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Independence candidate for Assembly Tim Gordon and Democrat Ryan Donovan were both victorious in their respective races for 108th Assembly District and Bethlehem town justice.

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A whale of a tale at the Academy

Two of Albany's most famous sons will be book-ending a special event that pays tribute to one of the area's literary lions in a symposium set for this weekend at the Albany Academy on Academy Road in Albany.

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Hit the dirt

Most 6-year-olds are still trying to master the transition from riding tricycles to riding bicycles.

Kyle Krell is racing motorcycles — well, motorcycles for children, anyway.

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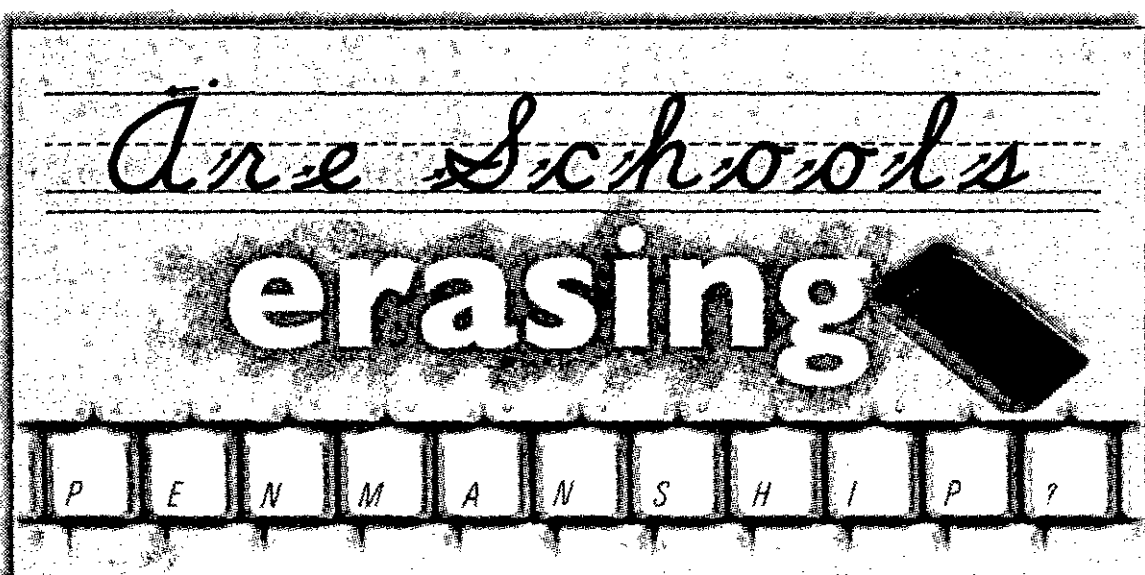
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By JENNIFER FARNSWORTH

The bar exam, the SATs, greeting cards; all examples of where you can still find good old-fashioned handwriting. For many of us, practicing cursive letters on dittos was part of how our elementary days were spent. In some of today's classrooms, cursive writing is not emphasized, and many students, and adults, have adopted the simple style of "print cursive."

"There is a huge debate raging because of today's technology and whether or not cursive writing is still valid," said Jolie Wood-Thomas, English language arts teacher for the Glens Falls School District.

Wood-Thomas worked with the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center to develop a grant titled "Cursive: Dinosaur or Best Practice?"

Wood-Thomas said handwriting is a complicated subject in the educational system. Though it still is traditionally part of the second and third grade curricula, it is not as consistent as it once was. According to Wood-Thomas, some schools in the country no longer even introduce cursive writing, although she said all the Capital District schools do still teach cursive on some level.

"The problem is that districts do not have a policy that covers all of the schools within the district," said Wood-Thomas. "What may be acceptable at one elementary school is not practiced at another. There needs to be consistency on what is expected of the students and the use of cursive penmanship."

Many experts agree that, valid or not, cursive handwriting teaches children to write from top to bottom, left to right and encourages them to use their fingers, which helps them to develop writing muscles and good coordination.

Creator of the handwriting program "Handwriting without Tears," Jan Z. Olsen, developed a unique curriculum for teachers in response to her son's struggles with handwriting.

"Many teachers are no longer trained in coordination."

"Many teachers are no longer trained in teaching handwriting ... This leaves many parents with the responsibility of teaching penmanship."

Jan Z. Olsen

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Susan Graves: a work in progress

Longtime editorial chief goes into semi-retirement

By MK FOTIRELL

On a November morning three years ago, former Spotlight Newspapers Executive Editor Susan Graves was standing up one moment, and collapsing, eyes open, into the arms of a friend the next. Her heart had stopped working.

"Some people will very suddenly and abruptly go into severe cardiac arrest without warning," Joseph Sacco, M.D. explained. For up to 15 to 20 percent of people who develop coronary disease, the first and only warning sign of a heart condition is sudden death.

"Yes, I was dead," Graves said quietly.

Today, Graves is the opinion pages editor at Spotlight Newspapers, working three days a week. On a late afternoon on one of her days off, the woman who had interviewed hundreds settled into a booth at Gold Coin restaurant to reflect on her career and her move into semi-retirement.

"I thought, 'If I don't do it now, I might never do it,'" she said.

Graves began working at Spotlight Newspapers in May 1989.

"I was hired to cover South Colonie schools, and to do some editing," she said. "It was when Dick Ahlstrom started the Colonie paper."

Graves graduated from The University at Albany, with a bachelor of arts in English, and then went on to the master's program.

She taught English at Albany Academy for Girls, helping to organize a short-lived teachers union during her decade there. Her journalism career started with a summer internship at the *Times Union*, followed by a full-time job at *The (Troy) Record* that lasted four years.

"My boss was Tom McPheeters," she said of her initial days at *The Spotlight*. "He was the

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Board OKs tax increase

Gordon is only 'no' vote

By JIM CUOZZO
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The town of Bethlehem 2007 budget that carries a 2.79 percent tax levy increase was approved by a vote of 4 to 1 at the Wednesday, Nov. 8, meeting of the town board. Only newly elected 108th District Assemblyman Tim Gordon voted against the plan. Gordon, who will be leaving the town board at the end of the year, urged his colleagues to vote no on any tax increase as they studied the proposed \$36.5 million budget.

"I am not changing my tune on that just because yesterday was Election Day," said Gordon, a member of the Independence Party. "Property taxpayers are getting hammered and we have an opportunity with our significant fund balance to have no taxes."

The only changes made before the final vote were to return savings in the town's health insurance and HAVA (Help America Vote Act) costs to the reserves, allowing for a reduction of the overall general fund deficit.

"This was an arduous, tenacious process, but I think we have a good budget," said Supervisor Theresa Egan.

Board member Kyle Kotary said the board's duty is to provide the best service and also be fiscally responsible to the taxpayer.

"The changes we are talking about are a couple hundred thousand dollars in a \$36 million budget," Kotary said.

The board appeared at times during budget workshops to disagree on what the final tax levy for the town should be. Board member Dan Plummer said it's time to get three votes for the document, as he voted in favor of the less than 3 percent tax increase.

"Anytime you can keep a budget below 3 percent you are working extremely hard to make it very fair to the taxpayers," Plummer said.

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Correction

An article in the Nov. 8 edition of *The Spotlight*, "Advisory Group presents conservation report" contained two errors.

The chairman of the committee's name is John Smolinsky.

The article also incorrectly said the vote to send the citizens advisory committee on conservation-open space protection program report passed 4-3.

The actual vote was 7-3, with seven members voting in favor of sending the report to the full board, three opposed and one member not present.

The Spotlight regrets these errors.

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Police Blotter

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Two people have turned themselves in to Bethlehem Police for stealing property stemming from an incident in September.

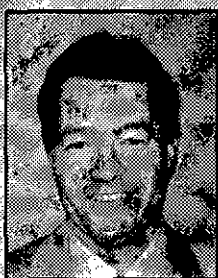
Stefanie Konsul, 22, of 45 Pine Grove Road, Hannacroix, and George Ray Starr III, 21 of 881 Bridge Road in Ravena, have both been charged with criminal possession of stolen property, fourth degree, a felony.

Starr turned himself in to Bethlehem Police on Tuesday, Oct. 31 and Konsul turned herself in as well.

The theft occurred on Sunday, Sept. 23 on Waldenmaier Road in Feura Bush.

No other details were released. The two individuals were arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and will be back in court later this month.

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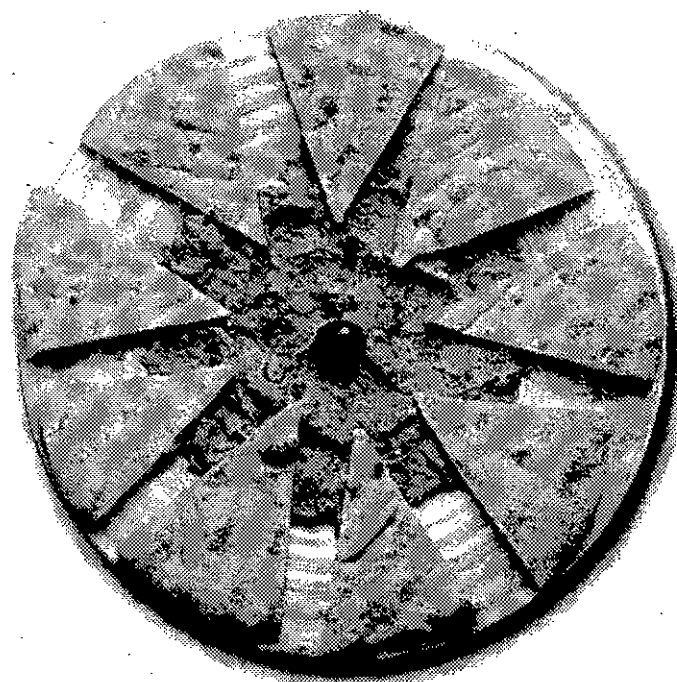
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Gordon, Donovan celebrate victory at polls

By JIM CUOZZO
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Independent candidate for assembly Tim Gordon and Democrat Ryan Donovan were both victorious in their respective races for 108th Assembly District and Bethlehem town justice.

Gordon defeated Republican Martin Reid with unofficial estimates of 52 percent of the votes going to Gordon compared to 45 percent for Reid. Gordon will assume the Assembly seat of Republican Pat Casale who opted against running for another term.

"We're very excited," said Gordon. "This has been a team effort from the beginning, and I'm just one member of that team."

Gordon is currently a member of the Bethlehem Town Board. Reid is a Rensselaer County legislator.

In a year of many negative campaigns, Gordon believes it was staying positive with his campaign ideas and message that helped him to win.

"Both candidates proclaimed they would be agents for positive change, but I believe we demonstrated we were serious about it by the way we conducted ourselves," Gordon said.

Renewable energy use, reforming state government and relieving the burden of high property taxes were some of Gordon's main campaign issues.

Gordon's supporters waited patiently until after 11 p.m. Election Day at Beff's Restaurant for the newest member of the State Assembly to appear. They included town Supervisor Theresa Egan, state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Albany, who ran unopposed this year, and Albany County legislator Jack Cunningham, D-Delmar.

"I'm a little sad to be leaving the town board, but I'll still be representing the town of



ABOVE: Mark Jordan, left, and Tim Gordon do some final campaigning on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar on Election Day. *Jim Cuozzo/Spotlight*

RIGHT: Poll watchers Rhonda Zini, left, and Ashlee Church wait for the democratic process to take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar on Election Day. *Katherine McCarthy/Spotlight*

Bethlehem in the Legislature," Gordon said.

Gordon won both the Independence and Democratic primary in September.

The 108th Assembly District stretches from Bethlehem in Albany County to parts of Rensselaer, Greene and Columbia counties. Gordon told the media he could not have won the race without the support of



Democrats as well.

In the race for Bethlehem town justice, Democrat Ryan Donovan defeated Republican Brian Murphy by an unofficial

count of 8,134 to 6,111. Donovan, the current town justice was appointed to the seat in June after Frank Milano became a judge on the state Court of Claims.



ABOVE: Brian Murphy, left, Republican candidate for town justice, chats with Democrat Ryan Donovan, center, who won the seat, and Roger Fritts, right, at Beff's on Election Day. *Jim Cuozzo/Spotlight*

"It's been a lot of hard work and an exciting four months," said Donovan. "I am humbled by the voters' support."

Donovan said running for the position and working as acting town justice made him want the job even more and work harder to obtain it.

"I am very excited to roll up my sleeves and get to work to make a difference as town judge," said Donovan.

Donovan thanked Egan, close friends and supporters along with Cunningham and his family for all their support.

"I'm really excited about the next four years."

Donovan's wife, Brooke, along with his mother and father, Tom and Peggy Donovan, were on hand at Beff's celebrating his victory.

"I can't thank the volunteers enough," Donovan added.

In other local races, Democratic incumbent Michael McNulty easily defeated his Republican opponent Warren Redlich in the 21st Congressional District with 77 percent of the vote. McNulty will be a part of the sweeping Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in January as Democrats take control of the House. McNulty is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Local youth musician to play with national honor band

By JIM CUOZZO
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Bethlehem Central High School senior Amy Forando is one of only 100 high school musicians from across the country named to participate with the Honor Band of America.

Forando, who has been playing the oboe since she was 6, will perform in Indianapolis at Butler University March 14 - 17. She is one of only four Bethlehem students to ever receive the distinction.

"I was really surprised," Forando said of receiving the e-mail naming her for the selection. "It didn't really set in until a couple of days later."

Forando is no stranger to winning awards. She is a member of the school's wind ensemble, and she has been playing with the Empire State Youth Orchestra since ninth grade and was recently chosen to play with the New York Conference All-State Symphonic Band.

"I try to practice every day," said Forando.

Forando, the daughter of Vicky and Cliff Forando of Delmar, has a younger brother, Mason, who plays the trumpet, and a younger sister, Rachael, who used to play the flute. Forando is considering Lehigh University and the University of Rochester for her college academic career.

Louise Schwarz, the wind ensemble director at the high school who has been teaching music for 25 years, said being a band director with students like

Amy is like being in Utopia.

"She is a very humble young lady," said Schwarz, who is also very proud of the many honors her students have received so far this year in the wind ensemble.

"We had four kids selected to the New York State Honor Band and nine in the All-State band," Schwarz said. A quarter of the 51 students in the school wind ensemble received statewide musical recognition.

"Those are phenomenal numbers," said Schwarz.

Forando, modest about her musical accomplishments, is quick to note the many people who helped along the way, including Schwarz. Schwarz said oboe teacher Karen Hosmer, middle school band director George Smith, and Elsmere music teacher Cory DiFabio all receive credit for helping Forando along the way.

Forando also credits friend and clarinetist Vanessa Calaban for sharing the hours of practice and playing through the years.



Amy Forando, a Bethlehem high school senior, practices the oboe for her Honor Band of America performance at Butler University in Indianapolis.

"Vanessa and I would always play duets in the wind ensemble," said Forando.

Forando will receive the musical selections she will be playing over the next few months and begin preparations for the Indianapolis concert to be performed under the direction of University of Illinois band director James Keene. Schwarz will also be traveling to Indianapolis to attend the performance.

"Every student who comes back from the experience raves about the band, so I finally decided to go and see what it's like," said Schwarz.

Forando will also perform with the Empire State Youth Orchestra's popular "Melodies of Christmas" concert in December. The next wind ensemble concert with Forando and the high school symphony orchestra will be Jan. 8 at the high school.

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Stifle those yawns, people don't hibernate

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

Wild animals hibernate during the cold months. Not humans. We're "smarter." We buy snow blowers and shovels and do everything necessary to get out of our warm dens.

Studies show that when it's dark and cold, most people want to stay in bed and sleep. OK, I haven't read any scientific journals on this topic, but 100 percent of the people in my household feel this way.

Still, even when it's dark and chilly and pouring rain, we smart humans set alarm clocks. We can't allow ourselves to be lulled into a 16-hour nap by the soothing pitter-patter of raindrops on the roof.

No, humans must forge on, to work and school.

Perhaps this is not unlike the squirrels that must leave the shelter of a tree to gather nuts. But it does seem like the squirrels plan better and get more sleep. I've never seen a tired squirrel. I've never seen a squirrel trudging across my lawn, half-heartedly digging for nuts.

On the contrary, whenever I see squirrels they are always perky. I am amazed at how daring they are as they run across branches and leap from tree to tree. They are quite agile and must be mostly fur because even berry bushes can hold their weight.

Commentary:

From
Robin's Nest



"I wouldn't go that far out on such a flimsy branch," I once offered as commentary to my husband from my squirrel-watching vantage point at the window.

"You are not a squirrel," he replied.

Shortly after we moved to our house I named a tree in our backyard. I called it The Squirrel Apartment Building. I had been home sick, lying on the couch and staring out the window. All afternoon I watched a constant parade of squirrels traveling up and down the tree trunk. Some carried leaves on their way up, disappearing into what looked like a tiny hole near the top of the trunk.

A few years later we realized the large trunk was hollow and rotting. A tree expert said it was hard to tell how much longer the trunk would remain standing. He estimated that the tree trunk might stay put another decade, or it might fall over at any time and crush the garage.

We opted to have it cut down (the tree trunk, not the garage.) And, while we ended up with

lots of firewood, it also meant that we had to evict the squirrels. I felt a bit sad for the squirrels, but they had been living rent-free and I really couldn't sacrifice my garage.

Even after the eviction, the squirrels remained upbeat. I'm not so sure they actually lived in the tree so much as used it as a storage spot. Either way, there's no shortage of energetic squirrels in my yard. They hang out on my deck, messily eating the bounty they harvest from the nut trees.

Squirrels have energy, but they don't have very good manners. Those rodents leave piles of shells everywhere!

I don't know if squirrels are technically in the rodent family, but I do know that squirrels look cuter from a distance. Close up they look like rats, or at least what I imagine a large rat would look like.

I apologize to any squirrel lovers who are offended by my description of the animals as "rat-like." I also apologize to any rat lovers who are offended by my perception that rats are not very cute.

Basically, I just envy animals because they get to sleep a lot and they don't have to worry about daylight savings time. Most animals don't even wear a watch, so they don't have to worry about batteries either.

This time of year I feel extra tired. This happens to lots of people during what I call the season of dark: It's dark when we get up in the morning, and it's dark when we come home from work and school. When

it's dark, my body decides it must be bedtime.

To add extra insult, the season of dark is also the season of cold. I know technically it is still fall, but in my mind, winter starts in November. There's always the potential of snow in November and snow is a symbol of winter.

The fact that there is something called seasonal affective disorder means that lots of other people besides

amounts of flying creatures.

So, flying south may mean different things for different birds. For example, perhaps birds from Canada are happy in Albany. Albany birds need only travel down to Newburgh; birds from New York City to Pennsylvania; and so on.

One type that does go all the way to Florida is the snow bird. Snow birds fly by airplane and they eat early bird specials. Yes, I'm referring to retired people who winter in the Sunshine State.

Those of us who must remain in the Northeast during the season of dark must employ strategies to stay upbeat.

Every day it's important to take a break and go outside, even if it is only for five or 10 minutes. Yes, get outside, even if it is cold, even if it is overcast. If the sky is remotely light, put on a coat and get outside.

Breathe in the fresh air and go for a walk. Let the daylight hit your face (remember to wear sunscreen even in the winter).

Stay social. Go out to dinner, visit museums, and get together with other families.

Remember to exercise. Many holidays fall during The Season of Dark, so it's common to overeat. Doing aerobics is a good way to stay warm and avoid weight gain.

This time of year, it's easy to become lethargic and hide under an afghan. Perhaps it's because each of us has a bit of wild animal within. There's some primitive urge to hibernate.

Tomorrow, I will concentrate on my effort to get more sunlight, exercise, and plan a family activity. But right now, the couch is calling.

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me feel tired and cranky when it's dark and cold outside.

I wonder if owls get cranky during this time of year. I can imagine baby owls hooting in protest over having to go to bed when it's still dark out. It's similar to how children don't like going to bed in the summertime when it's still light out.

In parts of Alaska, it's daylight around the clock for half the year, and darkness for the other half. I don't know how people cope with all that darkness. I don't even want to think about how cold it gets in Alaska.

Birds have the right idea. They migrate south in the winter. When I was younger, I thought that meant that all birds flew to Florida. But I've been to Florida in the winter and haven't seen unusual

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Friday, November 17	73°/1928 7°/1972
Saturday, November 18	71°/1928 10°/1972
Sunday, November 19	71°/1921 12°/1972
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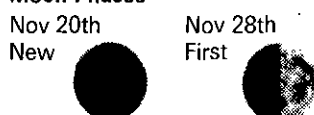
This week in weather

November 16-17, 2002 A coastal storm produced an early season bout of snow, sleet and freezing rain. Albany received close to 6" of snow with maximum depth of 3" due to sleet and ice. Up to 7" of snow fell in the Adirondacks. NW Connecticut had the worst freezing rain.

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Friday	6:49am	4:31pm
Saturday	6:50am	4:30pm
Sunday	6:52am	4:29pm
Monday	6:53am	4:28pm
Tuesday	6:54am	4:28pm

Moon Phases



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Rivers & Recreation

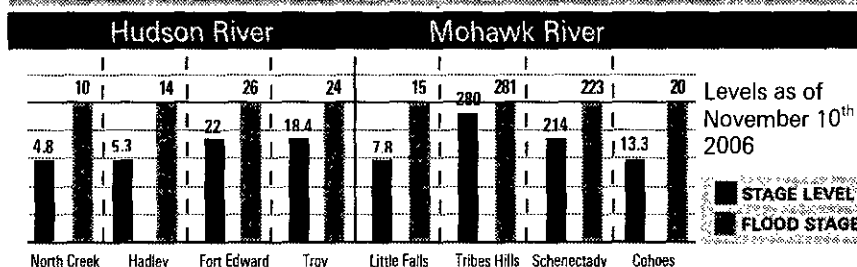
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Friday	1:57am, 2:35pm	8:37am, 9:09pm
Saturday	2:46am, 3:20pm	9:22am, 9:58pm
Sunday	3:31am, 4:02pm	10:06am, 10:44pm
Monday	4:14am, 4:42pm	10:48am, 11:29pm
Tuesday	4:53am, 5:20pm	11:29am, -----

Factoid

Maybe you think the season has been mild so far. A year ago, in 2005, the first third of November averaged 7.4 degrees above average and we had 3 days with highs in the 70s!

