-12424 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BJB Electric LP Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/05. Office ocation: 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 pro-served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Regis-tered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas., Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. GA ad-dress 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 ful activity 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be LD-12473 (December 14, 2005) served. TX address of LP: 3600 Bee Cave Road, Ste. 202, Austin, TX 78746. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Notice of Formation of NyNote Enterprises, LLC. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/

I D-12449 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: MLJ Properties, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 7, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been desig nated as agent of the LLČ upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, Pine Street, Green Is-land, NY 12183. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12457

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Ser-vice 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

LD-12492 Notice of Qualification of Niagara Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/ 05. Office location: Albany

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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

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., Al-bany, 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 law-

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9/05. Office location: Albany

County. SSNY designated as

agent of LLC upon whom

process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-

cess to: Corporation Service

Company, 80 State St. Al-bany, NY 12207. Purpose:

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Notice of Qualification of

New York Ducks, LLC. Au-thority filed with Secy. of

State of NY (SSNY) on 11/

14/05. Office location: Albany

County. LLC formed in Dela-

ware (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., Al-bany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 160 S. Route

17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Fed-

eral St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful

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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 pro-

cess to: 49 Windsor Road,

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activity.

LD-12489

any lawful activity.

(December 14, 2005)

LD-12477

any lawful activity. LD-12496 (December 14, 2005)

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North Station LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of

Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated

as agent of LLC upon whom

process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-

cess to: 1015 Madison Av-

enue, New York, New York

10021 Purpose: any lawful

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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 des-

ignated 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:

(December 14, 2005)

activity

LD-12495

ate (SSNY) on 10/18/05

LEGAL NOTICE

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 pro-cess 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Scary Movie 4, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/8/05. Of-fice 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 Com-pany, 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. LD-12508 (December 14, 2005)

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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: Al-bany 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.

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Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. ID-12510 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

| against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro- cess to 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LCD-12439 (December 14, 2005) LEGAL NOTICE SENECA FALLS OF AL- BANY, L.P., Notice of forma- tion of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the | Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Camelot Associates Devel- opment, LLC c/o Camelot Associates Cor- poration 210 Morris Road, Suite A Schenectady, New York 12303 FOURTH: The limited liabil- ity company is to be manager managed. | ful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secre- tary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secre- tary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Av- enue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-12554 | process to: c/o National Heg- istered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal ad- dress of LLC: 8606 Allison Road, Ste. 270, Indianapo- lis, IN 46250. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy of State, 201 Statehouse, Indianapolic, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activities LD-12428 (December 14, 2005) | County, LLC formed in Dela- ware (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., Al- bany, 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., Do- ver, DE 19901. Purpose: any | 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 pro- cess to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12493 (December 14, 2005) | Notice of Formation of Covenham Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/ 25/05. Office location: Al- bany County. SSNY desig- nated 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 14, 2005) |
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| New York Secretary of State on October 28, 2005. The purpose of the LP is to en- gage in any lawful act or ac- tivity. 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 pro- cess against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12450 (December 14, 2005) | Dennis A. DeGennaro, Orga- nizer Camelot Associates Corpo- ration 210 Morris Road Schenectady, New York 12303 Filed by: Alexander Powhida, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact Harvey and Mumford, LLP 20 Corporate Woods Boule- vard Albany, New York 12211 (December 14, 2005) LEGAL NOTICE CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED | (December 14, 2005) LEGAL NOTICE Stonecreek Management, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Com- pany ("LLC"). Articles of Or- ganization filed with the Sec- retary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/29/2005. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: | LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of New- ton Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro- cess 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 14, 2005) | Ver, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12464 (December 14, 2005) LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EL DIVINO, LLC. Ar- ticles 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 | LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Queens Plaza North Devel- opment LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro- cess to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12494 (December 14, 2005) | LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SUKHOTHAI RES- TAURANT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/05. Office location: Al- bany 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 |

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LEGAL NOTICE Street, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-12512 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OLEN LLC filed with SSNY on 12/ Off. Loc.: Albany. 31/03. 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. 12523 (December 14, 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 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Inside Edge Commercial Inte-rior Services, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/705. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MN 1/12/04. 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. 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 14, 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 48084. Art. of Org. on file: MI Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth, PO Box 30054, Lan-Labor sing, MI. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12526

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HWT CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/05 as amended. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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ker Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/ 2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY 301 East 79th Citract 5to 24 H New York Street, Ste 24-H, New York, 10021 Tuxedo Dr., Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12546 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: GLENMONT PROP-ERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2055. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SŠNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 415 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12559