River Levels



New Scotland takes next step to acquire money for plan update

By ROB IRWIN
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At its Wednesday, Nov. 8, meeting, the New Scotland Town Board adopted a resolution supporting the preparation of a grant application to assist in funding an update of the town's 1994 comprehensive plan.

The 2006 Quality Communities Initiative Grant would provide 80 percent of the funding for an update.

The grant, which is given to about 25 percent of the communities that apply, would not commit the town to a comprehensive plan update. The money, if granted, would be available to the town for a period of two years. When that time expired, the money would be returned to the state if not used.

"The money that we may get through this grant would be there should we choose to do anything to our comprehensive plan," said councilman Doug LaGrange. "It doesn't commit us to anything."

Adopting the resolution strengthens the town's grant application, increasing its odds of being selected.

Councilwoman Peg Neri said the way the process was handled was not the way in which she liked to conduct town business.

"The grant application was being presented as a done deal before the board heard the recommendations of the ad hoc

committee formed," said Neri. "This is a cart-before-the-horse procedure."

During the discussion, New Scotland resident Daniel McKay said he would like to see the resolution passed.

"This is about opportunity, not about obligation at this time," said McKay, citing recent election results that could alter the availability of the annual grant in the future. "I want to encourage us to take advantage of this opportunity while we still can."

The resolution was adopted unanimously with two conditions that were requested by Neri and councilman Richard Reilly. One being that the board see the grant application before it was submitted, and the other was that it is the board's decision to move forward with any spending of the grant money.

In other town business, a public hearing was held before the regularly meeting to open discussion on the town's proposed budget before it is scheduled to be adopted Wednesday, Nov. 15. No questions were asked regarding the specifics of the budget, although one resident had a suggestion to help alleviate frustrations in attempting to figure out the often confusing individual tax rates following a reassessment year.

"You mentioned that it's difficult to tell townspeople how their tax rate will change because of their assessment value," said Melanie Ernst, who suggested

they follow the town of Bethlehem's lead by putting together a chart to simplify the conversion.

"It would certainly be of use to the public to do that," said Ernst. "I would hope that in the future this is something the town would do."

A second public hearing, which drew no public comment, was regarding the adoption of Local Law 8, which establishes mandatory county election charges as a separate item on the tax bill.

"In order to tax an item out of a budget and put it on a separate line on a tax bill, it requires a local law," said Supervisor Ed Clark. "Not having any influence on it, we want to segregate it from our budget and make it a separate item on our tax bill."

The town also discussed mileage reimbursement policy for town employees.

"We don't have anything definitive," said Clark, who recommended that the town look at state policy for a model and "consider it again at a later date."

Also at the meeting, Neri said Time Warner would not be running any new lines in the area because the company requests a density of 20 homes per mile before moving ahead with a project.

On Friday, Nov. 10, Neri said Time Warner had contacted the

town and agreed to run lines along parts of Indian Fields Road and on New Scotland Road despite not meeting its density requirements. The lines would add about 26 homes to Time Warner's service.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Time for election winners to tackle the issues

Was it only weeks ago that the nation's Democrats were under attack for not having a "plan?" If that's true, Election Day Democratic sweeps must be a fluke. Or maybe a plan wasn't necessary and poet Robert Burns was dead-on when he said something like the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

Regardless, at least in New York, there are a lot of jubilant Dems. Governor Elect Eliot Spitzer sailed into office and four-term U. S. Congressman John Sweeney, R-Clifton Park, got booted out of office in a Democratic landslide victory by Kirsten Gillibrand, D-Greenport.

What this political pendulum means for the average Jane or Joe remains to be seen.

President George W. Bush has two more years to serve to try to maintain his party's agenda. That's another question that remains to be addressed, now that Democrats have control of both the House and Senate. Many exit poll "experts" claim the ongoing war in Iraq helped turn the tide to the Democrats' favor. If that's so, why was the topic not raised before the election? In too many races, issues were obfuscated by personal non-issues.

And despite the touting of negative campaigning, many voters were put off by it.

Now we have a tabula rasa. Let's hope the new powers that be can effectively work to heed the wishes of the people — the people who elected them. We congratulate the winners in this year's election and sincerely hope that they don't succumb to the illusion of power of the office they hold.

The other thing political officials should bear in mind is that incumbents are not always shoo-ins because they are incumbents as we learned from the Sweeney race. In politics, almost anything can and often does go wrong.

In the next election, let's hope candidates accentuate the issues and keep away from the negative approach in campaigns. Name calling and finger pointing are crude tactics and often serve to open a Pandora's box of nastiness that tends to linger long after the election is over.

Our political system isn't perfect, but for now it's all we have. We should all work to make it function as aboveboard as possible. Our efforts should focus on making politicians accountable in both their campaigns and in the offices they hold.

Editorial

The road south is well worth traveling

By DICK BUYER

The writer is a Delmar resident.

It was a maiden voyage without water or champagne. But the odyssey did include a taste of nature, a bit of history, an animal safari, a tour of a unique aquarium and a visit to the most popular national park in the country.

In late September, my wife, Diane, and I completed a nine-day, 1,500-mile recreational vehicle roundtrip jaunt from Delmar to the legendary Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which covers sections of Tennessee and North Carolina.

The impetus for this journey was to test our new and smaller 21-foot RV. Previously, we owned a 23-foot vehicle with a slide that provided additional room, but plagued by the price of gas, we decided a smaller, less boxy vehicle would be more economical.

Initially, we had planned a trip to Nova Scotia, but at the last minute, our destination changed. Diane abhors the cold weather, which we would encounter driving north, and I was uncomfortable with the \$300 fee for a high-speed hydrofoil ride from Boston to the rugged Canadian maritime province. Weather and cost influenced our decision.

The journey really began when we left New York's Thruway for I-88, which traverses the scenic Schoharie Valley. Truly, it is an undiscovered landscape with farms, dwellings and church spires scattered among the rolling green terrain. It seems to be a sparsely settled bit of New York. Frequently, the highway climbs to an elevation, which permits a panoramic view of the area. The land was still lush as we traveled, creating the illusion that winter was in the far distant future.

We picked up a piece of unverified trivia — supposedly actor Harrison Ford in the

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recent past flew in a helicopter over the area, evaluating its potential as a home site. If true, that's a powerful endorsement of its qualities.

Aside from its eye appeal, the area is full of history. At one rest area, near Cooperstown, there's an official state plaque indicating that Abner Doubleday of baseball fame and Sam Waterman, the creator of the fountain pen, had roots here. Here's another fact to tuck into your memory bank: the official bugler for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant also came from this area.

After passing Binghamton, we left I-88 to travel on I-81, which led to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. At this point, about mid-afternoon of the first day, we drove in and out of rain. It is an added challenge to drive an RV through torrential downpours as tractor trailers pass on this two-lane highway (three lanes at times near cities) spewing mammoth amounts of water on the windshield. Although the wipers cycle rapidly, a driver is momentarily blinded until the wipers dispatch the water, clearing the glass. Throughout the entire trip, the endless volume of truck traffic encountered on highways proves that our economy thrives on these wheeled monsters.

For RV accommodations, Diane uses a cell phone and a KOA (campers of America) directory to reserve space at a site near our route. On our first night, we stayed in Pine Grove, Pa., about 200 miles from Albany. As a conservative driver generally traveling at 55 mph, my daily mileage varied between 300 and 400 miles a day.

For readers unfamiliar with RVs, the usual routine when arriving at a campsite is to connect the electrical cable for interior lights to the outside post, attach a TV cable and finally fasten a hose for water disposal. Over time, RVs pay for themselves by letting us avoid more expensive motel stays.

A visit to the Natural Bridges complex in the Shenandoah Valley near Lexington, Va., was the first of several highlights. To view this natural marvel, one walks down several flights of steps to a ravine where a small stream, over eons of time, has carved out an opening in stone that created a natural bridge.

Surveyed by George Washington, whose carved initials on the rock are still visible, the span towers 215 feet above the stream and a walkway that visitors use to walk under the bridge. In a sense, the bridge is a monument to the unyielding power of nature. It illustrates how the amazing erosive strength of water over millions of years can slowly tunnel its way through solid rock.

A short distance from the Natural Bridge is the 180-acre Virginia Safari Park. As you slowly drive 3 miles through a snake-like, hilly road, there's a diversity of animals whose numbers might be

candidates for a modern-day Noah's Ark. They often block the road, requiring a driver to stop to allow them to pass, or remain stationary for several minutes in a quest for food. Wide-eyed, the animals push their faces and noses against the windows, hoping for a treat. Llamas, zebras and emus — Australia's national, ostrich-like bird — examined us. There are seven hundred animals at this outdoor zoo; some erect, some lying down, and some gathered in groups. A few of the other species are different types of deer, camels, elk, giraffe, yak and buffalo. For visitors, the motorized tour was a fascinating hour-and-a-half observation of much of the animal kingdom.

Gatlinburg was our final destination, and the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It is reputed to be the most-visited park in the nation. Encompassing more than 521,000 acres, more than 50 peaks soar more than 5,000 feet above sea level. Unlike the parks in the West, the Smokies park was not created from federally owned lands but from 1,200 family farms and the sale of 18 lumber companies. Called "Land of the Blue Mist" by the Cherokee Indians, the park was officially dedicated in 1940 by then-President Franklin Roosevelt.

Another park statistic will boggle the mind: another 16 mountains soar over 6,000 feet high. A drive up to one of the summits on a serpentine road is frequently interrupted by pull-offs which themselves are all equally impressive. The view from one summit — 6,400 feet — was obscured by fog but the vistas en route to the top was ample reward for nature's lack of cooperation. There is also a gondola ride available from the city providing another panoramic perspective.

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies in Gatlinburg is definitely worth a visit. It is a modern structure which required three years of labor to build, contains 115,000 square feet and its fish tanks hold 1.4 million gallons of water. About 10,000 sea creatures displayed in a variety of exhibits dazzle and enthrall the visitor. One of the more unique features is the moving walkway in the shark lagoon which inches observers past acrylic ceiling-high tanks filled with these streamlined predators. Thus, the aquarium's design allows visitors to get up close and personal with these and other examples of marine life. A tour of this facility was a great climax to our southern journey.

The sights en route to the south were also memorable and could be termed an unexpected bonus, even though the Smoky Mountains were our primary destination. There's scenery, history, good food — and cheaper fuel — all providing incentives to consider this area as a future vacation destination.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Public Lands Day preserves environmental legacy

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the end of September, 23 environmental and outdoor organizations in the Capital Region observed National Public Lands Day at the Albany Pine Bush on New Karner Road.

It is significant that the city of Albany proposed expanding the Albany landfill into the Pine Bush, then reversed course and decided not to. "Public Lands in Public Hands" was a win for Save the Pine Bush, Inc. and all of us.

Public Lands Day is a day each year when we celebrate natural treasures like our parks, forests and wildlife refuges. As part of our natural heritage, every American is part owner of 655 million acres of federal public lands and waters. These are the places where we hike, camp, hunt and fish, where wildlife live and raise their young, and where we seek solace and solitude.

They are the foundation of local economies, reservoirs for wildlife as well as reservoirs of freedom. These are places as far away as Yellowstone National Park and as close to home as the C&O Canal.

Public Lands Day is the perfect opportunity to get outside and show how much we care about our wild places and open spaces. This year, it was also a time to demonstrate citizens' support for the continued ownership, protection and restoration of our public lands.

Places we once thought would be held in public trust forever are now at risk of being sold to the highest bidder. Over the last year, various proposals by the Bush administration and some in Congress would remove land from the public trust. Last fall, U. S. Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., proposed selling off more than a

dozen parcels of public land, including Roosevelt Island on the Potomac. Rather than auction off these special places to private development and the highest bidder, public lands should remain in public hands for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.

Once these special places are sold, they are gone forever.

Even the public lands that remain in the public trust are increasingly threatened by destructive oil and gas drilling, logging and other abusive development.

In recent years, the Bush administration has promoted and expedited drilling plans in the Western U.S. and Alaska at an alarming rate.

Federal agency officials can't keep up with the pace of permitting, much less conduct meaningful environmental analyses.

There are, and will continue to be, competing pressures on America's public lands, especially as the country grapples with energy concerns. But selling off or recklessly developing our vast public estate will not solve our

problems. Indeed, many of these places could end up being the last wild places and open spaces we can explore, enjoy and pass on to future generations.

Whether it's your neighborhood playground or a vast National Park, these are places we all enjoy and want our children to enjoy as well, so we must take steps now to protect and restore them.

You can help restore a trail, pick up trash, or pull out invasive weeds. Get your hands dirty and show how much you care. We can be proud of these places, but we can't take them for granted.

The natural legacy we leave our children and grandchildren depends on the steps we take today as stewards of America's wild places and wildlife.

Great conservationists like John Muir and presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt and Jimmy Carter had the foresight to create and protect our vast public lands estate. Public Lands Day is the perfect way to carry on and honor their legacy.

Joe Gardner
Delmar

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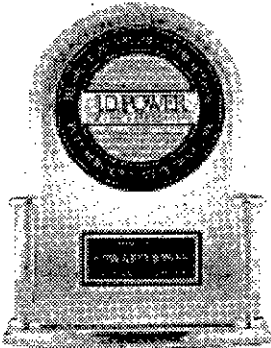


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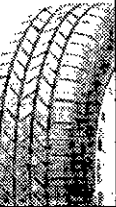
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Your Opinion

Donovan says thank you for voter confidence

Editor: The Spotlight:

I wish to thank the voters of the town of Bethlehem for giving me the opportunity to continue serving as their town justice.

I also thank the many volunteers who campaigned with me throughout this fall.

I am humbled and grateful for their tireless efforts.

As a town justice I have the opportunity to bring about positive change on a daily basis, for that I am most grateful.

We have a great community in the town of Bethlehem, and I will work to maintain the safety and quality of life that we enjoy and have to come to expect here.

Ryan T. Donovan
Bethlehem town justice

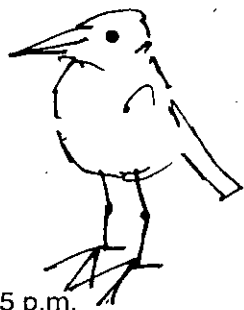
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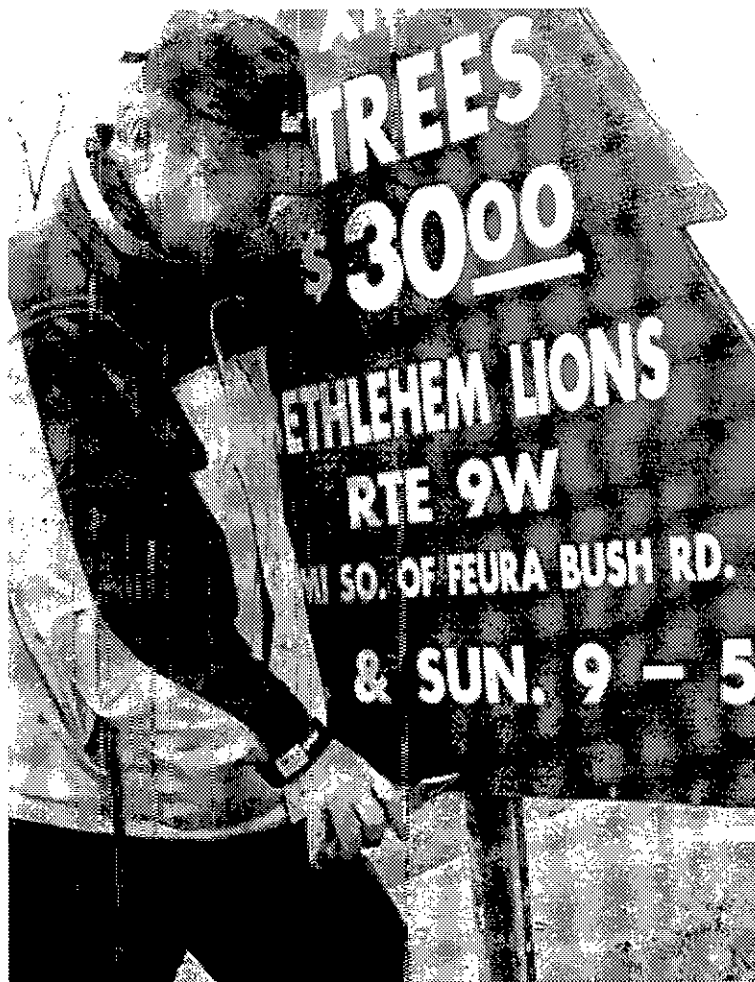
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Jim Franco/Spotlight

IN BRIEF

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On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., the voices of 12 local church choirs will be united in song for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

The public is invited to attend the annual event, which will feature more than 100 vocalists, with organ accompaniment and prayer led by area ministers. A bell ensemble from the Delmar Lutheran Church and a string quartet consisting of Bethlehem High School musicians will also perform.

The service is a unique program offering the community an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving together through song and prayer with the goal of promoting a deeper understanding among various religious denominations.

A variety of anthems, old and new, will be performed, including such standards as "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "In the Garden."

Although there is no charge for admission, a free will offering will be collected in order to ease the plight of those in the community who are in need. A reception will be held at the conclusion of the service.

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RCS middle school to conduct food drive for "Choices"

The RCS Middle School French Club and Natural Helpers will conduct a food drive through Nov. 21.

Non-perishable items can be donated in the school's main office.

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Choices Program in Faith Plaza, Ravena and will be distributed to local families for the Thanksgiving season.

'Jubilee' service at Presbyterian Church to celebrate 50 years

The 50th anniversary celebration of Delmar Presbyterian Church will culminate with a special worship service on Sunday, Nov. 19. As the church completes the celebration of its first 50 years, the congregation will rededicate itself to serving God and neighbors over the next 50 years.

The Jubilee Service will feature a guest pastor with roots in the Capital District. The Reverend Rick Spalding will share the pulpit with Pastor Larry Deyss on this special occasion. Reverend Spalding is the former associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. He is currently the chaplain and coordinator of Community

Service at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Reverend Spalding will participate in liturgy and deliver the sermon. His topic, "Our Time," will lead the church congregation from past to future: to what the spirit is calling the church to be and to do in the next 50 years.

The Jubilee worship will be a service of reflection and rededication, celebrated with special music, liturgy and a guest preacher, all intended to bring the church to and through this intersection of past and future with renewed vigor, vision and commitment.

The congregation has celebrated its anniversary throughout the year with many events, including a church birthday party for children, a 50's sock hop dance, special community outreach programs and a celebratory dinner planned for Saturday, Nov. 18 at Normanside Country Club.



RCS elementary school students conduct their own exercise in democracy last week, casting votes on who will represent them in their individual school's student governments. Above, AW Becker Elementary School fourth grader, Christina Vasto, casts a ballot on Wednesday. She went on to win her race for student government secretary.

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Porco prosecutor to move to private practice

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On Monday morning, Michael McDermott, the chief felony prosecutor for the Albany County District Attorney's office and lead prosecutor in the Christopher Porco murder trial, announced his intention to leave his current position to join the Albany-based law firm of O'Connell and Aronowitz, effective Jan. 1.

This will conclude McDermott's third separate tenure with the district attorney's office. McDermott said his decision to leave the district attorney's office and rejoin the private practice of law was influenced by a variety of factors.

"I'm not leaving the DA's office because I'm disappointed with anything in the office," said McDermott at a press conference in the law firm's State Street

offices. "It was never intended to be a long-term move. I stayed longer than I originally intended to see the Porco case to the end."

McDermott was instrumental in winning the conviction this summer in the high-profile trial of Christopher Porco, found guilty of murdering his father, Peter Porco, and attempting to murder his mother, Joan Porco.

According to McDermott, the Porco trial was loaded with interesting legal issues, and he looks forward to handling cases in the future that are just as enthralling from a legal aspect, albeit from the other side.

McDermott, with previous civil trial and criminal defense experience, said the transition to defending, rather than prosecuting, doesn't pose a problem.

"For the system to work, you need to have people fighting on both sides," said McDermott, "and that's what I intend to do."

The most difficult part of the transition, said McDermott, will be devoting himself to individual clients.

At O'Connell and Aronowitz, McDermott will be working with senior partner Stephen Coffey, a criminal defense attorney and civil trial lawyer, and with Peter Danzinger



McDermott

on major injury cases concentrating on the representation of injured children.

Coffey called McDermott "a man of impeccable integrity and unquestioned competence."

"I can not tell you how delighted we are to have Mike joining us," said Coffey.

McDermott contacted Coffey approximately four to six weeks ago about leaving the district attorney's office and joining the private practice. According to Coffey, McDermott would have been contacted by the firm had McDermott not reached out first.

The Porco conviction, said Coffey, was not the primary factor in wanting McDermott to join the firm. He said had the verdict gone the way of the defense, McDermott would still be joining the law firm. Coffey said it was McDermott's calm, competence, integrity and skill that McDermott

demonstrated throughout the Porco trial that attracted the law firm's attention.

According to McDermott, there is little chance that he will return as a prosecutor with the office of the district attorney.

"I made it pretty clear this was the last goodbye," said McDermott of announcing his decision to his colleagues.

McDermott also said he had no plans to run for the office of district attorney in the future.

"I consider staying right here and establishing a successful private practice," said McDermott. "I'm looking forward now to representing the people of the Capital District."

Albany County District Attorney David Soares thanked McDermott in a written statement.

"On behalf of the people of Albany County, I would like to thank Michael McDermott for his seven years of service with the Office of the Albany County District Attorney," the press release said. "Michael has had a history of accomplishment with this office and is embarking on a new course in his professional life."

Soares called McDermott "a loyal public servant and a wonderful friend."

"I am confident that he will serve the interests of his clients with the same passion and commitment he showed to the people of Albany County."

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Business *in the* Spotlight

Beff's unveils expanded tap

By JIM CUOZZO
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A variety of draft beers Delmar residents have not seen in town for quite some time is on tap at Beff's Restaurant at the Four Corners, and customers are greeting the change with a hearty smile.

The restaurant held a celebration Thursday, Nov. 2, to unveil the reopened and expanded tap, which can now accommodate up to 30 beers. Musical group Hair of the Dog helped usher in the new era.

Mainstays such as Guinness, Harp and Budweiser will now be accompanied by beers like Tetley's English Ale, Blue Moon and Drunkin Punkin, a combination of Guinness and Pumpkin Ale.

"We have about 12 die-hard mainstays, and the rest will change every few months," said Beff's manager John Poole.

The tap at Beff's was out of commission for nearly three months, and when it was operating could only accommodate up to six or seven different beers.

"The response has been good," said Poole. "Half the

people that come in look for the old familiar names, and the other people come in for something different."

On a recent busy Saturday night, customers asked for Anchor Steam, Guinness, Blue Moon and a new early winter ale called Magic Hat Roxy Rollies, while visiting with friends and enjoying their favorite sporting events on one of the many flat-screen televisions.

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John Poole

That very same night, Nov. 4, televisions were tuned to CBS' "48 Hours Mystery"

show about the Christopher Porco murder trial. As patrons and staff waited for the show to begin, a large out-of-town wedding party pre-empted the viewing just before 10 p.m., adding its own stamp of fun to the scene.

Poole said Christopher Porco frequently ate at Beff's, and his favorite dish was a chicken salad melt with sautéed onions. "People were mostly respectful," Poole said of the notorious patron's dining experiences during the trial.

The restaurant opened for business in Delmar in 1997 around St. Patrick's Day, and an anniversary celebration is scheduled for next March. The

first Beff's restaurant opened in 1991 in Albany. The restaurant is known for its giant burgers, wings and Irish nachos, along with a full menu list. Beff's stands for Big Ed Fat Field, one of the owners.

On a side note, regular patrons may have noticed the portrait of the late Bobby Walsh has been moved from one side of the room to another wall on the opposite side of the bar.

"Bobby Walsh was an old guy who sat down at the end of the bar and talked to customers and staff, and everyone loved him," Poole said.

Walsh was a patron at Beff's and its predecessor Brockley Tavern.

"He was a fixture, and he drank Miller Light," Poole said.

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Doane Stuart raises over \$4 million in one month

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In August 2006, Doane Stuart announced the possibility of a merger with area academies as the School's campus was being sold by the U.S. Province of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, owners of the Doane Stuart property. The reaction to the

merger resulted in a massive outpouring of interest in, and support by the Doane Stuart community to keep the School where it is and maintain its own identity. In fact, parents asked for the opportunity of raising the money to buy the property.

Under the leadership of Doane Stuart parent and Albany attorney, George Carpinello (of Boies, Schiller and Flexner), the initial parent phase of the Campaign for Doane Stuart was launched. The pledges and donations, to date, exceed the parent goal of \$1 million and the total of all pledges and gifts adds up to over \$4 million. Now the School will approach alumni and friends in a second phase of more public fundraising that will extend to the broader Albany community. This will be managed by the

Development Committee of the Board and Mr. Carpinello, who are, together, mapping out the strategy.

This is the initial effort in a two-phase campaign to raise \$10 – \$15 million, necessary to buy and sustain the property.

Church coffeehouse to showcase local talent

The public is invited to enjoy the sounds of local talent at the Glenmont Church Coffeehouse on Nov. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend.

The Coffeehouse is a relaxed, enjoyable and diverse location for the community to showcase their musical abilities or sit back and listen.

Besides music, fairly-traded coffee, tea cold beverages and snacks are available.

Anyone who brings two non-perishable food items for the Venture Churches Food Pantry will receive a free beverage.

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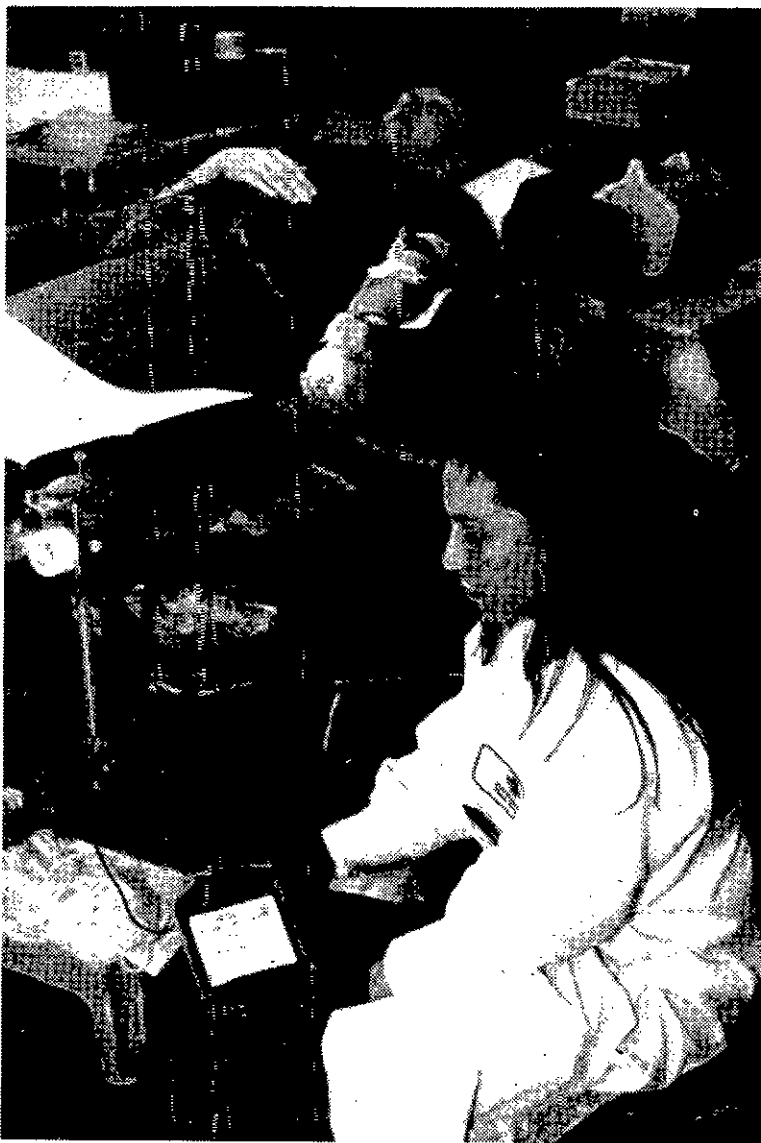
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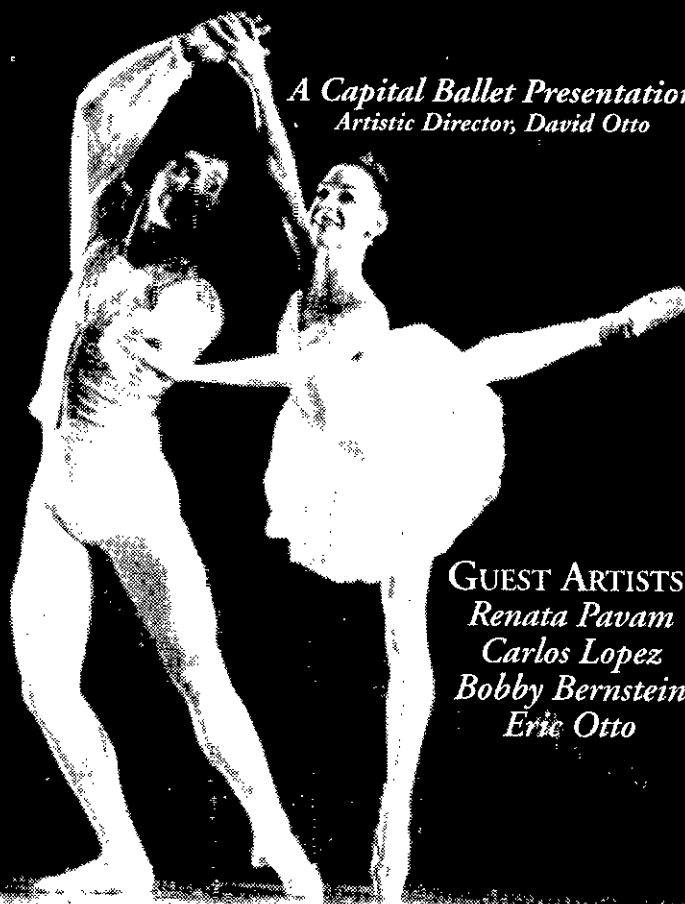
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All profits from the day are sent to mission projects.

Pleistocene Ice Age program

Mammoths, Mastodons and Sabertooth Tigers Program will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library.

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Native American Thanksgiving

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The Native American tradition of Thanksgiving honors the gifts of the natural world.

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Tree lighting

The Helderview Garden Club will be holding an old fashioned community tree lighting on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m. in Evergreen Park in Voorheesville.

For information, call Kit Yezzi at 765-5632.

Holiday Mix-n-Mingle

St. Matthew's is planning a

Holiday Mix-n-mingle on Friday, Dec. 1 in the parish center social hall from 7 to 10 p.m.

The adults-only event is for members of the community. There will be a silent auction, mystery auction and a surprise raffle. A variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and desserts and beverages will be available.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$10; \$12 at the door.

For information, call Linda Conway at 765-4308, Linda Pasquali at 765-4990, Katy Bogart at 765-9136, Karen

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Preschool silent auction

The Voorheesville Community Preschool will hold a silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 18, in conjunction with the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville's Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are many gift certificates, crafts, gift baskets, etc. from local businesses available for bidding.

Winners will be announced at 1 p.m.

PTA to meet

The next meeting for the Voorheesville PTA will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Voorheesville Elementary School library.

All are invited to attend.

Wreath-making workshop

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center is holding a holiday wreath making workshop on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The workshop will be divided into a morning session, from 10 a.m. to noon, and an afternoon session, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants can create a beautiful 24" holiday wreath from freshly cut greenery, pinecones, rosehips and ribbon.

Participants should bring a pair of garden sheers for cutting greenery.

The workshop is appropriate for ages 14 and older, and the fee for the workshop is \$12 per wreath.

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The Advantages of Leasing in the 4th Quarter: Equipment Acquisition Solutions with Tax Benefits

By KAREN
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Having the right equipment at the right time can make all the difference in running a successful small business. But the high cost of new equipment can make keeping up with rapidly changing technology difficult. Paying cash for equipment, or making large down payments, can deplete your liquidity, and

undercapitalization is one of the primary reasons small businesses fail. Leasing equipment, instead of purchasing it, is often a good option. Leasing preserves cash flow and facilitates technology upgrades. And during the final quarter of the year, leasing has additional benefits.

Any time of the year, leasing preserves cash by offering 100 percent financing, affordable monthly payments and the ability to include "soft costs" such as shipping, installation and training. You can even match payments to seasonal

cash flow. At the end of the year, due to tax timing, leases are often most attractively priced, making this time of year particularly advantageous for acquiring capital assets.

Leasing can also help if you are concerned about the IRS "4th and 40" rule, which can penalize companies for acquiring more than 40 percent of their equipment in the fourth quarter; or if the company is subject to alternative minimum tax (AMT). By structuring a tax lease now, businesses can avoid taking tax ownership for additional equipment,

obtain a lower cost of financing compared to a traditional loan or finance agreement and still acquire the equipment needed to grow and remain competitive.

A lease is a contract between a lessee (the company leasing the equipment) and a lessor (the company that owns the equipment and finances the lease) to use equipment for a specified length of time at an agreed-on payment. By leasing, a company can transfer the uncertainties and risks of equipment ownership to the leasing company and concentrate on using that equipment as a productive part of its business. You have several end-of-lease options, including buying the equipment (often for as little as \$1), returning it to the lessor or renewing the lease.

Leasing can help small businesses quickly adapt to changes in technology or the business climate, allowing you to respond quickly to new opportunities with minimal red tape. Leasing also gives you the agility to adapt to technological changes by matching the lease term to the equipment's expected useful life, with flexible options that let you replace or upgrade equipment as needed. Accordingly, many businesses utilize leasing for acquisition of computer equipment and other assets subject to technical obsolescence or with a short useful life. As a result, a company can use the latest equipment, thereby improving productivity, with the acquired equipment paying for itself.

Enhanced Tax Management

Leasing could be your most cost-effective choice for capital equipment acquisitions because it can help you manage your tax liability. Certain tax considerations, such as the ability to expense payments or deduct interest and depreciation, are available, depending on the type and structure of the lease. The IRS does not consider certain leases to be a purchase but rather a tax-deductible overhead expense, which may allow payments to be fully deducted as business expense on the company's tax return. In addition, some leases may be considered operating leases for accounting purposes, meaning they do not appear as debt on a company's balance sheet.

If your company has purchased equipment this year,

you should consider whether you can take advantage of a temporarily increased and extended tax benefit: The IRS Code Section 179 provides accelerated write-offs for

capital equipment that small businesses purchase and own for tax purposes. Between now and December 31, 2009, businesses purchasing \$430,000 or less in capital equipment during any tax year can deduct up to \$108,000 of that expense on their tax return. In 2010, the capital expense limit will

decrease to \$200,000 and the available tax write-off will decrease to \$25,000. (If your business acquires more than \$430,000 in capital assets during any given tax year, the deduction decreases by \$1 for each dollar you spend over the capital expenditure limit.)

Leasing might be the best way to preserve a growing company's ability to take a Section 179 deduction on the first \$430,000 of equipment it purchases in a year. By leasing equipment acquisitions that exceed \$430,000, and allowing the lessor to be the tax owner of that equipment, your company may be able to retain its full Section 179 deduction. Using a tax lease to finance equipment allows you to trade in unused tax benefits in return for an overall lower cost of financing. Plus, depending on the structure, a lease could result in improved cash-flow and financial statement ratios. You should, of course, consult your tax advisor to clarify your business situation before entering into a leasing agreement.

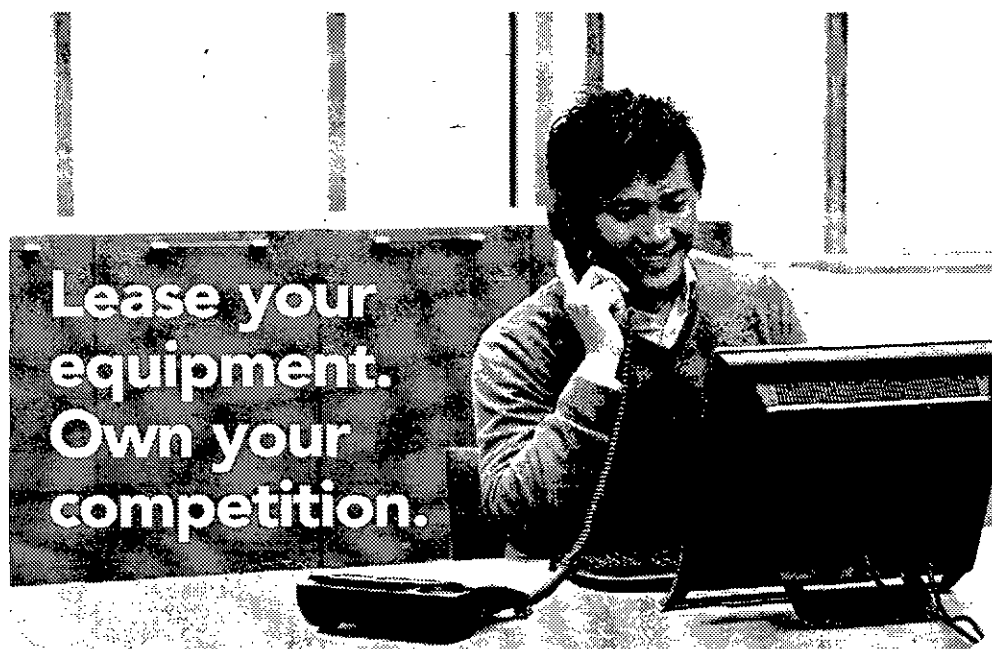
To Learn More

It's important to work with an experienced, established leasing company. To assist in the search for a leasing company, the Equipment Leasing Association (ELA) has developed a tool called Choose Leasing, available at www.ChooseLeasing.org. This site will provide answers to your questions about leasing and offer important information you should know before signing a leasing contract.

About the author: Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas has 22 years experience in meeting the financial services needs of companies of every size and type in the Glens Falls, Saratoga and Capital Region. Her office is at 66 South Pearl in Albany and she can be reached at 257-8937 or Karen_Zalewski-Wildzu@KeyBank.com



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Workshops on the art of collecting continue

The Library Friends continue with workshops designed to acquaint you with the art of collecting by experts in different fields.

"Books, Books, Books" will be addressed on Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. by William L. Simmons of Slingerlands, specializing in mystery and detective fiction, and Bill Healy of Schenectady, rare book specialist from Bibliomania. Both speakers are members of the Upstate New York Antiquarian Booksellers.

Learn what kinds of books are worth holding on to, how valuable they might be, and tips for new or experienced collectors. Bring a book you have been saving and have it looked at by an expert.



The next presentation will be about ephemera (photographica, prints, autographs, political Americana and other printed materials) on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Holiday Mitten Tree

From Nov. 19 to Dec. 13, you can add your cozy gift for a child to our holiday Mitten Tree in the children's area. We are partnered this year with St. Catherine's Center to make some abused, neglected or homeless children's lives warmer and brighter.

Smart stepfamilies

Learning how to talk so the kids will listen, and other important issues such as discipline, will be addressed for parents in step-family relationships on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. You are not alone. Registration is requested. Call 765-2791.

Fine-free week

Start digging now for buried books, CDs, DVDs and other borrowed items. You can return them all to the library with no fines the first week in December.

Kids' contest: Books and cooks

The judging for the cooking contest takes place on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 12:30 p.m. Kids can submit their favorite recipes for possible inclusion in a regional cookbook. You must register if you are going to be a contestant. After the winners are decided we will have a tasting feast. Books,

fun and food are on the menu. If you are not entering, come to watch.

Medicare Part D

Nov. 27 is the general informational meeting about Medicare Part D at 1 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend and have questions answered. The program is presented by Albany County Health Insurance, Information, Counseling and Assistance Program. Individual appointments for personal assistance can be scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1 or Friday, Dec. 8. Call 765-2791.

Ongoing programs

Lifelines writers meet on Thursday, Nov. 16, the non-fiction book discussion on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Closing

The library will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and reopen on Friday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m. There will be no story time that day.

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.

IN BRIEF

Delmar, Voorheesville offer stroke screening

Residents living in and around the Delmar and Voorheesville communities can be screened to reduce their risks of having a stroke.

Life Line Screening Radiology will be at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar, Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m., and the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple Ave., Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

Screenings involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke; aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also a bone density screening is offered to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is \$109. Sign up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only \$129.

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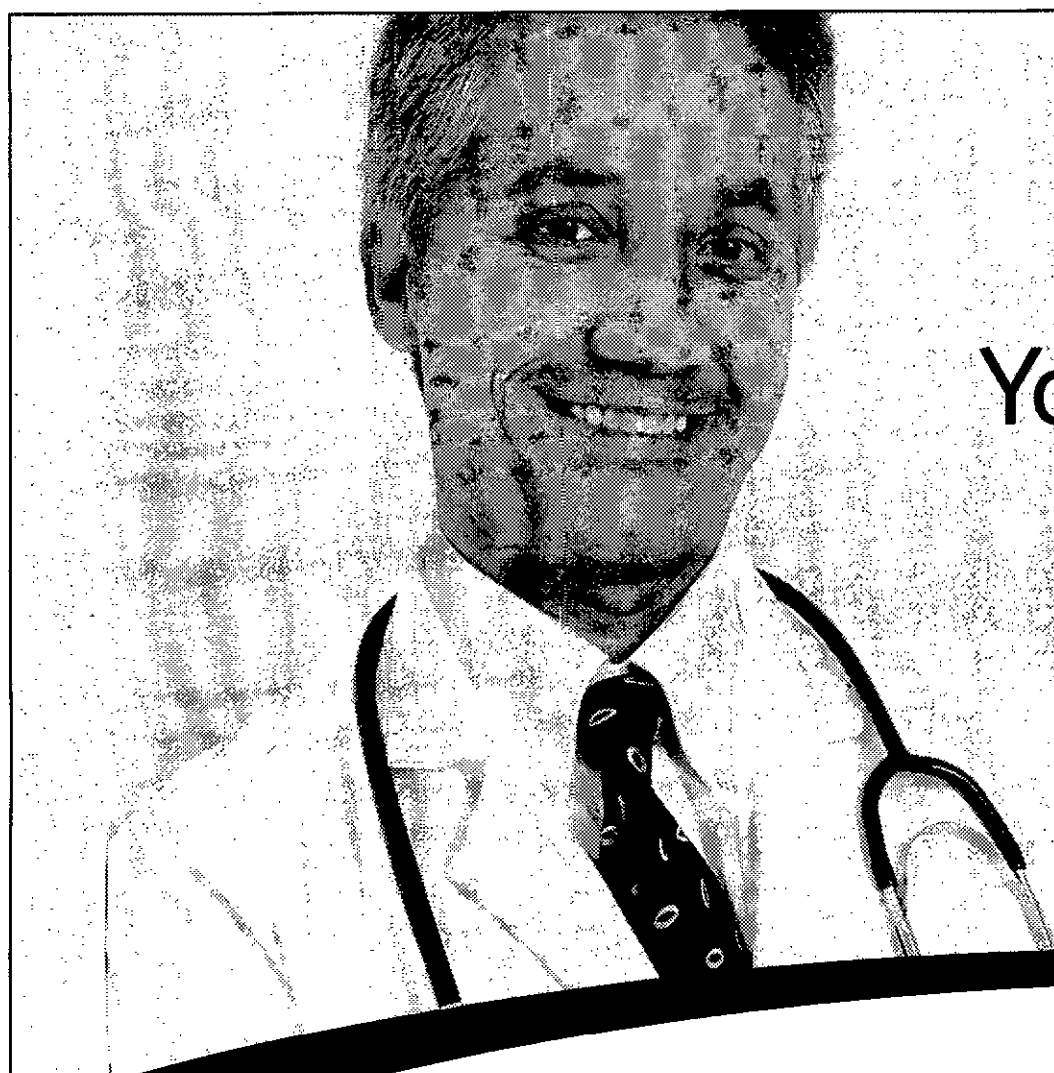


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IN BRIEF

BCHS Class of '86 sets Thanksgiving reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1986 is having its 20-year reunion on Thanksgiving weekend 2006. The main event will be hosted at the Normanside Country Club, 165 Salisbury Road in Delmar, on Friday, Nov. 24. There are additional events being planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, to be determined.

Visit the reunion Web site at www.bchs1986.com for details. To date, we have located 139 classmates. On the Web site, we have a list of located and lost classmates. Take a look, do we have your information? Can you help us find someone who graduated with us in '86?