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GDT (US), LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/05. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 10/12/05. 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. NV address of LLC: 711 S. Carson St., Ste. 4, Carson City, NV 89701. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful activities

LD-12561 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 153-157 Lenox LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12564 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 164-172 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12565 (December 14, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of 1829 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd LC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. 12567 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1833-1835 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Pur-pose: any lawful activity. LD-12568 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1987 2001 Coney LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/18/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-cess to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Puroose: any lawful activity. LD-12569 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2010 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12570 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 239-253 West 116 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12571 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of 345 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brook-

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SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street. Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12573 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 47 Lynbrook LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/10/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Pur-, pose: any lawful activity. LD-12574 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6 Morningside Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/ 3/05 Office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Pur-pose: any lawful activity. LD-12575 (December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 610-620 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purose: any lawful activity. LD-12576

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 617 West 143 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/2/05 Office lo-cation: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any awful activity. LD-12577

(December 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6th Street Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12578

(December 14; 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 707 St Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Al-

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Sports Spotlight **RCS earns two victories at Northeast Duals** The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Lane and Nick LaMountain (189)

wrestling team had a strong showing at Saturday's Northeast Duals at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park.

The Indians split their four pool play matches and lost a close a 47-15 victory over the Indians. crossover bout to Shen in a tournament that included teams from eastern New York and Waverly from Massachusetts.

RCS started the day with a 54-16 loss to Valley Central High School, Emmanuel Hernandez led the Indians by pinning Ryan Lucas midway through their 112pound division bout.

Jordan Lane scored a 10-2 victory over Robert Bailey at 119 pounds. Cody Legg (145) and Dillon Ruxton (171) also earned individual wins.

RCS recovered from its opening loss with a 35-32 victory over Monroe-Woodbury. Hernandez, Legg and Ruxton recorded their second wins of the day for the Indians, while Andy Lyman (96), Doug Winne (125), Tyler Lane (130), George LaMountain (135) and Nate Graham (160) got their first wins. Hernandez and Winne won their bouts with pins.

The Indians earned their most decisive victory of the tournament with a 45-34 win against Mahopac in the third round. Legg, Graham, Ruxton, Tyler matches.

won their bouts with pins, while Winne, George LaMountain and Chris Massie (215) added victories.

Waverly ended RCS's run with Tyler Lane and George LaMountain had the only individual wins for RCS.

In the crossover match, Shen recorded five pins and a technical fall to pull away for a 47-33 victory over RCS.

Lyman, Hernandez, Graham, Ruxton, Jordan Lane and George LaMountain earned the individual wins for the Indians. Hernandez recorded his third pin of the day, while Graham and Ruxton added six-point pins to lead RCS.

The Indians return to action Thursday when they host Voorheesville in a Colonial Council match.

Voorheesville enters the match off a 10th-place finish at Saturday's Glens Falls Tournament. The Blackbirds finished with 53 points.

Shayne Collen led Voorheesville by reaching the 215-pound finals before losing to Matt Salem of Glens Falls. Taylor Treadgold (103) and Alex Zvinovsky (189) placed third after winning their consolation bracket finals



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Andy Lyman, right, battles Waverly's Brett Sewalt during a 96-pound division bout at Saturday's Northeast Duals in Clifton Park.



HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 5-11

Bethlehem leader: Becky Plog 212

Ravena 22, Watervliet 10

Ravena leader: Dan Irwin 201 game,

GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem 23,

game, 619 series.

566 series.

HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 7

BOYS BOWLING

Tuesday, Dec. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

RCS 60, Alb. Academy 58

Ravena leaders: Ron Vincent 17 points, Corwin Hendy 11 points, Eric Stott 11 points, Jared Fortier 11 points.

Voorheesville 83, Lansingburgh 51

Voorheesville leaders: greg Klopfer 26 points, Andy Catellier 20 points, Nick Duncan 19 points.

Averill Park 53, Bethlehem 41

Bethlehem leaders: Craig Orner 13 points, Bill Yates 10 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holv Names 46, Ravena 34 Bethlehem leader: Nick Zautner 288

Ravena leader: Jeannine Rider 10 game, 720 series.

points. Lansingburgh 62,

Voorheesville 42

Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney Averill Park 9 10 points.

Averill Park 57, Bethlehem 51

Bethlehem leaders: Leah Gillham 11 points, Alex McCullough 10 points, Kiersten Swete 10 points.

BOYS BOWLING

Lansingburgh 30,

Averill Park 26,

Bethlehem 6

Child-Centered

Voorheesville 2

Voorheesville leader: Chris Thomas 226 game, 616 series.

Shen 6, Bethlehem 0

Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 30, Tim Crowley 7.