Please contact 207-0468 to receive or add information. Classmates are also encouraged to register their email addresses at the BC website at www.bcsd.k12.ny.us/alumni.

Class of '96 reunion

Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1996 is planning a 10-year reunion.

The date is set for Friday, Nov. 24 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Pearl Restaurant and Lounge in Albany.

The charge is \$40 per person. Please contact bchs96reunion@yahoo.com with any questions or for further information.

Senior trip offered to garden train show

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Independent schools host info session

The Capital Region Independent Schools Association (CRISA) invites parents for an informational reception to explore options for their children's education.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the St. Gregory's School campus, 121 Old Niskayuna Road, Loudonville.

Participating schools include Albany Academy, Albany Academy for Girls, Bethlehem Children's School, Brown School, Christian Brothers Academy, Doane Stuart School, Emma Willard School, Robert C. Parker School, St. Gregory's School for Boys, Saratoga Independent School, Susan Odell Taylor School, Waldorf School of Saratoga, Woodland Hill Montessori School.

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3. Consider customer services such as toll-free numbers, Web sites and complaint handling.
4. Check out billing and payment options.

5. Confirm the details of the agreement. Be sure to check with your ESCO about early termination fees prior to enrolling in a contract. If the fees are not clearly stated, ask the ESCO for an estimate of the early termination fee based on your energy usage.

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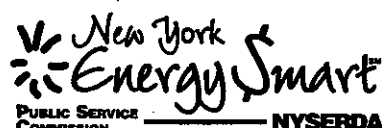
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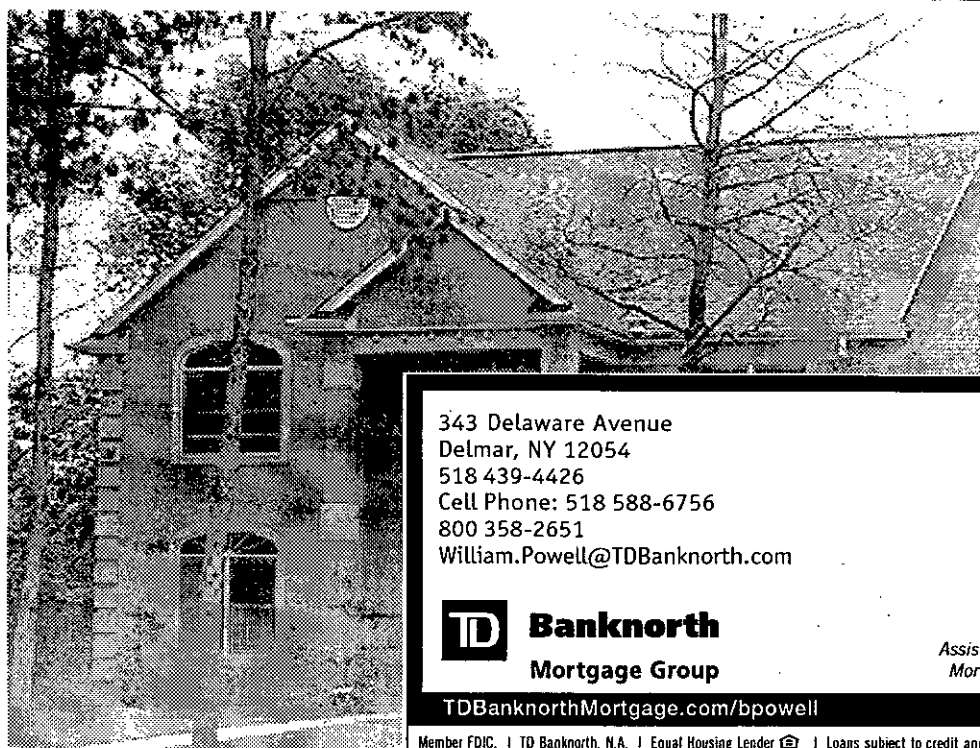
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Library talk features Hudson Valley artist

Hudson Valley artist Len Tantillo will present "Passage to the Frontier: painting life on the Hudson River in the 17th century" at Bethlehem Public Library's annual American Education Week lecture on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.

Through the window of Tantillo's paintings, the audience will glimpse an extraordinary era in state history when the ambitions of Colonial Europeans came up against native people in an unspoiled natural environment.

Tantillo's work shows the combined influence of 19th-century American Luminists (Lane, Kensett, Cropsey, Church and others) and the great marine artists of the past. Evident in all his paintings are a sense of adventure and a knack for visual storytelling.

Tantillo's work has appeared in books, periodicals, and television documentaries in the United States and abroad. His paintings have been exhibited in



numerous galleries across the country. Most recently, his painting "The Marigold at Raspberry Island, 1939" was selected for the 21st annual Mystic International Exhibition and won the Rudolph J. Schaefer Award.

Friends of the Library will host a dessert reception following the talk, which is free and open to the public.

Book ends Slide show celebrates Amelia Earhart

Born in 1897, pioneering female aviator Amelia Earhart mysteriously disappeared over the Pacific during a round-the-world flight in 1937.

Marion Grimes of the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum

presents the life of this remarkable woman through slides, artifacts and music in "The essence of Amelia — the flying feminist" at Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, the program also receives support from the Schenectady County Incentive Program, Scotia and Glenville rotaries, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Sources of slides are Purdue University Libraries and the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery.

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• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

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All events must be open to the public and announcements should contain the date, time, location and cost (if any) of the event, along with contact information. Announcements are published space and time permitting.

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IN BRIEF

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Mammoths, mastodons, giant sloths, and giant beavers roamed North America 18,000 years ago, feeding on cold climate plants, and pursued by predators like sabertoothed cats.

Who lived here? How did they survive? And why did 70 species of large mammals go extinct 10,000 years ago? Explore the history of life during the pleistocene ice age with Chuck Ver Straeten of the state museum.

The program will be presented at the annual meeting of the Friends of Thacher Park.

Call 872-0800 for information.

• On Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Thacher Nature Center will hold its sixth annual Native American Thanksgiving.

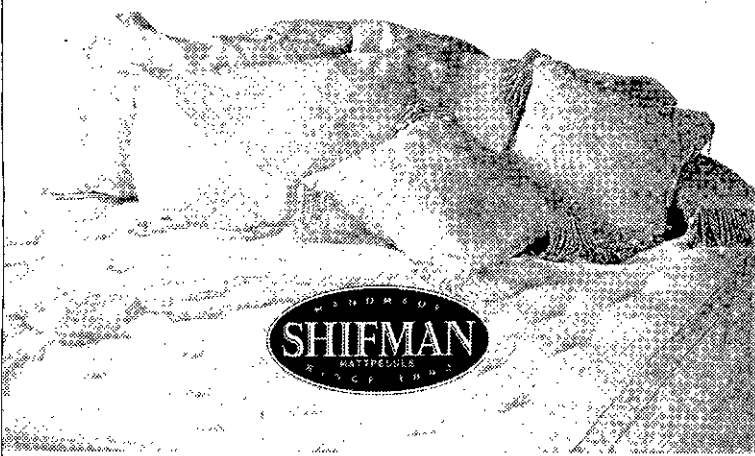
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Try your hand at grinding corn and throwing a spear, make a pouch or friendship bracelet, and gather in the teepee for stories with Mohawk teacher Rainbow Weaver. Learn about edible plants and sample wild foods. Program fee is \$2 for adults, \$5 for families, with small materials fees for the crafts. Refreshments will be available.

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LEDs have been around for

years. They provide high quality, durable, and safe lighting with low energy consumption, using 0.04 watts—a fraction compared to normal holiday lights. For instance, the average operating cost of a 300-light strand of LED holiday lights costs three dollars less than the more common incandescent mini-lights. They come in a wide variety of colors, can be strung in long lengths and when one bulb burns out, the entire strand keeps working, making replacement easy. In addition, LEDs do not necessarily burn out, but fade and slowly dim as time goes on. The lights typically burn bright for up to 100,000 hours or more than 11 holiday seasons.

New in many retail stores, is an artificial tree outfitted with fiber optic lighting in the branches. With one small

light bulb and optional color wheel, beautiful light is transmitted through the fibers with none of the heat. Many trees have rotating bases and come in sizes from two to eight feet. Set it up, place your favorite decorations on and you are done.

Mini-lights are very popular and consume 0.4 watts, come in long lengths for in and outdoor use, with many colors to suit any festive need. You will also find CFLs, with a mini-base, to fit into candelabras and small holiday displays providing bright, warm light.

Information about holiday lighting, and other energy-saving tips for your home and business can be found by visiting the **New York Energy SmartSM** website, www.GetEnergySmart.org

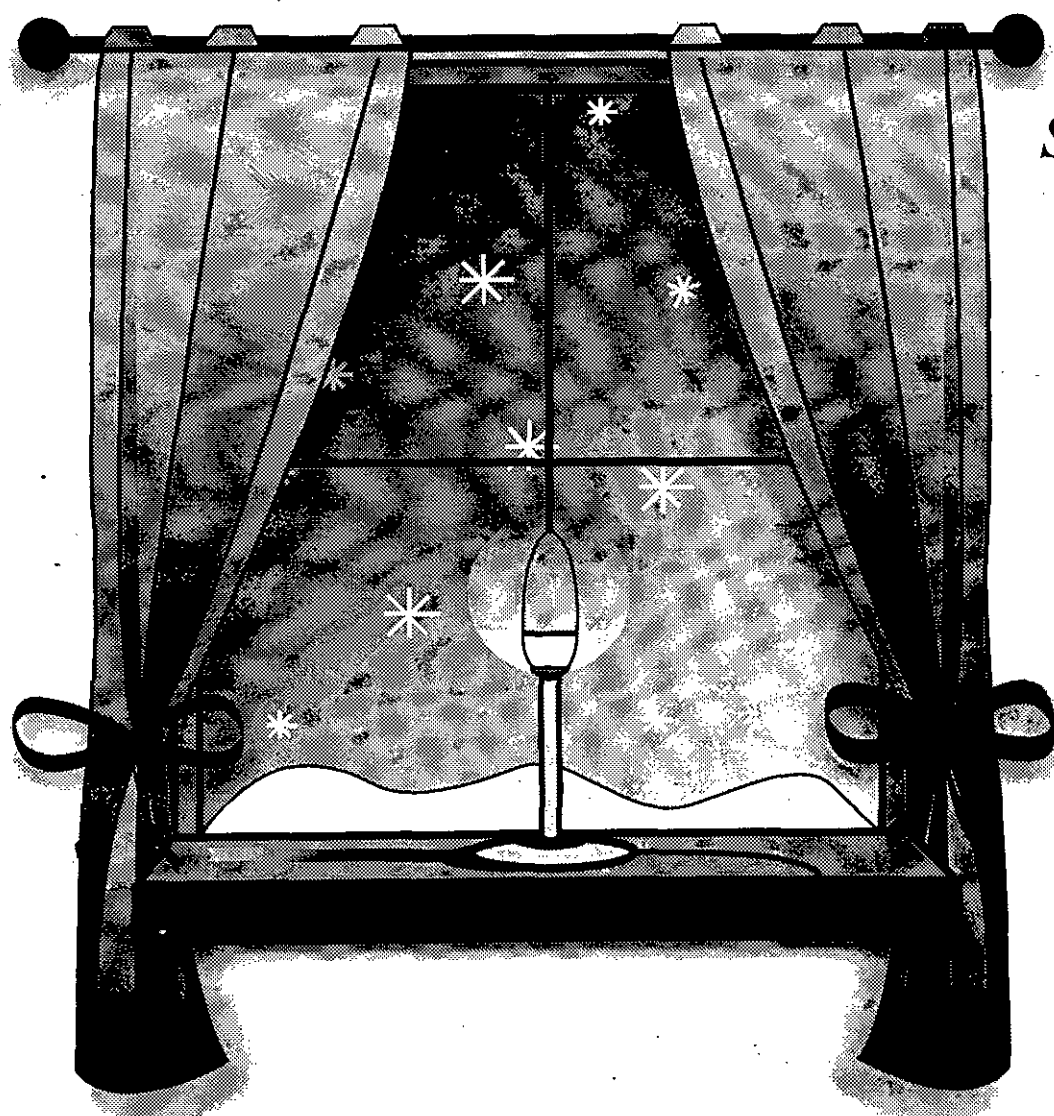
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Around the County

With elections over, officials turn to HAVA compliance

By GRAHAM S. PARKER
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After clocking 20 hours on Election Day, Albany County's Board of Elections commissioners traded glances from across the room, each one seeming to say, "Now what?"

With mid-term elections over, New York and its municipalities now have to get to the business of complying with federal legislation to completely revamp the state's voting process. If it doesn't, it stands to lose millions of dollars in aid.

However, as counties throughout the state work out the logistics of taking control of municipal elections by 2007, they are still awaiting word from state lawmakers on which voting machines will be used.

New York is one of the final

states to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and has already come under fire in the form of a federal lawsuit for missing a Jan. 1, 2006, deadline to create a statewide database of its registered voters.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires states to enact new voting guidelines to make the voting process more efficient, effective and easier for disabled voters. As part of the legislation, the federal government proposed installing new electronic voting machines to comply with the initiative.

Now, four years later, New York still needs to select electronic voting machines and train Election Day volunteers and staff to use them.

Albany County election officials estimate that last week's vote saw nearly one-third of the U.S. population

already using new electronic machines. National news reports of voters destroying some machines in frustration have county officials looking at the state Legislature's sluggish response to the federal mandate as an opportunity to not repeat the mistakes of other states.

"There is a tremendous advantage to being last. But, because of all the mandates New York put on top of the federal HAVA law, we are going to have problems of our own," said John A. Graziano, Republican commissioner for the Albany County Board of Elections.

Graziano said he has seen the news reports that cast electronic voting machines as potential disasters, and he said he knows what's in store for New York.

The rush of many states to

come into compliance with HAVA fanned the flames of voting irregularities, he said, including the use of faulty machines, a problem HAVA was meant to correct in the first place. The state now has the opportunity to draw up a working model that has the potential to limit any voting fiascos at the hands of the new technology, Graziano added.

However, the clock is ticking, and there is as much as \$50 million in federal funding on the line if the state doesn't get the ball rolling.

"In Albany County, we are tight with dollars, and we need to be sure the federal money is going to be there to pay for it," Graziano said.

So far, the county has estimated it will need \$1.8 million to take over voting operations in its 12 towns and cities by 2007. The state has received \$221 million in federal aid to comply with HAVA, \$190 million of which has been slated for the purchase of the new systems.

Albany County will have to cover the cost of storing the voting machines, Election Day operations and staff. It has called on its municipalities to foot a portion of that bill, roughly \$615,000.

For Graziano and Democratic Commissioner James M. Clancy, the real concern is phasing in potentially more than 600 electronic machines into county elections with less than a year to hire staff, train them and work out the logistics of the new process.

"We are going to have a quick learning curve. They (the federal government) have pushed back the date that we were to receive the certified list of machines," said Clancy.

"It was going to be December (2006), but a letter (from the state) to a federal judge indicated that it would most likely be well into next year."

Clancy said he has heard that the list could come in by mid-February of next year.

"That will give us a negative three months (to work with)," he said.

Still, Clancy said he agrees with Graziano that some good can come out of New York's tardiness in that its first Election Day with the new machines may only experience "smaller problems" at the polls.

"When given lemons, you make lemonade," Clancy joked. "We are going to be making a lot of lemonade."

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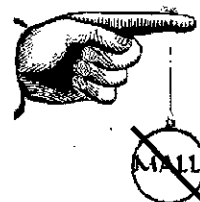
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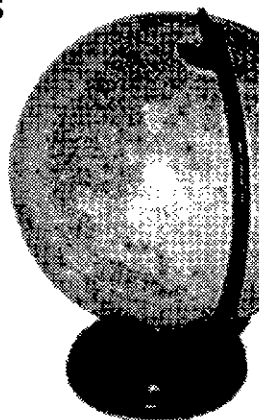
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IN BRIEF

**Groups present
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The Albany County League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, and Arise present "Bought and Sold: Electronic Voting in New York" at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Do you trust political parties and government to protect your vote? Do you know about the reliability of the voting machines being marketed in the state? This 45-minute film produced in 2006 by Robert Millman explores how the selection of new voting equipment required under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has been skewed in favor of DREs

(direct recording electronic voting machines), in spite of serious unanswered questions about the danger of vote tampering and verifiable voting. Come, get the information you need and then contact the county and state officials who will be deciding soon how votes will be counted and verified in our state.

The screening will be followed by a question and answer period with Robert Millman, film producer; Aimee Allaud, League of Women Voters of Albany County; and Dennis Karius of Arise.

For information, contact: Aimee Allaud, League of Women Voters, 482-2617; Ann Brandon, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, 439-4332; or Dennis Karius, Arise, 456-5721.

**Five Rivers to hold
constellation program,
wild turkey walk**

A program on constellations will be held on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will begin the program indoors with a brief description of night sky objects that can be observed at this time of year. Participants will then be led outside to view constellations and other night sky objects. If the weather is too cloudy for outdoor observations, participants will construct their own star maps indoors. This program is free.

A guided trail wild turkey walk will be offered on Saturday, Nov.

25 at 2 p.m. at the center.

Wild turkeys have staged an amazing comeback in New York. Once extirpated from the state, wild turkeys were reintroduced in the late 1960s and now enjoy a widespread and stable population. The program is free. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

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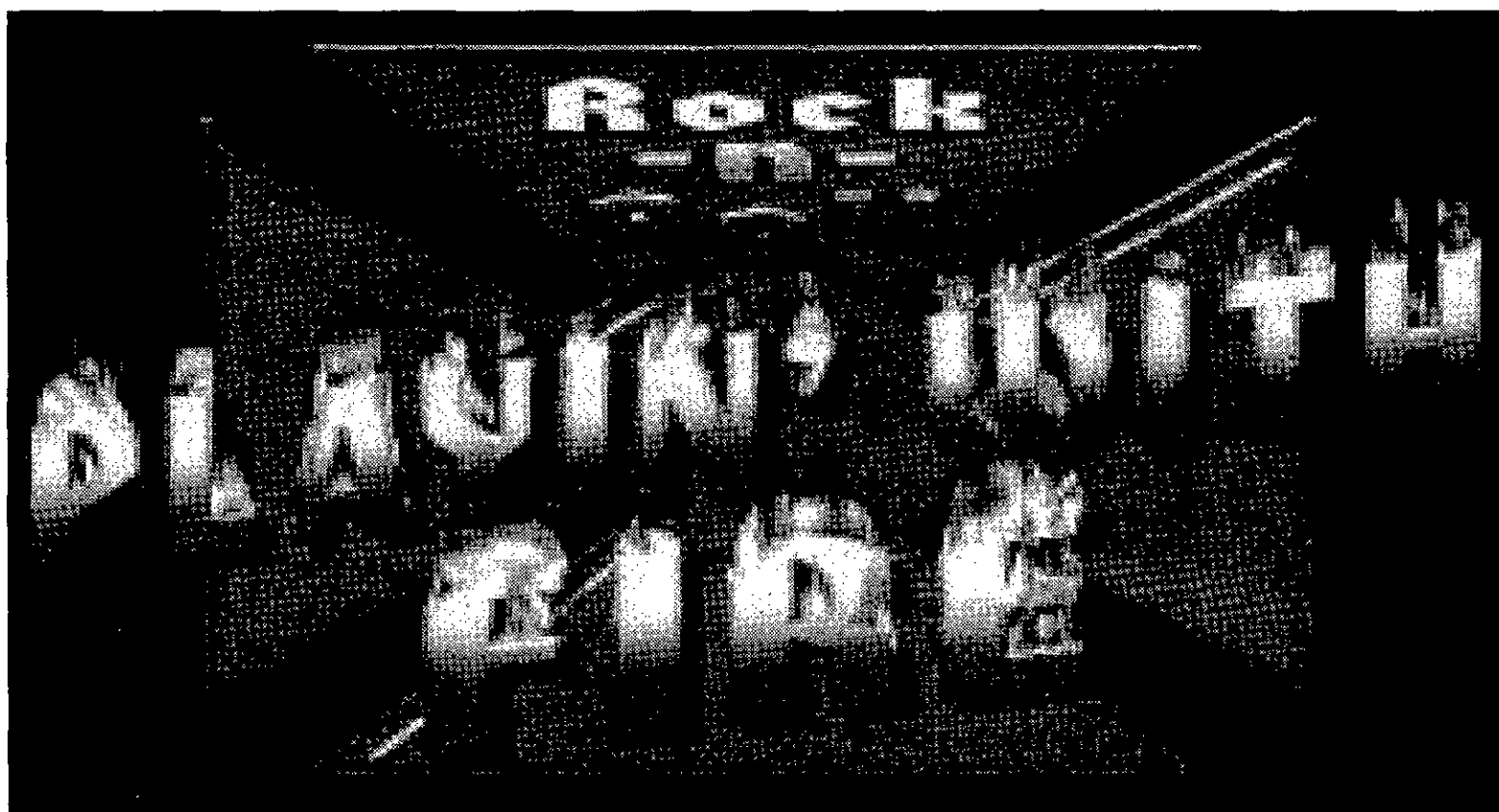
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Progress

(From Page 1)

best boss — so was Dick. He was a very gentle man and he cared so much about the paper."

"She was a great copy editor, and she was someone who I thought really understood the idea of community newspapers," McPheeters said. "It is important



Susan Graves

to be really interested in what is going on locally. You also have to let people voice their opinions, so that the readers

feel like they own the paper."

The pace at the weekly moved more quickly when Syracuse-based Eagle Media purchased Spotlight Newspapers.

"Eagle Newspapers added so many papers so quickly," said Graves, "so over time, *The Spotlight* became more like a daily than a weekly."

Graves learned a great deal about the people in town through the letters they wrote.

"One of the things I've learned is that the people really care about their communities. Sometimes they care beyond belief," said Graves.

She is careful when editing those letters, though.

"I take out anything that I think

could be libelous, and I correct bad grammar," she said.

Graves' career has affected many different people.

"Sue interviewed me when I was a candidate for the school board," said former Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "She had many questions about me as a person, and why I was even running for the position. There were times that I questioned why *The Spotlight* wrote what they did. But I felt that Sue's writing was very well balanced. I always got the sense that she cared a great deal about the community. She honestly cared about her job and doing the job well."

Les Loomis, Bethlehem Central School District's superintendent, had a similar opinion.

"We recognize, and our budget vote exit surveys show, *The Spotlight* is an influential voice in town," said Loomis. "*The Spotlight* has been constant in reporting on the school district issues."

Loomis' respect for Graves has continued during good times and bad.

"Even with stories that might be negative about the district, she dug in and wanted to make sure the community knew the story," Loomis said.

Michael Larabee started writing sports stories for *The Spotlight* while still a Voorheesville High School student.

"In 1990, I was hired as a reporter for New Scotland," said Larabee. "It was my very first job, and Sue helped me a lot. Sue has several incredible qualities in a journalist. She has very high standards, a real passion for what we do, and a ton of compassion and

caring."

Larabee is now a copy editor for the *Washington Post*.

"I've always marveled at her ability to handle tough situations," he said. "As an example, *The Spotlight* ran lists of DWIs. Every once in a while someone would call up and appeal, 'Please don't put my name in the paper — this is going to be devastating.' I never knew what to do with those calls. I don't think I handled very many because they were so hard. But Sue handled them. I would sit next to her listening to her talk to them, and do two things. She would explain why we did what we did. But she would express compassion — because she cared."

In the early '90s, Graves became managing editor as McPheeters went on to other endeavors.

"Being managing editor was a huge responsibility," she said. Today's senior managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers, Katherine McCarthy, started her journalism career under Graves' tutelage.

"Sue took a chance on me," McCarthy said. "When I first met Sue, I was worried about what to wear. I walk in and Sue was wearing a Rolling Stones T-shirt."

McCarthy admires Graves' precision copy-editing abilities.

"When I started working in the office as a copy editor, I would edit a story and think I had done a really good job," said McCarthy. "And Sue would send it back, and it looked like someone had bled all over it, after she finished marking it up with her red pen."

John McIntyre, vice president of Eagle Media, has worked with Graves since Eagle acquired the papers in 1998.

"I made Sue executive editor because she has a connection with the people, especially the people in Delmar," said McIntyre.

As executive editor, Graves was responsible for all the news content for the 11 weekly and two monthly *Spotlight* publications.

"She knows everybody," said McIntyre. "It was amazing to watch her interact with politicians, library people, and seniors who would call up and want to know the answer to

a crossword puzzle."

"Sue showed her talent in actually being the editorial voice of *The Spotlight*," said Richard Keene, president of Eagle Media. "Her opinions on the issues of the day have always been interesting and sprinkled with her wit and have always kept our town and village officials on their toes."

The community's concern about Graves showed when she was hospitalized.

"She had so many visitors," said McIntyre. "So much support from the town."

After recuperating, Graves returned to her job at *The Spotlight* full time.

Graves likens herself to the stereotypical newsman from the old Superman television series. "I'm a bit more like Perry White," she said, than any of her old bosses.

"In one story I covered, I had neglected to put the first name of the person interviewed," McCarthy said. "Sue called me on a Tuesday at 10 a.m. — which is when we're on deadline. She didn't even say, 'Hello.' It was just: 'Who the hell is Piper?'"

Graves speaks easily about her job, *The Spotlight*, and towns she has covered, but is cautious about what she says about herself.

"I'm not used to being interviewed," Graves said. "I'm much more comfortable on the other side of the table."

Still, she talked some about her near-death experience.

"It gave me an opportunity to live longer that I'm grateful for," she said. The heart attack was not Graves' only reason for deciding to slow down at work. The death of her older son, Kevin, a year ago, also made her look back at life in general, and her life in particular. Graves' surviving son, Scott, and his wife, Suzanne, have a son, Taylor Kevin.

"It was really stupid, now that I think about it, for me not to have pursued law, or something more lucrative. But I wouldn't trade this because you get to meet so many different people and hear things you wouldn't otherwise. I made a

lot of friends — I think," Graves said.

"If I had a second life, being a judge would be wonderful. Being fair and objective is sorely lacking in our society. It's depressing to think about the things that we still do to each other — maim, murder, hurt, lie — almost casually," she said. "I believe that we are not out of the cave. We still have a long way to go as a society, as a people, as members of the world. Is it so hard to think we could be a tad nicer, a tad more generous?"

Then she smiled. "I enjoy writing editorials because you get to have an opinion about things," she said with a laugh.

And the new schedule suits her just fine.

"I was tired," said Graves. "I want to be around a while longer."

"Sue's insight, perspective and distinctive voice will be missed. But we all wish Sue a well-deserved few days off," said Bethlehem Supervisor Terri Egan.

"Sue never misses an opportunity to teach the finer points of newspaper journalism," said McCarthy. "She taught us about brevity, accuracy and arrangement of the story so that everything is in the perfect order."

"She taught me both the power and responsibility of what journalism is," said Larabee. "She brought that to bear on the community newspaper level, which is in some ways where journalism has the biggest impact."

"I consider Sue a colleague and a friend," said Loomis. "As a former educator, she cares deeply about the children and education. As a journalist and a person, she has a rare combination of integrity, intelligence, and compassion."

"Sue has been working in this industry for a long time," said McIntyre. "It is a challenging job and one that requires a tremendous amount of energy. After doing this for 30 years, you deserve to step back and enjoy life."

"I think Sue is a consummate pro and has put a lot into making *The Spotlight* what it is today," Keene said. "And we certainly thank her."

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Sam Messina was the only member to initially request a larger tax increase and use any extra money for a host of much needed projects. When it came time to vote, Messina said he would vote for the 2.79 percent tax levy increase if the board begins to fund necessary projects next year that are on a long waiting list.

"I'd like to have some support next year to reinvest in some projects," said Messina.

Sales tax revenues ended with an increase of \$250,000, but mortgage tax revenues were down \$100,000.

"We have at least met our budgeted revenue projections for the year," said Comptroller Judith

Kehoe.

Town expenses in 2006 were slightly below what was initially budgeted, and the overall general fund deficit was reduced by \$100,000.

"We received a lot of input from staff, department heads and the board, and I am very comfortable with the tax levy increase we reached," Egan said.

The board also announced a federal grant of \$105,000 from the Capital District Transportation Committee to construct sidewalks by the Delmar Bypass that would extend from Elsmere all the way to Glenmont. The total cost of the project is \$300,000, with \$117,000 being paid for through in-kind expenses and another \$138,000 funded through the town's capital reserves. The project will begin in the spring of 2007.

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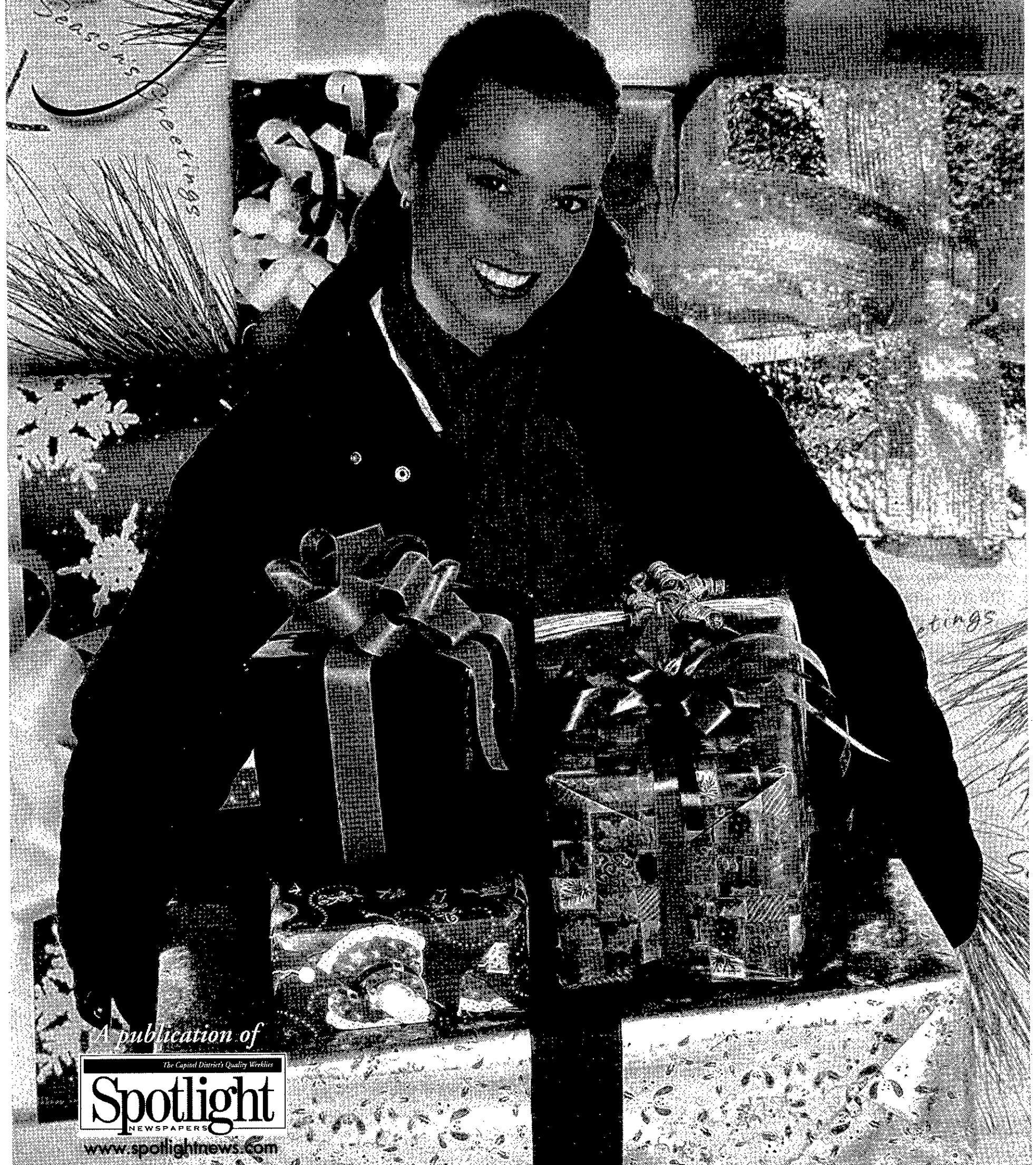
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Dreaming of the perfect Christmas

Hot toys to crowd holiday lists this year

By MAURA MULLIGAN

The writer is a 9-year-old girl, who can't wait for the holidays.

Hmph! I cannot find any toys for my Christmas list! I've looked through hundreds, no thousands, of magazines and catalogs, but I cannot seem to find the perfect toy.

Soon, it was time to go to bed. I climbed in and made a fort with my covers. I flicked on my flashlight and grabbed the last magazine I had, in hopes of finding that perfect toy. Shhhhh! Don't tell my Mom and Dad. I opened up its wrinkled cover to the first page and looked around. Noth-



ing. I turned to the next page. Clothes. I mean, I like clothes just as much as everyone else, but toys are much cooler. I flipped to the next page. My eyes started to droop...

Hey! Where are my green walls? Where is my purple carpet? Where is my Mia Hamm poster? Wait a minute! I'm not in my room! Why are there toys galore? (Not that I mind.) The last thing I remember was being in

my bed and looking through the toy magazine. Could it be? Am I in the magazine? But how?

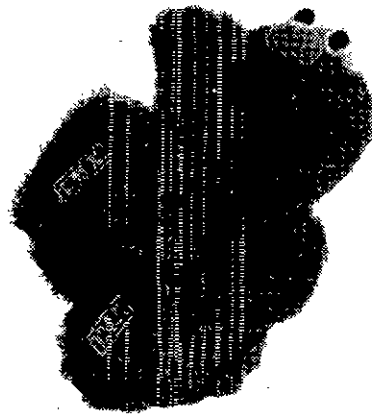
I had an outburst of excitement. Toys everywhere! I am in kid heaven! Look, over there. It looks like board games. I raced my shadow over to the board games. (Of course, I won.) Is that Monopoly? It doesn't look like the ordinary Monopoly. It's called Monopoly, Here and Now. The new, hip version comes with game pieces like a laptop computer, a cell phone (I want one of these, too!), a cup of coffee and more. I think I've actually been to some of the properties around the board. This is going on my list, for sure.

I look around for more cool toys, like an explorer looking for a new land. Awesome! I just

spotted the electronics section. I ran as fast as I could. This looks cool. It is a Digi-Makeover Interactive Make-Up Kit. Mom and Dad won't let me use make-up yet, but this is the closest thing I can get. This gives you the chance to be a real make-up artist. You hook up the game to your TV, and there is a digital camera to take your picture. There are tons of cool effects for makeup, hair, clothes and accessories. You can choose from over 50 hairstyles and a rainbow of colors. Give your friends a glam new look in photo booth mode.

Hey, that's odd. Why are there toothbrushes in the electronics section? Whoa. These don't look like ordinary toothbrushes. They're Hasbro Tooth

Tunes Music Toothbrushes. A song plays for two minutes, a jammin' way to pass the time while brushing those pearly whites. Each toothbrush contains one song, such as "We Will Rock



You" (Queen), "Walk Away" (Kelly Clarkson), "Shake Your Tail Feather" (The Cheetah Girls) and so much more. What an awesome way to brush your teeth.

Oh, there's the song "Walk Away." Is this a sneak preview of Tooth Tunes? It must be. Oops. It's my alarm. I stretched over to push the button to turn off my alarm. Wow what a strange dream. It felt like I was actually in a magazine.

"Maura, time to get up for school."

I think I will have the perfect Christmas list this year!

A few other cool items to add to my list:

- Moon Sand: Bring the beach inside.
- Magnetix: I'm stuck on them.
- Heelys: A wheel in the heel.
- Spy Gear: Shhhhhh! It's a secret
- K'Nex: A huge puzzle of building blocks.
- I-Fish: Shake your scales.
- Hot Wheels Radar Gun: How fast can you go?
- TMX Elmo: Come laugh with me.
- Baby Alive: You're never too old for this realistic doll.

Kids' Corner is a column for writers 12 years old and younger. If you have an idea for an upcoming column, e-mail Senior Managing Editor Katherine McCarthy at mccarthyk@spotlightnews.com.

Hot toys for 2006 holiday season

- Hasbro Tooth Tunes Music Toothbrushes
- Digi-Makeover Interactive Make-Up Kit
- Monopoly, Here and Now

Other suggestions

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Eat safely this holiday season

Emergency physicians offer tips on avoiding food poisoning

Thanksgiving and the holiday season are fast approaching, and plans are undoubtedly under way in kitchens across America for the family feasts.

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) wants to remind everyone that even meals prepared by the most loving of cooks can become unhealthy if they are improperly stored, handled and cooked.

"Food poisoning is often the unfortunate result of some of

the most anticipated meals of the year," said Dr. Brian Keaton, president of ACEP. "When you're preparing a holiday dinner for large numbers of people, sometimes the everyday safety tips people follow in the kitchen are not maintained as crowded ovens and refrigerators result in food not being prepared or handled in the safest way."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that food-borne diseases cause approximately 76 million illnesses each year. The most severe cases of food poisoning result in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths in the United States

each year. Food poisoning can be caused by bacteria or by the toxins produced by bacteria already in the food.

Most cases of food poisoning run their course in a couple of days, and symptoms usually begin from two hours to two days after eating the tainted food. The symptoms are similar to those of the flu and should be treated the same. These symptoms include headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Food poisoning especially can be dangerous to young children and the elderly.

"It's important for those who may have eaten tainted food to

prevent dehydration," said Keaton. "As soon as they are able to keep liquids down they should drink water, diluted fruit juice or weak tea. Adults can handle dehydration much better than children, so parents should keep a close eye on children experiencing these symptoms. If symptoms continue for more than 24 hours, or if someone is unable to drink any liquids, contact your primary care physician or visit the emergency department."

ACEP suggests the following safety tips to reduce the chances of food poisoning:

- Always follow recommended precautions for food handling and preparation.
- Check expiration or sell-by dates on food labels; don't consume food with expired labels.
- Wash hands before preparing food, and always wash hands, utensils and countertops thoroughly immediately after handling raw foods.
- Be sure frozen poultry and meat are fully defrosted before they are cooked. Defrost foods in a microwave oven or refrigerator.
- Cook meat, poultry, fish and eggs thoroughly to kill harmful bacteria.
- Never keep food lukewarm for long periods; bacteria can multiply without obvious signs of spoilage.



- Refrigerate raw foods and leftovers promptly, because bacteria multiply rapidly; discard perishable food left at room temperature longer than 2 hours; 1 hour in temperatures above 90 °F.

- Wear protective gloves and bandages if you have cuts on your hands.

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 25,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Avoid holiday shopping stress

The holidays can be a stressful time for anyone. The fact that you have to get out in those holiday crowds to do your shopping can make this time of year a real hassle. The good news is that there are a few things you can do to decrease holiday shopping stress.

Don't wait until the last possible minute to begin your holiday shopping. The closer it gets to the holidays, the more crowded and hectic the stores will be. If you are buying toys, do your shopping early in the season. If you wait until the last minute, many popular toys will be sold out. Not being able to find the toy that your child wants can add greatly to your shopping stress, as can driving from store to store just to be told time and again that the item you are looking for is out of stock.

Before you leave home, de-

cide how much money you are willing to spend. To ensure you stay within your budget, take only that amount of money with you and leave your credit cards at home. If you must use credit cards, keep your receipts together and tally them up as you go.

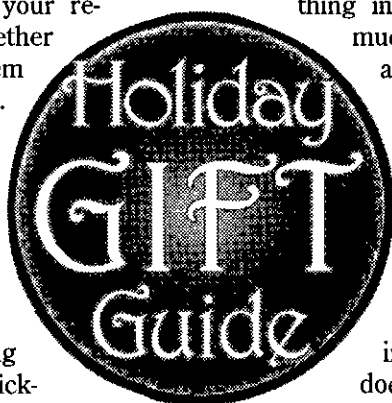
That way, you will know at any given time exactly how much you have left to spend. Setting limits and sticking to them will help you avoid getting stressed out over how much money you spent once you return home.

Go shopping when you are in a good mood, and if possible, shop when stores will be least likely to be busy. The best times

for this are early in the morning right after the stores have opened or late in the afternoon from about 3 to 6 p.m. Break up your shopping into a few different trips. Trying to buy everything in one trip will be

much too exhausting and stressful. Take a bottle of water with you to drink while you are shopping. This will keep you hydrated and refreshed.

Shopping during the holidays doesn't have to be a stressful experience. Of course, if you really want to avoid the holiday crowds, you can do all of your shopping online or by mail. That way, you don't ever have to leave the comforts of your home.



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Add some spice to your holidays

Are you a newly converted lover of herbs and spices? Then you might be interested to know that the key to cooking with herbs and spices correctly is using them in moderation. You want them to complement the food rather than overwhelm it. Here are some other tidbits about herbs and spices.

Although herbs and spices have been used in the preparation of food for thousands of

years, not everyone could afford them. They were so valuable in the 11th century, in fact, that some Europeans used pepper to pay their taxes and rent. While herbs are leaves of low-growing shrubs, which can be used fresh or dried in whole, crushed or ground form, spices come from the bark (cinnamon), root (garlic), buds (cloves), seeds (poppy), berries (black pepper) or fruit (paprika) of tropical trees and plants. A mixture of herbs

and spices is referred to as a seasoned blend.

When cooking with herbs and spices, it is important to use them at just the right time. Because fresh herbs tend to lose their flavor when exposed to prolonged heat, it is best to add them near the completion of cooking or right before serving. Delicate fresh herbs should be added a couple of minutes before the completion of cooking or sprinkled on right before the

food is served, whereas hardier fresh herbs should be added during the last 20 minutes. Dried whole herbs and spices release flavor slowly and are great to use in slow-cooking food such as soups and stews, whereas dried ground herbs and spices release flavor quickly and work better in foods requiring a shorter cooking time.

Milder, dried, crumbled herbs should be added at the end of cooking, unlike robust herbs, which are capable of lasting longer. When using grinding spices, it is best to buy them already ground because they have more flavor. When cooking with whole spices, you should use them in something like a tea ball so you can remove them at the end of cooking. When using herbs and spices with uncooked food, you should add them a few hours prior to serving so the food can absorb the flavor.

Although there are no set rules for using a particular spice with a particular food, there are some general combinations that can't go wrong. Here is a brief list.

- Beef: bay leaf, marjoram, sage or thyme
- Carrots: cinnamon, ginger, rosemary or sage
- Chicken: ginger, marjoram, sage or tarragon
- Corn: cumin, curry powder,

paprika or parsley

- Fish: dill, coriander seeds, curry powder or paprika
- Green beans: dill, curry powder, tarragon or thyme
- Greens: pepper or onion
- Lamb: curry powder, garlic, mint or rosemary
- Pork: garlic, onion, oregano or sage

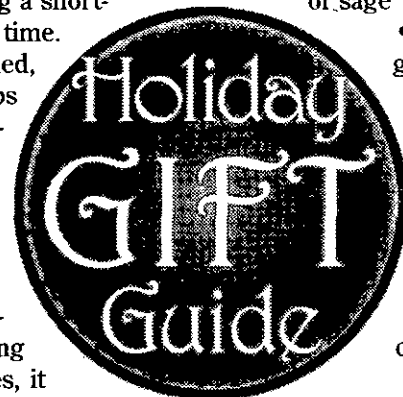
• Potatoes: dill, garlic, paprika or sage

• Tomatoes: basil, bay leaf, marjoram or oregano

• Veal: bay leaf, ginger, marjoram or oregano

When storing herbs and spices, it is important to do so correctly. If stored right, dried herbs and ground spices can keep their flavor for a year, while whole ones can last for three to five years. You should store dry herbs and spices in airtight plastic or glass containers in a cool, dark place away from heat, humidity and excessive light. You should store fresh herbs and spices in tightly sealed containers in the freezer.

There are hundreds of herbs and spices that can be used in cooking to enhance the flavor of foods. All you have to do is find your favorite and learn how to cook with it.



Don't let holiday purchases break the bank

One of the biggest problems people face during the holiday season is coming up with the money to buy gifts. Following are some tips that will help you save money throughout the year for your holiday purchases and help you save on the purchases themselves.

One of the best ways to save money for Christmas purchases is to open a savings account or a Christmas club account. Decide in January how much money you want to spend during the holidays and then divide that amount by 12. This is the amount of money you will need to save each month in order to meet your monetary goal. In order to be successful at saving this money, you need to act as if it is a bill. That means you can't just skip putting the money into

the savings account one month.