WRESTLING

Bethlehem 70, Shaker 9

Bethlehem winners: Connor Hautau (96 pounds), Max Lyons (112), Tolan Sharlow (119), Giles Chase (125), Josh Finkle (130), Luke Tress (135), Dave Sterrett (140), Pat Fontaine (145), John DellaPorta (160), Kevin Kolbay (171), Pete Bonventre (189), Craig Languish (215), Pat Mancilla (275).

Thursday, Dec. 8

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mechanicville 52,

Voorheesville 32 Voorheesville leader: Jennifer

Massaroni 10 points.

BOYS BOWLING

Ballston Spa 24, Bethlehem 8

Bethlehem leader: Kevin Pittz 247 game, 681 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem 23, **Ballston Spa 9**

Bethlehem leader: Meghan McGurn 277 game, 627 series.

WRESTLING

Ravena 69, Cohoes 12

Ravena highlights: Doug Winnie (130 pounds), Tyler Lane (135), George LaMountain (140), Cody Legg (145), Nate Graham (160) and Dillon Ruxton (171) won by pin.

Saturday, Dec. 10

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Albany Tournament

Schenectady 50,

Voorheesville 45 Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney 18 points.

WRESTLING

Glens Falls Tournament

Team scores: Glens Fails 230, Schuylerville 149.5, Watervliet 128.5, Cambridge 111, Canajoharie/ Fort Plain 97.5, Corinth 85.5,



Catskill 76, CBA 63, Broadalbin-Perth 56, Voorheesville 53, Waterford 28.

Voorheesville place finishers: Shayne Collen (second place – 215 pounds), Taylor Treadgold (third -103), Alex Zvinovsky (third -171), Charlie McGrail (third - 215).

CBA place finishers: Michael Chaires (first place - 152 pounds), Joe Corrigan (fourth - 135), Ryan Cerone (fourth - 189), Matt Santabarbara (fourth -215).

Northeast Duals

Valley Central 54,

Ravena 16

Ravena winners: Emmanuel Hernandez (112 pounds), Jordan Lane (119), Cody Legg (145), Dillon Ruxton (171).

Ravena 35,

Monroe-Woodbury 32

Ravena winners: Andy Lyman (96), Hernandez (112), Doug Winne (125), Tyler Lane (130), George LaMountain (135), Legg (145), Nate Graham (160), Ruxton (171).

Ravena 45, Mahopac 34

Ravena winners: Winne (125), T. Lane (130), G. LaMountain (135). Legg (145), Graham (160), Ruxton (171), Nick LaMountain (189), Chris Massie (215).

Waverly 47, Ravena 15

Ravena winners: T. Lane (130), G. Lamountain (135).

Shen 47, Ravena 33

Ravena winners: Lyman (96), Hernandez (112), J. Lane (119), T. Lane (130), G. LaMountain (135), Graham (160), Ruxton (171).

Sunday, Dec. 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Albany Tournament

Consolation game

Glens Falls 59,

Voorheesville 38

Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney 14 points.

UAlbany announces baseball schedule

The University at Albany baseball team announced its schedule for the 2006 season.

The Great Danes open with a trip to the Southeast. They playa three-game series with Georgia State, Feb. 17 and 18; Wofford, Feb. 25 and 26; and Virginia Military Institute, March 3-5.

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March 15 against Holy Cross. The Great Danes' first America East game is April 7 at home against Hartford.

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Play

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league is the speed at which the game is played.

"They (the balls) go up to 60 miles per hour" at the pro level, Immel said. "Not only do we use the traditional balls but also a smaller one called the stinger. They're usually used for a quick kill. They're easier to hide because they can be held in the palm of your hand behind your back, and the way they travel makes it very hard to dodge."

Not as painful as they tell you

Contrary to what childhood memories some people attach to dodgeball, no one is likely to be injured by the balls being used in the Charbonneau league. The orange-colored orbs are essen- the indoor soccer fields at tially Nerf balls with a plastic

Random

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soon), but the Clippers do look like a legitimate playoff team. That is unless the old Clipper mystique of being a losing franchise comes back and sinks them

 I shall not be moved from my prediction that the San Diego Chargers will beat Indianapolis this weekend and end the Colts' perfect season. Even if the game is in Indianapolis. And the Chargers are coming off a 23-21 home loss to Miami Sunday.

Nope, I shall stay the course because the Chargers absolutely NEED this game. Do the Colts need to win? I don't think so. They already have the division and home field advantage for the playoffs sewn up. What motivation is left other than making history? None, as far as I'm concerned.