You can also save money by starting your shopping early. You probably already know for whom you will need to purchase gifts, and you can pick up gifts throughout the year as they go on sale or clearance. And no one will ever have to know that you got an item for much less.

If you are purchasing CDs, DVDs or video games, consider buying used. There are many reputable used dealers and most stand behind what they sell. Make sure before you make your purchase that there is an allotted amount of time to return the item if it is found to be defective.

Another great way to save money is to make your own gifts. You don't have to be especially crafty or have some special talent in order to do this.

For instance, pictures make great gifts, as do home videos of family and friends. Examples of gifts that you can make on your computer include bookmarks, calendars, personalized labels and recipes. If you do have some talent for crafts, the sky is the limit! You can make any number of gifts from jewelry to a knitted sweater. Handmade gifts are often more personal than store-bought gifts and may become cherished family heirlooms.

If you follow just a few of these tips, your gift-giving experience will be a much more pleasant one and you won't have to worry about how you are going to come up with all that money for gifts. You may even have enough left over to buy yourself a little gift!



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A Dickens' Classic

By Tresa Erickson

If you have ever read Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, then you are familiar with the holiday dessert, plum pudding. Typically made of dried fruit and spirits, the thick, dark, rich pudding is a treat for many on Christmas Day. It is such a treat that it was once made illegal in England.

Often referred to as Christmas pudding, plum pudding is traditionally served in England and Ireland on Christmas Day where it is often decorated with a sprig of holly or doused in brandy and flamed. Plum pudding can be eaten with rum or brandy butter, cream or custard and even sprinkled with caster sugar.

Over time, there have been several traditions associated with plum pudding. Some used to bake silver coins or charms in it, and whoever received a serving with a coin or charm would have good fortune. Others insisted that everyone within the family hold the spoon together while mixing the ingredients and make a wish, which, of course, would come true. Whatever

the tradition, plum pudding is a luscious dish. If it sounds like something you would like to try, here are a few recipes.

Christmas Plum Pudding

1 c. raisins
1 c. dried currants
1/2 c. citron, thinly sliced
4 eggs, beaten
1 c. sugar
1 t. cloves
2 t. cinnamon
1 t. nutmeg
1 t. salt
1 c. milk
1 c. chopped almonds
2 c. breadcrumbs
1 c. beef suet, finely chopped
1 t. baking soda dissolved in 1 T. warm water
1 pt. flour

Flour fruit and set aside. In a large bowl, mix eggs, sugar, spices, salt and milk. Stir in fruit, nuts, breadcrumbs and suet. Add dissolved baking soda and flour. Boil or steam for 4 hours. Serve with wine or brandy or any well-flavored sauce.

English Plum Pudding

2 c. breadcrumbs
1/2 lb. beef suet
1 apple
1 carrot
1-1/4 c. flour
1-1/2 c. sugar
1 t. nutmeg
1 t. mace
2 t. salt
2-1/2 c. raisins
2 c. currants
1/2 c. candied peel
1 c. dark molasses
6 eggs, beaten well

Hard Sauce

1 c. brown sugar
1/3 c. butter
1 T. fruit juice

Liquid Sauce

2 c. boiling water
1 c. sugar
4 T. cornstarch
1 t. vanilla, red or green food coloring

Grind breadcrumbs, beef suet, apple and carrot into a small bowl and

set aside. Sift together flour, sugar, nutmeg, mace and salt in another bowl. Add raisins, currants and candied peel. Blend in molasses and eggs. Add to suet mixture and steam in a covered bowl or mold for 5 hours. Serve with hard or liquid sauce. To make hard sauce, combine ingredients and chill before serving with pudding. To make liquid sauce, combine ingredients and pour over pudding immediately.

Yuletide Plum Pudding

2 c. raisins
1 c. prunes, chopped
1/4 c. currants
1/2 c. golden raisins
1 c. Guinness stout
1 c. unbleached white flour
1/2 c. firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 c. candied citrus peel
1/4 c. chopped almonds
1/4 t. grated nutmeg
1/4 t. cinnamon
1/4 t. allspice
1/4 c. breadcrumbs
8 T. butter
2 eggs, beaten
Pinch of salt

Combine raisins, prunes, currants, golden raisins and Guinness in a bowl, cover and allow to steep overnight. Place fruit mixture in a large bowl and add flour, brown sugar, citrus peel, almonds, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice. Set aside. In a small bowl, combine breadcrumbs with butter, eggs and salt. Add to fruit mixture. Butter a 1-1/2 qt. pudding mold, spoon batter into mold and cover. Place a rack in a soup pot, set mold on it and add enough water to come halfway up the sides of the mold. Bring water to a boil, reduce heat and steam for 2 to 2-1/2 hours. Cool until warm and remove from mold. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar or a splash of warm brandy or serve with a hard sauce.

Plum pudding isn't hard to make. Give your family a treat this Christmas and serve them a slice of plum pudding.

Gift certificates never go out of style

The excitement of the holiday season is upon us. Festive music has begun playing on the radio, and holiday merchandise fills store shelves, but with the joy of the season also comes the stress. After all, there is a lot to do.

Realizing the time constraints their potential customers are facing, retailers have taken steps to make shopping easier than ever by opening virtual stores and the move has paid huge dividends. According to Goldman Sachs, online shoppers spent a total of \$30.1 billion during the 2005 holiday season – up 30 percent from 2004. They're expected to spend even more this year.

So what are virtual shoppers buying? Pretty much everything you can find in a brick-and-mortar store, but unfortunately they're still not getting it right every time. And it doesn't help that gifts bought online are often harder to exchange than those purchased in a traditional store.

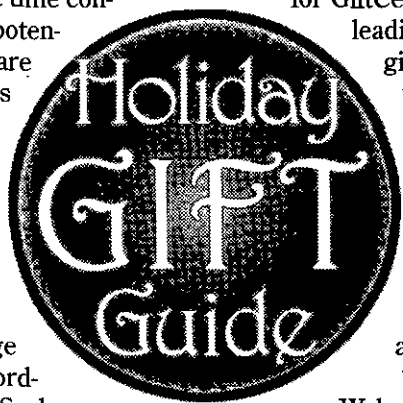
So what's the solution? More and more shoppers are taking a cue from the corporate world and giving gift certificates for the holidays.

"Many times, when cash is given as a gift, it unfortunately ends up being used to pay bills

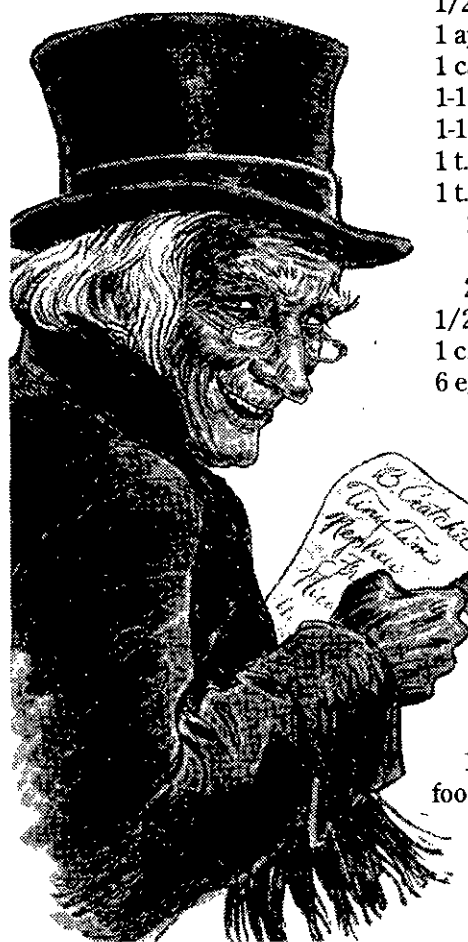
rather than towards a special memory. However, gift certificates allow the recipient to get something for themselves they may not have purchased otherwise, making them wonderful holiday gifts," says Adri Gelpert, vice president of marketing for GiftCertificates.com, a leading provider of gift certificates to hundreds of national merchants including many popular stores, airlines, hotels, theaters, restaurants, and more.

The company's Web site, www.GiftCertificates.com, allows you to shop by your favorite merchant, category or occasion. If you're not sure what kind of gift the recipient would like, give a SuperCertificate gift. Your recipient can redeem for gift certificates to over 200 stores and services on the GiftCertificates.com website. This way they're guaranteed to receive something they'll love.

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Streamline shopping by making a list

There's nothing like the satisfaction of giving the perfect gift to someone you love. But holiday shopping for friends and family can be difficult, especially if you wait until the last minute. Start your shopping early, pay attention to what your recipients have on their wish lists, and follow these tips for a painless holiday shopping season.

Surf before you shop

The Internet is a powerful tool in eliminating the headache of holiday gift shopping. By creating a list and scoping out potential gift ideas online before hitting the stores, shoppers can cut back on time spent wandering aimlessly through aisles, overwhelmed by the choices. Cruising the Internet can also help you explore your options and come up with unique gift ideas that will break out of the clutter.

"By featuring key footwear styles online, we offer customers a chance to fully explore our products before they head to the stores," said A.T. Payne, vice president and general manager for Harley-

Davidson Footwear at Wolverine World Wide, Inc.

Do your research and create a list, and you could get it all done in one or two shopping excursions. With the high cost of fuel and dreaded overcrowded parking lots, less time shopping means less frustration.

Gifts with attitude

If the thought of giving reindeer sweaters and fruitcakes bores you to tears, think outside the box this year. You can't go wrong with something unique and fashionable, like a great pair of boots for the season. In 2005, total women's boot sales (a market exceeding \$3 billion) increased 15 percent from

2004, according to global market research firm The

NPD Group.

Boots of all varieties made their way down the runway this fall, from feminine ankle booties to edgier mid-calf leather boots paired

with tights.

"Boots are not just made for walking these days, and they are no longer just a wardrobe accessory," said Marshal Cohen, au-



thor and NPD chief industry analyst, The NPD Group. "Today, boots have become a fashion statement. Women are investing in boots and using them in a variety of ways, for work and for play."

Holiday shoppers may not generally think to give footwear as a gift, but they should, according to Payne. "By planning

ahead and finding out what sizes to buy, people can give a unique and cool gift," Payne said.

No worries, and have fun

If you don't give the perfect gift, don't worry. Most stores will offer returns or store credit on unused items. Check company policies before purchasing so there aren't any surprises if you

need to make exchanges. Also, to aid in easy returns, be sure to ask for a gift receipt. Above all, have fun! Giving gifts should be an enjoyable experience and not leave you stressed.

For additional gift ideas, visit Harley-Davidson Footwear's Web site at www.stepintoalegend.com.



Kits keep crafty kids busy

Most kids enjoy doing crafts, which makes craft kits an excellent gift idea for children. Here are a few tips to help you choose the perfect craft kit for the child on your list.

Make sure the kit is age appropriate for the intended child. While many youngsters may be advanced enough to handle a kit intended for older children, you need to keep in mind that the age limits suggested are designed to keep children safe. Many kits have small parts, so even if the child on your list is advanced enough to comprehend and perform the instructions, they may have a hard time handling such small parts. Younger children might even put the parts into their mouths and accidentally swallow them. Many kits also require glue, paint, scissors

and other supplies. Again, you do not want small children putting these types of materials into their mouths, so be careful and pay attention to the age limits.

You will also want to check the materials list for the kit to find out what is actually included inside the kit. Many times, kits will require you to buy some of the materials needed separately, such as paint or thread. There is nothing worse than giving a craft kit to a child only for them to find out that they don't have everything needed and will have to wait to use it.

Craft kits can be expensive, especially when you have to purchase materials separately. To get around this, you may be able to buy kits on clearance or make them yourself. Many times, craft kits are just boxes of materials that you may already have lying

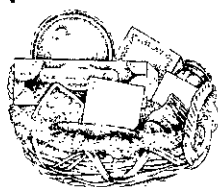
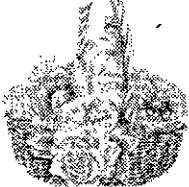
around your home. Take a look at the materials included in the kit you are interested in and see if you already have most or all of them. If you do, you can easily put together a kit yourself. Once you have collected all of the materials, just type up a set of instructions for the project, insert everything into a box and wrap it up.

Craft kits make great gifts for kids. Depending upon whether you make them yourself, they might even make a great project for you. Have fun shopping for and creating craft kits, and be ready to participate in the project, if asked.

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Have yourself an old-fashioned Christmas

Do you long for the days when you faced the "most wonderful time of the year" with joyful anticipation rather than dread? You're not alone: Nearly half of all Americans report an increase in stress levels as the end-of-year holidays approach.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Experts agree keeping it simple can help keep Christmas enjoyable.

"One reason so many of us love the idea of an 'old-fashioned Christmas' is because our lives seemed much simpler then, and the joys of Christmas were simpler as well," says Glenda Lehman Ervin of Lehman's old-time general store, and a self-confessed Christmas connoisseur.

Evoking the simple joys of an old-fashioned Christmas doesn't have to be a complicated affair, Lehman Ervin says. "Few of us have time for all the old-fashioned traditions, but by choosing some pleasant, easy traditions, you can create the Christmas atmosphere without the holiday stress."

Lehman Ervin recommends creating the Christmas atmosphere with a few holiday home decorating touches that appeal to multiple senses:

Sight

When you think of an old-fashioned Christmas, what



images come to mind? Candy canes, cookies, and popcorn strands adorning the Christmas tree? The popcorn strand is easier than ever to make and still a fun family project for the holidays. Decorating with cookies may not be practical, but borrow

their homey feel by decorating with cookie cutters. Functional and beautiful, cookie cutters can be unique napkin rings for your holiday table, and eye-catching decorations for your Christmas tree.

"A good set of Christmas

cookie cutters is never a bad investment," Lehman Ervin says. "You'll use them year after year to make your family's favorite holiday treats and to dress up your home for the holidays."

Sound

"Sleigh bells ring. Are you listening?" Sleigh bells create the quintessential Christmas melody. If you're fresh out of reindeer to adorn, try hanging a strap of sleigh bells on your front door. Their warm sound will be a great greeting for holiday guests.

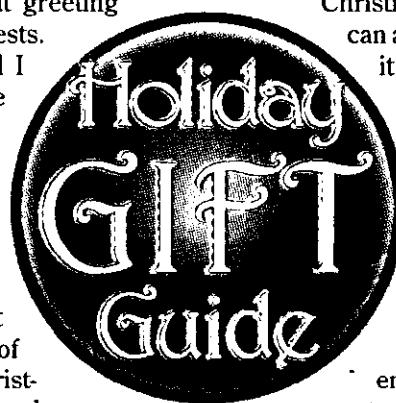
"The sound I most associate with Christmas is children's laughter," says Lehman Ervin. You can almost count on squeals of glee on Christmas morning when the presents are opened, but decorating your home with a few traditional toys prior to the holidays can help keep them laughing right up to the big day. "Think of toys that are simple — things that you might have played with as a child, like a classic musical jack-in-the-box or an old-fashioned spinning circus top," she says.

Scent

Evergreen, spices, bayberry and baked goods are all scents that evoke the holidays. Choose Christmas decor that appeals not only to the eyes but to the nose as well. Drape fir branches, tied with a red bow, above a doorway. Place bayberry scented candles in your windows. "Another way your Christmas cookie cutters will pay off — the aroma of freshly baked Christmas cookies," Lehman Ervin says.

"Anything you use to bring Christmas to your home can also bring the spirit of the season to your friends, far-off family and business associates," she notes. "Giving a gift that says 'old-fashioned Christmas' also tells the recipient that you really put some thought into their gift."

"They key is to find a few special things to do so that you don't add to your holiday stress," Lehman Ervin says. "I do a lot at Christmas, but I only do what I really want to do. These things really bring the spirit of Christmas to my home without ruining the holidays for me."



Salt dough ornaments are easy and fun to make

Christmas is just around the corner, and with all of the hustle and bustle, you haven't had much time to spend with your kids. You would love to find a festive activity that all of you could do together and enjoy. Why not make some salt dough ornaments. Requiring very few ingredients, salt dough ornaments are a snap to make and your kids will get a kick out of decorating them.

To create salt dough, all you will need is some flour, salt and water. Then follow these steps to create your first batch of dough:

1. Combine 1 cup of salt, 2 cups of flour and 1 cup of water in a large bowl.
2. Work in additional flour to create smooth, workable dough.
3. Roll dough 1/4- to 1/2-inch

thick, dip cookie cutters in flour and press into dough.

4. Remove excess dough from shapes and place onto ungreased cookie sheet. If planning to hang ornaments, use a straw to poke a hole through the tops.

5. Bake ornaments at 250 degrees for approximately 45 minutes on each side. Thick shapes may need to cook longer, whereas thin ones may require less time.

Allow the ornaments to cool and then decorate them. You may use acrylic, tempera or poster paint, and add beads, buttons, sequins or any other materials that you wish. Once the ornaments are complete, seal them with an acrylic varnish.

You may hang the ornaments

on the tree or use them as decorations around the house or even as gifts. They also work well for many other seasonal activities like Advent calendars and Jesse trees and will keep for years if stored properly. To keep the ornaments in good condition, store them in boxes or well-sealed cookie tins on beds of uncooked rice, which will absorb any moisture.

Salt dough ornaments are so simple to make that many people use them for other occasions like Valentine's Day or the Fourth of July. If you're looking for a fun activity to share with the kids this season and perhaps even at other occasions, try making some salt dough ornaments.



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Great gifts to get you growing

It's that time of year again, and you have a gardener on your gift-giving list. The problem is that you yourself are not a gardener and don't have any idea what to buy. Here are a few ideas to make your shopping excursion easier.

You can never go wrong with books for gardeners, and there are plenty of them out there. If the gardener you are buying for has a specific interest, then a book dealing with that interest would work well. If they don't have a specific interest, then a book on gardening in general might make a better gift.

Gardening magazine subscriptions are also a great idea. Not only are they full of information that any gardener will find useful, but they are a gift that will keep on giving after the holidays.

If the gardener is just beginning and doesn't have many tools yet, this may be a good place to start. Every gardener needs a hoe and a spading fork, which resembles a pitchfork but is smaller and is used to break up the soil. Shovels, rakes and watering cans are also tools that

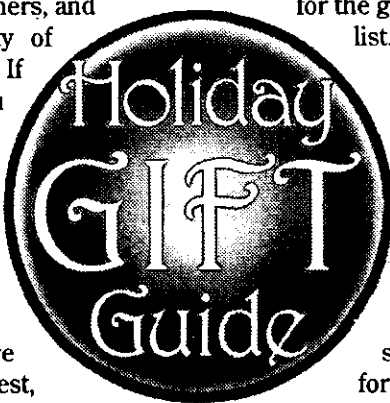
all gardeners need. It is important for gardeners to have sharp tools, so a honing stone or tool sharpener will also make a good present.

Every gardener could use a little extra fertile help. Plant foods, food spikes, pot inserts and more are all great presents for the gardener on your list.

Gardening can be extremely hard on the hands, so gardening gloves and hand lotions are another option. When shopping, look for gloves that are both functional and durable and lotions that are designed specifically for gardeners with deep penetrating moisturizers.

If a large present is what you had in mind, there are many to choose from. Snap-together garden sheds and tables can be found at any hardware or home improvement store. These make great gifts for serious gardeners.

No matter the age or skill level of the gardener, there are plenty of gifts out there for them, large to small. Get out there and start shopping.



Be smart when choosing educational toys

With so many toys on the market, it can be difficult to decide which ones are educational for children. Following are a few gift ideas that should make your toy search a little easier and a lot more enjoyable.

Kids love to make things, so any type of arts and craft kit is not only a great gift for kids, but educational, too. There are any number to choose from, so your best bet is to find out what the child is interested in and go from there. If your child is interested in science, for example, you may want to look into purchasing a

science kit for them.

Since most homes have computers these days, software can be a great educational gift for any child. When purchasing software for children, try to pick out something that will suit their abilities. Most software comes with age guidelines, but because some children are more advanced than others, you may not need to follow those guidelines exactly. A five-year-old who can read fairly well, for example, may not be too thrilled with software that teaches the ABCs. If the child you are buying for is older, you may want to select

software that is more game like and has a competitive edge. The more activities included in the software, the more the child will probably like it.

If the child does not have access to a computer but does have access to a DVD player, you may want to buy them a DVD game. There are several available, and the same rules for buying computer software apply to buying them.

Lastly, books make a great educational gift for children of any age. Whether set in medieval times or present day, books are full of adventure and help build the imagination. Even if the child cannot read, they will probably still enjoy being read to.

Finding an education gift for a child is not always easy, but the suggestions above should point you in the right direction. As with any gift, it is best to take the child's interests into consideration when shopping. If they like to count, go ahead and look for a toy that will allow them to practice counting, like flashcards or games. There are hundreds of educational toys out there. You just have to be persistent enough to find them.

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Shopping tips help you save time, stay on budget

The holidays can be one of the toughest challenges for your budget. According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), total holiday retail sales are expected to increase 5 percent over last year, bringing holiday spending to \$457.4 billion. How much do you plan to spend? The key to avoid overspending during the holidays is to have a budget and stick to it. Of course, that can be a lot easier said than done.

Here are some suggestions for taking control of your holiday spending:

- Review your credit report – Before you start your holiday spending, request a copy of your credit report from a Web site such as www.experian.com. Verify that there are no inaccuracies or unfamiliar accounts on the report. Your credit report will also remind you just how much money you already owe, on each of your credit card accounts. Keep this in mind as you put together your budget for the holidays.

- Make a list, check it twice –

Keeping in mind your current financial situation, write down all the gifts you expect to buy, and set a realistic budget for these purchases. Talk to your family and friends about setting a price limit on gift exchanges. You may not want to be the one to broach the subject, but chances are the suggestion will be welcome.

- Keep track of your spending – As you shop, keep a

running tally of how much you're spending and how close you are to your credit limits. This running total can help you avoid the urge to splurge. "Try to keep credit card

balances low and especially avoid charging them to the limit. Otherwise, creditors may view it as excessive debt and be concerned you may not be able to pay as agreed," says Maxine Sweet vice president of public education for Experian, a global information solutions company. "The average consumer debt nationwide is \$11,928 with people using 23.5 percent of their available credit." You can see how

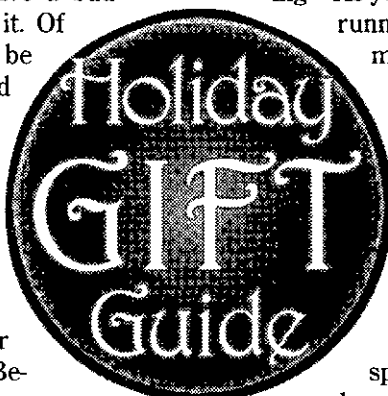
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- The best deal may not be at the mall. The Internet makes it easier than ever to compare prices on just about any item. Better yet, around the holidays, many Web sites offer special incentives such as free shipping.

- Give gift cards. They're easy to shop for, you can choose an amount that fits your budget, and the recipients get to choose something they really want. And, they're easy to wrap and ship.

- Monitor your ATM and charge cards. "Identity theft and fraud is always a concern, and the busy holiday season is prime time for these types of crimes," cautions Sweet. "Don't be an easy target. Pay extra attention to your cards and receipts. Monitor your credit report and check your monthly statements for any inaccuracies or fraudulent activity."

Regardless of how much money you spend, you can make the holidays meaningful this year. Don't feel pressured to overextend your budget when a kind gesture or thoughtful word will be appreciated just as much as an expensive trinket.



The story behind mistletoe

Most people are familiar with the tradition of standing under the mistletoe and sharing a kiss. Any man and woman who meet under the mistletoe, as the tradition goes, must kiss and then the man must remove a berry from the plant. Once all of the berries are gone, the plant must be removed. Many of us follow this tradition and hang mistletoe over doorways in our homes during the holidays, but how many of us know why mistletoe is associated with kissing? What is the legend behind it and more importantly, what is mistletoe, really?

There are many legends surrounding mistletoe, but the one that directly involves kissing features the Norse god Balder and his mother Frigga. One day Balder dreamed that he was going to die. In order to protect her son, Frigga asked all of the elements, animals and plants to spare her son. Technically not a plant because it attaches itself to a tree to live, mistletoe was not bound by Frigga's request. Loki, an enemy of Balder's, capitalized on this fact and made a poisoned dart out of the mistletoe. He then tricked Balder's blind brother Hoder into shooting Balder with the arrow and killing him. No matter what they tried, none of the elements could bring Balder back to life. Frigga cried so hard that her tears turned the red berries of the mistletoe white and raised Balder from the dead. Frigga was so relieved to have her son

back that she kissed anyone walking beneath the mistletoe and thus, the mistletoe became associated with kissing.

Now that you know why people kiss under the mistletoe, it's important to know more about the plant itself. Mistletoe has green, pointed, leathery leaves, red or white waxy berries and flowers that range in color from bright red to yellowish green. Because the leaves stay green year-round, the plant is very easy to see in the winter, and the berries are a favorite of birds.

As noted in the tale above, mistletoe is a parasitic plant; that is, it grows most often on hardwood trees, plants its roots right into a tree's bark and takes nutrients from it to survive. Although mistletoe can sometimes damage a tree's branches, it usu-

ally will not kill its host, the tree. Although mistletoe primarily lives off trees, it can sometimes be found living on its own or on top of another mistletoe plant.

Mistletoe is harmful to humans and pets when ingested, so if you are planning to follow the tradition, make sure you place the plant high out of the reach of young children and pets. You don't want anyone to fall ill, or worse, die due to eating the berries.

This year, give guests a reason to kiss. Hang some mistletoe in doorways and watch the magic unfold.

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Get the facts before home theater purchase

When it comes to shopping for home theater equipment, many people don't really know where to begin, especially in today's market where so much of the equipment becomes obsolete in no time at all. If you follow these few simple suggestions, your search for the perfect home theater equipment can be a successful one.

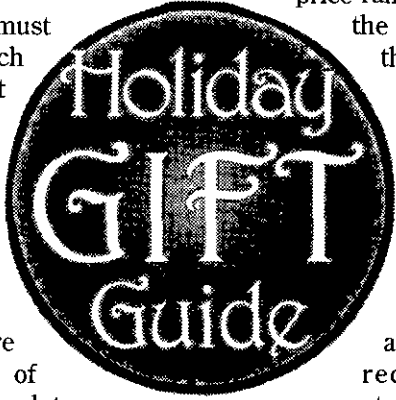
First, you must decide how much money you want to spend. Keep in mind that many home theater systems will require you to buy extra accessories, such as speaker wire and other types of cords, so you need to figure this into your budget.

Next, you must determine the type of TV you want. There are many different types of televisions from the traditional type to plasma, LCD, flat screens, etc. You need to do some research in order to make the best decision.

You should also address the type of receiver you want to use. An AV receiver is usually a combination of a preamplifier, a tuner and a built-in multi-channel amplifier (surround sound). You can also buy each of these

components separately for more precise control over each function. Either way is acceptable and each will perform similarly, so what it really boils down to is how much you like gadgets and want to spend.

Speakers are your next consideration. Your best bet is to listen to many different types and brands of speakers in your price range and choose the ones that you think sound the best.



Keep in mind that there may be an advantage to buying speakers that are the same brand as your audio receiver/equipment since they are specifically manufactured for this equipment. However, there is nothing wrong with mixing brands of equipment either. It is really up to your individual taste and budget.

Along with speakers, you will want to look at DVD players. The biggest difference among DVD players is whether they have progressive scan and up-scaling features. These are two very important features that help control the quality of the image you see. You want to pur-

chase a DVD player with these two features.

Another important factor is speaker wire. Many times, the speaker wire that comes with audio components is 18 gauge and therefore not adequate for running the wires long distances. Fourteen- or 16-gauge is more commonly used, and if you need to span a really long distance (40 feet or more), you will want to use 12-gauge speaker wire. There is not much differ-

ence among brands, so here is an instance where you can buy the cheapest you can find and it won't make a difference in performance.

Home Theaters in a Box (HTIB) are almost always less expensive than buying separate components, but unless you will be using the system in a very small room, you will not get anywhere near the same sound quality. Be careful if you are considering going this route.

You should shop around and get some pricing information on the cost of purchasing a receiver and 5.1 speaker systems and listen to them in comparison before you decide.

A home theater can be great entertainment for you and your family. With a little research, you can easily put together a package that everyone will enjoy for years to come.

Real trees are worth the extra effort

You love the look and scent of real Christmas trees, but you've never had one yourself. You've heard they're messy and hard to care for. It's true that real trees are somewhat messier than artificial ones and do require more care, but they are a real treat for those who use them. If you feel like the time has come for you to have a real tree, don't hesitate to take the plunge. Before you buy one, however, find out what is available. There are several types of Christmas trees, and the more you know about each of them, the better you will be able to choose the one that best suits your style and needs.

If you plan to purchase a tree from a local lot, chances are the area where you live will dictate the types of trees you have to choose from. If you live in Oregon, for example, you will probably find several Noble and Douglas firs, whereas if you live in North Carolina, you will probably find more Fraser firs. If you decide to go the online route, you will have a variety of types to choose from. Some of these include:

- Arizona Cypress. Pale to gray green, this particularly fragrant tree has a steeple shape and is grown mostly along the East coast and throughout the South and Southwest.
- Balsam Fir. Dark green, this particularly fragrant tree has a pyramid shape and is grown mostly throughout the North.
- Colorado Blue Spruce.

Blue to silvery gray, this tree has a natural conical shape and is grown mostly in the Northeast.

- Douglas Fir. Dark to blue green, this particularly fragrant tree has a pyramid shape and is grown mostly in the Pacific Northwest.
- Eastern Redcedar. Dark to blue to gray green and sometimes even purple, this tree has a natural cone shape and is grown mostly in the East.

- Eastern White Pine. Blue to silvery green, this nearly odorless tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the East.
- Fraser Fir. Dark to blue green on top and silvery underneath, this particularly fragrant tree has a pyramid shape and is grown mostly in North Carolina.
- Grand Fir. Dark green, this particularly fragrant tree has a pyramid shape and is grown mostly in the Pacific Northwest.
- Leyland Cypress. Dark green to gray, this practically odorless tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the Southeast.
- Noble Fir. Blue green and silvery, this tree has a pyramid



shape and is grown mostly in the Pacific Northwest.

- Norway Spruce. Dark green, this tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the Northeast.
- Scotch Pine. Dark to blue green, this tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the East.
- Virginia Pine. Dark green, this tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the Southeast.
- White Fir. Soft green, this tree has a cone shape and is grown mostly in the East.

There are many trees to choose from, especially if you are shopping online. Do your homework, though, and make certain that you choose a type that will look and smell the way that you envisioned it would.

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Helpful hints for the hard-to-please

Stumped? Perplexed? Puzzled? A million things to do and now it's time to pick just the right present for the perennially hard-to-gift. You know the ones. Sweet Aunt Betty who always remembers your birthday. The piano teacher with the patience of a saint who claps like crazy every time your young child plays "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." And, of course, don't forget dear old Mr. Whitney, your faithful mail carrier.

We all have special people in our lives who make the world a better place to be. We want to choose something special, something that will put a smile on his or her face. But where to start?

The answer may be at the tip of your finger - or at the other end of the telephone. John Baumann, president of The Swiss Colony, hears stories every year from people who are trying to find "just the right gift" for those hard-to-gift people in their lives.

"It's wonderful to be able to surprise someone with a seasonal treat," says Baumann.

"Holidays provide the perfect opportunity to express our appreciation to those special friends and loved ones." And he should know. For 80 years, The Swiss Colony has been helping to bring families and friends together by delivering their holiday greetings through food gifts by mail.

So make it easy on yourself this holiday season. Pull up a comfortable chair. Get out your list. Gather up your catalogs - or hop online - and start browsing.

Delight someone with a special gift by mail

and leave the shipping to somebody else. Some catalog companies offer extras like gift packaging, personalized holiday greetings and "your time" delivery, so you can shop

early and designate delivery at a later date. Some even send you a reminder, to help you get started, of what you sent and to whom the year before.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

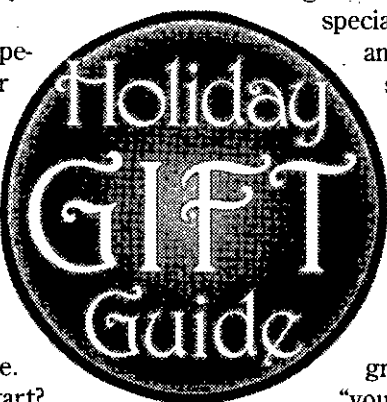
- Consider giving something to eat, such as a special holiday food. Everyone loves food. It's

also easy to share and doesn't add to the clutter. Look for specialty items that can't be found at the local supermarket or corner store. Most people love to receive rich sweets like truffles, tortes, butter toffee or petits fours at this time of year. Fortunately, many catalogs now offer a good selection of sugar-free versions as well.

- Start a tradition. Baumann says nearly half of his customers choose the same holiday treat for those special someone's year after year. One mother writes that every Christmas she sends a Dobosh Torte to each of her grown children, because it brings back memories of her grandmother who used to do the same. She hopes the tradition will carry on to her own grandchildren when they are grown.

- On the other hand, if you prefer to give something that somebody has never before seen, let alone received, choose from items marked "new." Tempting new delicacies available in catalogs for the first time this year range from cute little Penguin Melties, suitable for kids of all ages, to Jelly Belly Bark, Ladybug Truffles and Chocolate Fruitcake.

- Still in a quandary over what to give the babysitter, Uncle Hank or your child's first-grade teacher? Look for a



company that offers an online "gift guide." The best will offer suggestions for everybody from family and friends to the mail carrier and neighbors. Some may also provide personal shopping assistance by telephone, when you call to place an order.

- Remember, whatever you choose, it's the thought that counts. From the very moment

your special treat arrives, your friend or loved one will know you really care.

The art of gift giving lies in the hearts of those who love to bring joy to others. Chances are there is a friend, relative, handy helper or other hard-to-gift person on your list who could use a smile. Happiness is its own reward.

Popcorn strings add an old-fashioned touch

Christmas is coming, and you couldn't be happier. You love everything about the holiday, especially the Christmas trees. There is nothing better than sitting by the fire late in the evening and watching the lights twinkle on the tree. Like many people, you have more than one tree in your home and you look forward to decorating them each season. This year, you're adding

another tree to your collection, and to set it apart from the others in your home, you've decided to

make it an old-fashioned country tree complete with homespun ornaments and popcorn strings. You haven't strung popcorn since you were a kid and you could use a little refresher course.

To string popcorn, all you will need are a few cups of popcorn, a medium sewing needle and some dental floss. Once you have collected the supplies, you can get started following these directions:

1. Heat some oil in a skillet and pop a batch of popcorn.
2. Pour popcorn into a bowl and set aside to cool.
3. Cut off a three-foot piece of floss, pull it through the needle and tie it off at the end.
4. Select a piece of popcorn and run the needle through it close the kernel.
5. Continue adding pieces of

popcorn until the floss is full.

6. Knot the end of the string of floss when complete.

7. Repeat process until you have enough strings of popcorn to run around the tree. Tie the strings together to make one continuous string of garland.

If desired, you may alternate popcorn pieces with dried cranberries, gumdrops or some other type of food. You can also add packets of flavored gelatin to the popcorn for multicolored strings.

Stringing popcorn doesn't take a lot of time or money, and it can give any tree an old-fashioned touch. Get the family involved and turn the event into an annual tradition. You're sure to have loads of fun, and best of all, when Christmas is over, you can just throw away the strings. There is no need for you to wrap



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Avoid the crowds with online shopping

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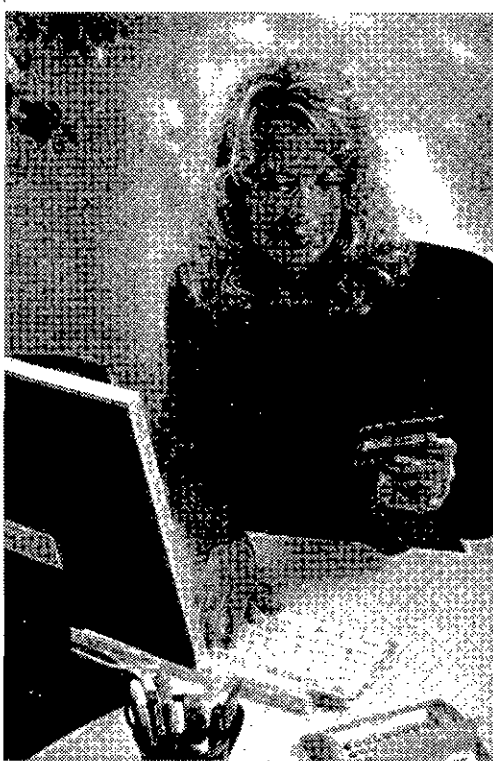
In order to ensure that you are purchasing quality products, you must buy from reputable businesses. One way to do this is to make sure that any dealer you are buying from is authorized. Dealers located in the United States are subject to the laws of the government, which are designed to protect consumers. Therefore, your best bet is to deal only with businesses located in the United States. Another option open to you is to contact the Better Business Bureau branch that is located in the same area as the business you are considering dealing with and ask for a reliability report. This report will give valuable information on the business, including the business's complaint history.

Another factor you will want to take into consideration is the return policy of the business. You don't want to buy from any business that does not have their

return policy posted online. You need to find out if you will receive a refund on returned items or a store credit. You also need to know if you will have to pay the shipping costs or a restocking fee.

When paying for a purchase, you may be concerned about using a credit card. However, this is the best way to pay for online orders due to the fact that consumers' credit card purchases are protected by the federal government under the Fair Credit Billing Act. Paying by check when you shop online is a bad idea because it can leave you open to all sorts of fraud. Debit and check cards are also not a good idea because they can also leave you open to fraud and are not protected by law to the same extent that credit cards are.

When you use your credit card to purchase merchandise online, you will always want to make sure that you are using a secure Web site. One way to do this is to verify that the Web address corresponds to the name



of the company. You will also want to look at the bottom of the screen to verify that there is either a lock or an unbroken key symbol. If neither of these symbols appears at the bottom of the screen, then the site is not secure and you don't want to purchase online from them.

While there are risks involved in shopping online, you can find products online many times that you cannot elsewhere. Shopping online can also help you beat the Christmas rush. By following these tips, you can be on your way to a safe online holiday shopping experience.

Protect yourself from thieves targeting shoppers

Shopping for gifts for your friends and loved ones during the holiday season can be a lot of fun. Unfortunately, it can also be dangerous. Purse snatching, credit card theft and other crimes do not stop during the holiday season.

Following are a few tips to help keep you safe while you embark on your holiday shopping excursions.

- When shopping, it is best to draw as little attention to yourself as possible, so leave the flashy clothes and expensive jewelry at home. That way, you will be less likely to become a target of thieves.

- Try to shop during the day when there is plenty of light and park in a secure area. If you must shop at night, be sure to park in a well-lit area. Don't leave mail visible in your car. Someone could easily look in the window and copy down your home address.

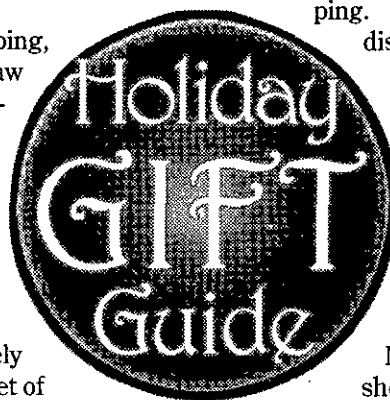
- Carry as little cash as possible on you while shopping and stash it in your front pocket. It is best not to carry a purse or wallet while shopping, but if you must, you should strap your purse to your body securely or

carry your wallet in your front pocket. You should keep track of your purse or wallet at all times and never lay either down for any reason. Don't pull money out of your purse or wallet in crowded areas, and try not to let anyone see how much money you have when paying for your purchases.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times when shopping. Don't become distracted by all of the holiday hoopla or lug around so many shopping bags that you cannot see what is going on around you. Never set your shopping bags down. Take them to

your vehicle periodically and store them in the trunk out of sight. If this is not possible, cover your bags with a blanket or towel of some sort. If you ever feel unsure about going to your vehicle alone, ask if someone from security can walk you to it.

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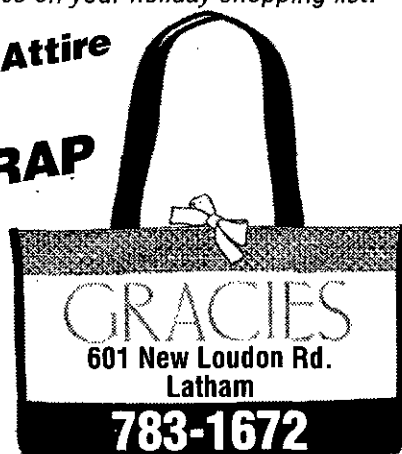
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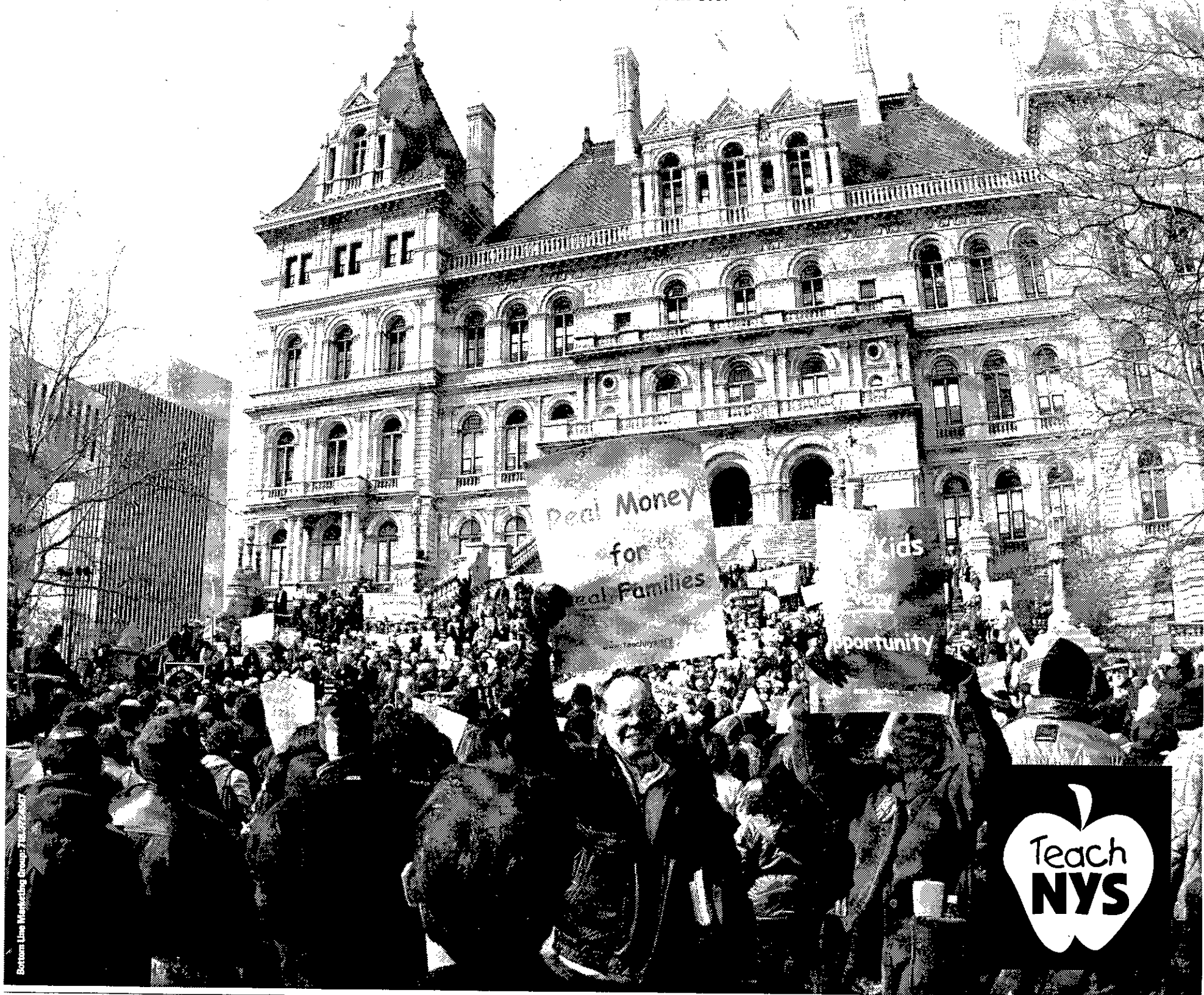
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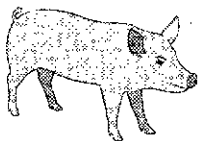
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Around the County

Pine Bush center moves forward

By ROB IRWIN

The groundbreaking for the educational center that will serve as a gateway and central location for the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, something the 3,000-acre area lacks, was announced Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center, which will be located in the former SEFCU building off of New Karner Road, will provide a unique experience for visitors to the Pine Bush.