 The New York Mets signed Julio Franco to a two-year deal last week. That means Franco will still be playing baseball when he gets these years.

coating to add some aerody- of an artificial turf and carpeted namics so they can travel to their walls provide a more forgiving targets with some velocity.

that's it," Immel said.

The players in the Charbonneau league are more likely to feel tired than pain from the dodgeballs after a match. Running around for an hour can do that, especially to those who aren't in top physical condition.

"The worst part is trying to be in shape," said Fetsko, who participated in an indoor dodgeball league in Rochester before moving back to the Capital District a couple of years ago. "Running around, it shows you how much shape you are in, or the lack of shape you're in.'

Matches are played on one of Charbonneau. The combination

setting than the hardwood sur-"It'll sting for a second, but faces of the school gymnasiums where children were first taught the sport.

> Games are played in fourminute bursts. Each round starts with the eight balls lined up on the center line. Four members of each eight-man team run to the center line and try to gather as many of the balls as they can before retreating to their own ends of the field to begin play.

Team members can travel three-quarters of the field's length to throw the ball, but if its caught, they are out. Any player hit by a ball, who fails to catch an opponent's throw or crosses the restraining line is out. A player can re-enter if a teammate catches an opponent's throw, however.

The winning team is the one which either gets all of its opponents out or has more players on the field than the other team at the end of four minutes.

Filling a niche

The Tuesday night league may be only a month old, but Charbonneau sees dodgeball as something that will help keep his facility competitive as other indoor soccer facilities continue to pop up around the area.

"We'd been so booked with soccer that we haven't had the room traditionally to diversify," Charbonneau said. "But with increased competition, we've had to look for other programs to offer. This will probably fill a void



growing so fast.'

Indeed, the league is looking to expand when its second session begins Jan. 23. Among the divisions that are being offered are ones for high school and junior high school teams, and a division for older players is being discussed.

In the meantime, the 80 players competing in the Tuesday Night Dodgeball League are enjoying every minute of it.

"It's all for fun," said Al Campney, captain of the Adirondack Cowtippers - the oldest team age-wise in the league. "We have a good time.'



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Rob Immel is

director for the

Charbonneau

dodgeball

league, he's

also a profes-

sional dodge-

Rob Jonas

ball player.

not only the



his AARP card. I've heard of longevity, but this is bordering on absurd. Mark McGwire wasn't even 40 when he retired. Then again, McGwire may have had some extenuating circumstances surrounding his decision to leave.

 They are definitely running out of college bowl game names. I just saw one called the Poinsettia Bowl scheduled for Dec. 22 in San Diego. Personally, it doesn't have the same ring to it as the Rose Bowl, the Orange Bowl or even the Insight Bowl. I'll even take the Meineke Bowl (scheduled for Dec. 31 in Charlotte) over the in our business because it's Poinsettia Bowl. At least, it offers, the possibility of a visit from George Foreman.

Last one, I swear:

• With little scheduled for Christmas Eve, may I suggest that sports fans needing a fix (and some time away from any intrusive relatives) rent "Bull Durham." It still holds up as a great sports comedy after all

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Wednesday, Dec. 14

BOYS BOWLING Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m. Broadalbin-Perth at Voorheesville, 4 p.m. 👌 Cohoes at Ravena, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING Niskayuna at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15

GYMNASTICS Bethlehem at Shen, 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING Bethlehem at Mohonasen/ Schalmont, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING Voorheesville at Ravena, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 16

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 7;30 p.m. Watervliet at Ravena, 7:30 p.m. Schalmont at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. 🔹 😓 🐇 🧋 🦛

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m. Ravena at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m. Voorheesville at Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.

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Bethlehem Holiday Tournament

Queensbury vs. Bethlehem, 6:20 p.m. Burnt Hills/Scotia vs. Plattsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Albany Academy at Guilderville, 4:30 p.m. 🔮

Saturday, Dec. 17

GYMNASTICS Bethlehem at Shaker meet, 10 a.m. 子 臣 鉴 的

HOCKEY



Not just kids' play anymore

New dodgeball league allows adults to relive childhood

By ROB JONAS

When some members of the Rifenburg Construction Company crew get done with their day working on the Northway Exit 12 project in Malta, they don't necessarily go home right away.

Instead, they drive a mile to the nearby Charbonneau Recreation Center, don T-shirts and shorts and go back in time to their childhoods.

They are part of the Tuesday Night Dodgeball League, a joint program of the recreation center and Rob Immel - a Ballston Spa School District elementary physical education teacher and a Momrow, who captains the team bility. After graduating SUNY

professional dodgeball player.

Yes, there is such a thing as professional dodgeball. And Immel is the only New Yorker who is signed to participate in the fledgling league.

"Being a pro is great," said Immel, who teaches at Wood Road Elementary School. "Obviously, I'm not signing autographs or bringing in big paychecks, but it's great. I love the adrenaline rush because you're definitely (moving) every second."

There aren't many in the Tuesday Night Dodgeball League that look like they're as ready as Immel to turn pro, but they're not trying to. They're just looking to blow off some steam and have some fun after a long day at the office — or the construction site.

"It's good, physical activity," said Ballston Spa resident Mike

kers. "It's physical and fast paced."

"It's just fun to play - something to do during the week," said Clifton Park resident Andy Fetsko, who captains the Purple Cobras. "It makes you feel young again.'

Bringing the sport back

The Chabonneau league started in November after the 18year-old facility on Route 9 hosted a dodgeball tournament that drew a large number of players.

"We put together this league within a week," said Howie Charbonneau, who co-founded the recreation center with his brother Peter. "We had eight teams and quite a few spectators."

Having a dodgeball veteran like Immel involved gave the the NDL and the Charbonneau fledgling program instant credi-

of Rifenburg construction wor- Cortland in 2003, the Galway native began playing in dodgeball tournaments across the United States before trying out for the newly formed National Dodgeball League (NDL) this year.

> "I went down to Las Vegas, tried out and made it," Immel said. "The NDL hasn't begun playing vet, but when it does, Immel said he expects that there will be an Albany-based team to go along with proposed franchises in Minnesota, Texas and San Diego.

"The level (of play) is just so much higher," Immel said. "You're going to see a different ball than what you'll see here (in the Charbonneau league), and in pro dodgeball, there's a lot more strategy used."

Another difference between

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More random thoughts from a random mind

By ROB JONAS

Some more random observations of the sports world:

From the sports desk...

the Professional Bowlers Asso-ciation Tour, which makes a stop in Clifton Park this week. A little wonder why Pittsburgh city restaurant chain that was once the officials have been reluctant to subject of a racial discrimination approve funding for a new arena. lawsuit is sponsoring a sport that is predominantly white. Coincidence? Pittsburgh Penguins coowner/player/face of the franchise Mario Lemieux is telling reporters that the NHL team may have to relocate after next season. He basically stated that with no movement in the Steel City to build the Penguins a new arena, he and the rest of the ownership group will consider a pullout after the team's current lease expires in 2007. Frankly, this moment has seemed inevitable for a while now. The Pens have struggled to put a competitive team on the ice because of financial restraints, and fans had been staying away • I find it interesting that until the arrival of rookie phenom

Denny's is the main sponsor for Sidney Crosby this season. Factor

Bethlehem Holiday

Tournament + - -

Consolation game, 6:20 p.m. Championship game, 8:20 p.m.

Boys swimming $\stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle >}{\sim}$

Diving meet at Skidmore College, 8 a.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena at Lee Van Slyke Tournament, Burnt Hills, 10 a.m.

Voorheesville at Granville Tournament, 9 a.m.

Voorheesville at Ravena, 4 p.m.*

Monday, Dec. 19

BOYS BOWLING

• It's a little too soon to tell whether Siena will be a consistent winner under Fran McCaffery this season, but if he can get the Saints to stay above .500 this season, he deserves the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award. Heck, if the Saints finish with a winning record, he should get national coach of the year honors.

This is not the most talented Siena lineup in recent history. In fact, it's probably the thinnest roster Siena has had since the end of the Bob Beyer era. But the players McCaffery has are showing more spunk than last year's group, which finished with six wins. That spunk has already counted for four wins, and the Saints have yet to face the likes of Rider and Loyola.

• I realize that Schenectady and Christian Brothers Academy had no control over when they were scheduled to meet for the first time on a basketball court. But the Pepsi Arena could have done the teams a favor and scheduled a Sunday afternoon tipoff, rather than an 8 p.m. starting time. I'm not saying they would have drawn close to the 7,000 people that went to last year's Section II, Class AA title game, but they would have done better than the 2,400 that showed up Sunday night.

Still, it should be pointed out that most area high school gyms wouldn't have been able to hold 2,400 people for a game.

If the Pens move, I have a suggestion for them - don't move to another American city. Move to Winnipeg. There's a new arena and a rabid fan base in place, and it will welcome an NHL team with open arms. A place like Kansas City (where a new arena is being built) might show some interest in the beginning, but that interest may wane if the team doesn't compete for a Stanley Cup within the first two seasons.

• I'm half right about the Los Angeles Clippers. They aren't going to be good enough to hold on to first place in the NBA's Pacific Division (Phoenix is only a half-game back as of Monday and won't be fading anytime

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