"The Discovery Center will promote environmental stew-

ardship for all ages through interactive exhibits, universally accessible trails, interpretive programs, educational resources, native gardens and opportunities for involvement with conservation projects," said Denise Sheehan, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

In 2001, Gov. George Pataki announced that SEFCU would relocate its offices to the state office campus, which would allow the state to develop the Pine Bush Discovery Center with public and private support.

"The work starts, and that's

mainly because of the state coming through with \$2.2 million through the Environmental Protection Fund," said Christopher Hawver, executive director of the Albany Pine Bush Commission. "We're looking forward to having a good construction season here over the winter and opening our doors in late spring or early summer."

The 3,010-acre Albany Pine Bush preserve receives nearly 100,000 visitors annually. The Discovery Center will provide a facility where visitors can learn about the unique ecology and history of the preserve.

"It's in a great visible location," said Hawver. "So now you'll have this building, it's your front door."

One of the features of the former SEFCU building is that ideally it will become a "green" building. The majority of the interior demolition necessary to make way for the Discovery Center's program has resulted in an extensive recycling and reuse of materials. The 25,000-square-foot center will use wood from sustainably harvested forests, install cork and linoleum countertops and flooring, use green label carpets, supplement 50 percent of the electric supply with wind energy and institute an occupant recycling program.

"The Albany Pine Bush is unique in many ways," said state Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany. "What we will have here is also unique — a green building for our Discovery Center. It is rare that we get something back, but the determination of all the supporters of the Pine Bush have made good things happen."

The Pine Bush Preserve encompasses portions of the towns of Colonie and Guilderland as well as the city of Albany and is one of the best remaining examples of an inland pine barrens left in the world, home to unique varieties of rare plants and animals, notably the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission was created by the State Legislature in 1988 to protect and manage the unique and endangered natural communities and species that make up the preserve.

"The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center is an exciting development in the commission's education and outreach plan and is quickly becoming a reality," said Hawver. "We hope our friends and neighbors will help us meet our exhibit funding goals and build an endowment that will assist us in maintaining and expanding this community resource for future generations."

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Around the County

Little gingerbread homes represent a bigger need

Group holds fundraiser to help the homeless

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

After a decade, the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society is revamping fundraising efforts to offset decreases in government funding and increases in demand.

HATAS' goal is to help the poor, the homeless and others in need lead independent, safe and self-sufficient lives in the community, according to the organization's Web site.

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18 and 19, HATAS will host a Home Sweet Gingerbread Home event at Colonie Center to help continue the fight against homelessness in the Capital District. Corporate, community and family teams will compete to see who can make the best gingerbread home. The homes will be put up for silent auction to raise money for HATAS and public awareness of its cause.

"If people participate, they will know where and what their money is going towards," said Natasha Pernicka. HATAS hasn't set a goal for the fundraiser, and Pernicka said the group is still "feeling out" its first major fundraiser in 10 years.

In the past, more than 90 percent of HATAS' funding has

come through federal, state and local government grants. Private fundraising on the side has kept its annual operating budget at little more than \$1 million. HATAS' services extend beyond homelessness, and that has taken a toll on the organization's resources, said HATAS Executive Director Ira Mandleker.

"There hasn't been, since 2000, any expansion of government funding available to us for these projects," he said. "The need for these programs has risen over the years, but the funding hasn't increased significantly."

According to Mandleker, 16,000 households in Albany County have annual incomes of \$15,000 or less. Of those, 5,000 of

the households are families.

In 2000, the organization began to reach out to private donors. The private donations allowed more flexibility when it came to allocating funds for various projects. The limited federal and state funding came with strings attached that only allowed the money to be used for particular programs.

The cost of coordinating efforts throughout the area met head-on with the rising costs of utilities and housing.

While no programs fell by the wayside, the availability and function of each of its sponsored programs were not where they needed to be, Mandleker said. It came down to diversifying the organization's programs and greater coordination

with private and public organizations to eradicate homelessness in Albany County.

The Home Sweet Gingerbread Home fundraiser has been underwritten by various area businesses and will operate at no cost to HATAS, said Pernicka.

Event competitors range from culinary students to professional chefs and community teams. Their

work will be on display during the weekend of the event leading up to the close of the silent auction at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. On Saturday, Nov. 18, the event will host a family contest where contestants have 90 minutes to make their gingerbread homes. Supplies will be provided.

For information, contact HATAS at 463-2124 or e-mail info@hatas.org.

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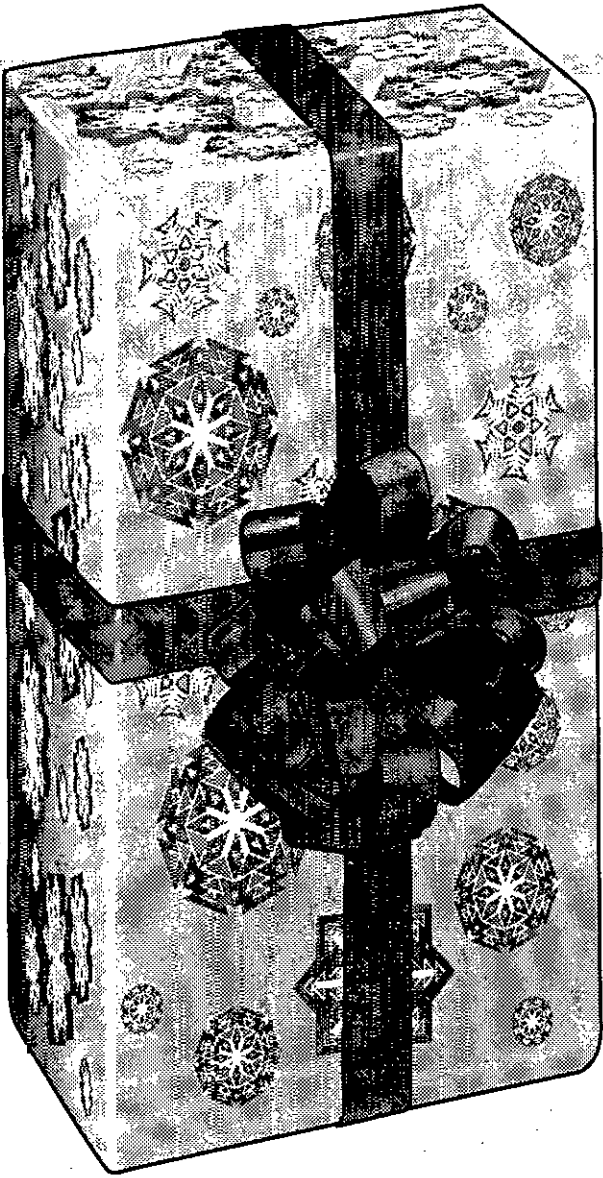
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Retailers: Christmas sales expected to top Black Friday

Two-thirds of retailers believe that the upcoming holiday shopping season will be at least as good as, if not better than, 2005, a survey of Retail Council of New York State members revealed. The Council is the state's largest retail trade association, representing 5,000 stores of all size and variety from national chains to independent Main Street merchants.

Each year, the Retail Council conducts its Holiday Sales Watch, a survey of members between Thanksgiving and Christmas, to track retail sales and trends. The Council revamped its survey process in 2006 to include a Holiday Season Forecast, a sampling of what members believe the season will bring for retailers in New York state. The survey was conducted by mail in

September and October.

When asked whether they anticipated sales during the 2006 holiday season would be better than, worse than or the same as last year's holiday season, responses varied with nearly one-third of survey participants supporting each option:

Better than.....28%
Same as39%
Worse than31%
No response2%

"With 67 percent of respondents telling us that they believe their sales will be better than or about the same as last year, the forecast for the holiday selling season is bright," said James R. Sherin, president and chief executive officer of the Retail Council. "If a retailer's sales were up 2 percent in 2005 and they anticipate their sales will be the same in 2006, that's still positive growth in what New York merchants generally consider to be a tough economy."

When asked to comment on their choice, participants who think the season will be a better one than last year's generally identified personal business achievements they believe will generate sales.

Other respondents less optimistic about the shopping season pointed to high energy costs — especially gasoline — as a reason why retailers may not fare as well this holiday season. Several respondents, however, indicated that recent decreases in prices at the pump would help generate sales.

Survey participants also pointed to increased competition, particularly via the Internet, to clarify why they thought their sales would be less than or the same as last year's. Other survey participants complained that general economic hardship (defined by some respondents as high taxes, unemployment, interest and mortgages rates) might make sales falter. Not surprisingly, weather was also at the top of retailers' minds.

While some members expected the recent devastating snow storm in western New York to negatively impact sales, retailers in other parts of the state are hoping for the right mix of wintery weather. One member wrote, "Weather...Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, survey participants clarified which day(s) they expect will be their busiest. Members indicated that the Saturday and Sunday before Christmas, traditionally always the busiest, should be the most hectic again in 2006:

Saturday/Sunday before Christmas63%
Black Friday20%
Day After Christmas7%
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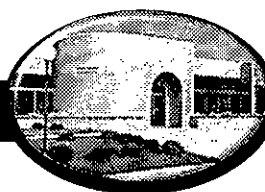
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Girls see science in action at GE event

By JILL U. ADAMS
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Hands raised, five girls sat in the front row, ready to predict what would happen. Mary Burl, from GE Plastics in Pittsfield, Mass., held up a box of Mentos candy and a liter-sized Coke bottle.

This was one of several activities planned for more than 30 girls, 9 to 12 years old, from Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region at GE Energy's Schenectady campus last Tuesday. In another room, some girls were making slime while learning about polymer synthesis, and others were speaking into a microphone and watching the sounds waves they generated pulse on a computer screen.

Burl opened the Coke. "Listen, do you hear that noise?" she asked, as a hiss of carbonation escaped.

Moments later, Burl poured the Mentos into the Coke and a volcano of foam erupted.

Burl explained the science behind the reaction. It's the same force that makes the bubbles rise when the soda was opened, and that makes the foam spew out if soda is shaken

— just bigger. The bubbles use the surface of the Mentos to gather in droves and eject a geyser of foam.

The power of small group dynamics was evident in the room. The girls perched on the edges of their chairs, faces shining and hands perpetually raised, ready to make their guesses and ask their many questions.

The scientists running the demonstrations listened to every guess and every query, reinforcing the notion that there are no rights or wrongs during the discovery process.

Each girl was paired with a mentor for the afternoon — a scientist or engineer from GE's Women's Network, a professional support network. Other GE women ran the hands-on and demonstration activities in four conference rooms. A total of 70 women, all employees from regional GE sites, participated in this year's version of the annual outreach event, GE Girls and Women Day.

The event is "a wonderful augmentation of our Operation Smart program," which focuses on math and science activities,

said Girls Inc. president and CEO Teri Bordenave. For the girls to engage with women who have built careers around math and science "makes it all real," she said.

Girls Inc. runs after-school programs for girls in the Capital District, including everything from homework help to skill building in managing money and conflict resolution. Nearly 80 percent of participating girls are from minority populations and two-thirds are from families bringing in less than \$25,000 annual income.

Fourth-grader Kahnia Palin was teamed with Jennifer Topinka of GE Global Research in Niskayuna. The two were first paired at lunch, where they talked and learned a little bit about each other. Palin learned that Topinka worked at GE, she's a scientist, and she's "very smart."

Topinka learned that Palin's favorite subject is math, she



Mary Burl from GE Plastics with her equipment: Mentos and Coke.

wants to be a judge when she grows up, and she's very smart. "She was the fastest puzzle solver," she said, referring to an icebreaker game held during the noon

hour.

A popular demonstration at the event involved liquid nitrogen. At room temperature, nitrogen is a gas, so when the liquid was poured from its canister, it immediately began to boil and evaporate. To demonstrate how cold the liquid was, the GE volunteer prepared to dip objects into it.

"What will it feel like?" she asked, as she held a carnation over the pot of boiling liquid.

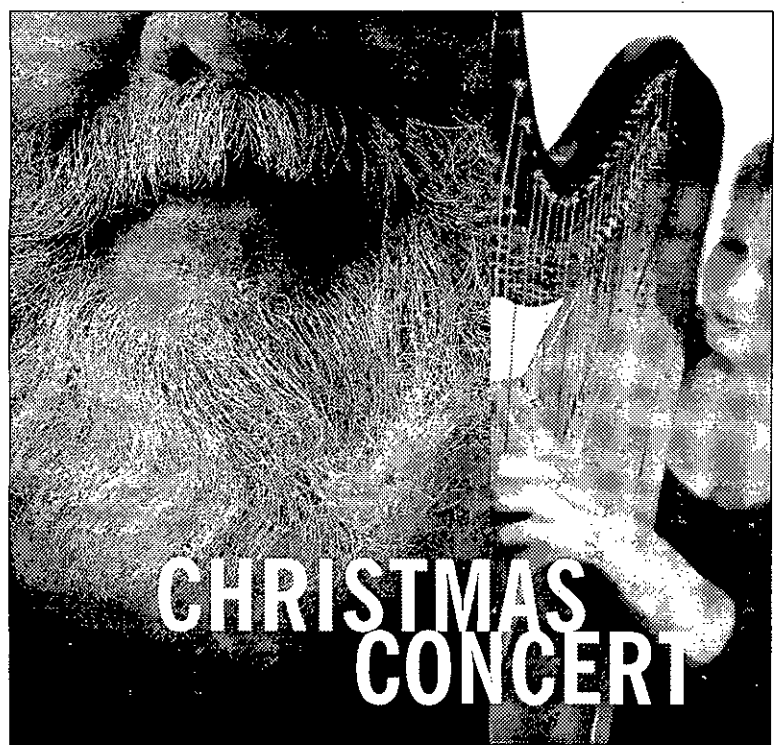
"Hard, cold," came the answers.

Next came the banana, which was instantly frozen. The girls touched it, to experience the transformation.

Palin turned her head to smile at her mentor.

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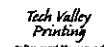
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Births '06

Out of town

Boy, Chase Ryan Lieberman, son of Danyel and Joel Lieberman of Lakeland, Fla., June 11. Paternal grandparents are Susan and Robert Lieberman of Slingerlands.

Girl, Hope Elizabeth Cassellia, daughter of Leah and Dave Cassellia of Hellertown, Pa. Grandparents are Sandra and Vincent LaValle of Delmar.

Girl, Alexa Grace Stolper, daughter of Lynn Kovach and Jonathan Stolper of Glen Rock, N.J., granddaughter of Rainy and Stu Kovach of Delmar, Aug. 13.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Arianna Marie Grace Frey, daughter of Severina (Vera) M. Papa and Jared T. Frey of Selkirk, granddaughter of Joseph and Grace Papa and Edward and Jeanne Frey, June 28.

Boy, Dominic Vincent Casaregola, son of Thomas and Francesca Casaregola of Glenmont, July 14.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Dov Nadir Kovach, son of Ilana and Robert Kovach of Albany, grandson of Barbara and Harry Ungerman of Albany and Rainy and Stu Kovach of Delmar, July 8.

Girl, Makayla Faith Wilhelm, daughter of Jennifer Hood and Eric Wilhelm of Selkirk, May 2.

Girl, Kaci Mae, daughter of Jodi and Jason Anderson of Altamont, May 3.

Girl, Alexis Rose Fiero, daughter of Danielle and Joseph Fiero of Ravena, May 16.

Boy, Raymond Edward Hotaling, son of Amanda and Matthew Hotaling of Ravena, May 30.

Boy, Ryan Christopher Adams, son of Erin and Donald Adams of Slingerlands, June 1.

Girl, Mariah Vincenza Hughes, daughter of Brittany Haner of Coeymans and A'shon Hughes of Colonie, June 3.

Boy, Nicholas James Verdichizzi, son of MaryJo and Michael Verdichizzi of Glenmont, June 6.

Boy, Samuel Alex Panackal, son of Mariamma and Alex

Panackal of Altamont, June 8.

Boy, Lucas Alessandro Boulos, son of Maria Theresa and Alan Samuel Boulos of Glenmont, June 9.

Girl, Katelyn Elizabeth Burt, daughter of Karie Feehan and

Joshua Burt of Voorheesville, June 17.

Girl, Isabel Avery Beyer, daughter of Erica and Todd Beyer of Delmar, June 26.

Boy, Maxwell Bernard Deyoe, son of Kristina and Erik Deyoe of

South Bethlehem, June 26.

Boy, Mason Jeffrey Golonka, son of Michelle and Michael Golonka of Delmar, June 26.

Girl, Maya Rose Mahoney, daughter of Dawn and James Mahoney of Delmar, June 30.

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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Navee Pohlsander

Navee Newby Pohlsander of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 9, at St Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, she graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City, earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition from the University of Utah and a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

Mrs. Pohlsander worked as a dietitian in hospitals in Seattle, Boise, Idaho and Phoenix, Ariz. and served for several years as the director of the WIC program in Albany.

She and her husband raised their family in Delmar. Mrs. Pohlsander was an

active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She read broadly, and enjoyed frequent and extended world travels with her husband. Her creative activities included family history work, quilting and playing the marimba.

Survivors include her husband, Hans A. Pohlsander; three daughters, Dianne M. Pohlsander, Eileen Lee Pohlsander and Margaret K. Lund; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Interment was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Gerald Burke

Gerald R. Burke, 73, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Nov. 6, at his home.

Born in Albany, Mr. Burke worked for the state for 32 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Macri Burke; two daughters, Kelly Lynn of Chicago, Ill. and Karen Monroe of Halfmoon; a son Paul Burke of Lynnfield, Mass.; a sister, Anna VandeWal of Castleton; and six grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to Diocese of Albany, Office of Prayer and Worship (memo-Table of the Lord), 40 N. Main Ave., Albany 12203 or Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Woody Clark

Woody Easterly Clark, 20, of Feura Bush died Saturday, Nov. 5, at his home.

Survivors include his parents, Larry Clark and Mary Anne Barry; a brother, Moss Clark; his grandparents, Bruce and Norma Weegar of Malta and Richard and Martha Barry of Sand Creek.

He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute in Troy and attended Holy Spirit School in East Greenbush. He grew up in Averill Park where he loved playing with his brother, building forts and making friends with trees. He enjoyed traveling with his family and camping in many national parks and particularly loved the ocean, trails and tide pools of Acadia National Park. He was a good chess player, an avid computer game player and he loved to drive.

Services were from the Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, 12061.

Contributions can be made to the Aloha Foundation, Inc. at 2968 Lake Morey Road, Fairlee, Vt. 05045.

Diana Dutton

Diana C. Testa Dutton, 81, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Born in Albany, she was the widow of William P. Dutton.

Mrs. Dutton worked at Levi's Dress Factory and later as a dishwasher for Joseph's Restaurant in Selkirk, Lou's Diner in Ravena and LaCasa's Restaurant in Selkirk.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Dutton of Selkirk and Phyllis Ingraham of New Baltimore; a son, William Dutton, of Selkirk; six sisters, Rose Crisafulli of Albany, Angie Meilak and Toni Robbins, both of Selkirk, Ruth and Catherine Testa, both of Glenmont, and Mary Poff of Florida; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Daughters of Sarah and Community Hospice of Albany.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Coeymans.

Arrangements were by Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance or to Senior Projects of Ravena.

Jeanne Morris

Jeanne Jenny Vincenzia Cioffi Morris, 93, of Palm Beach, Fla., died Wednesday, Nov. 16.

She lived in Delmar and Nassau before moving to Florida.

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The family would like to thank the staff at Newgate Adult Day program and Bethlehem Senior Services.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Nassau.

Contributions may be made to Newgate Adult Day Care, 301 Washington Ave., Albany 12206 or Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Walter Smith

Walter J. Smith, 69, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 8, at his home.

Born in Albany, he retired from the former USA Corporate Services, Inc. in 1998.

Survivors include a brother, George W. Smith of Albany; and three sisters, Ann Conklin of East Greenbush, Mary Lou Tuck of Delmar and Virginia Doherty of Nassau.

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

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205-3890 or Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad, Box 337, Delmar 12054.

Marie Vadney

Marie H. Vadney, 85, of Delmar, died Monday, Nov. 7, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar.

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong resident of the town of Bethlehem.

She was the widow of Earl D. Vadney.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Business College.

Mrs. Vadney was a devoted lifelong member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem and a member of the Bethlehem Grange for many years. She was also a former member of the University Club of Albany.

Survivors include a nephew, Glenn Vadney; and a cousin, Walter C. Hotaling of Delmar.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Elmwood (Bethlehem Rural) Cemetery, Route 9W in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158 or the Alzheimer's Assn., NENY Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Priscilla Van Woert

Priscilla H. "Polly" Van Woert, 71, of Delmar died Tuesday,

Nov. 8, at her home.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., she was proud of her ancestry and being a direct descendant of Samuel Fuller and Perigrene White, who traveled to this country on the Mayflower.

Polly graduated from Walnut Hill School in Natick, Mass., in 1951 and Russell Sage College with a degree in nursing in 1955. She worked at Albany Medical Center Hospital and later taught nursing at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

She was a member of

Normanside Country Club and Delmar Reformed Church. Survivors include her husband, Irving Van Woert, M.D.; three daughters, Joanne Van Woert, M.D. of Voorheesville, Janet Ratliff of Cooperstown and Judy Van Woert, M.D. of Delmar; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

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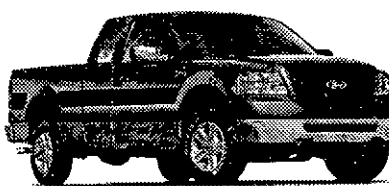
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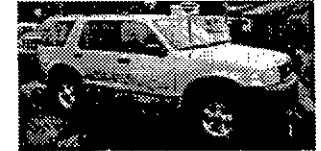
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Milestones *in the* Spotlight

Michalak, Decker engaged

Katherine J. Michalak, daughter of John and Alice Michalak of Ticonderoga, and Forrest Decker, son of Diane Decker of Glenmont and the late David Decker, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Adirondack Community College.

She is a telephone operator for Verizon in Glens Falls.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He is sous chef at Graney's Bar and Grill in Albany.

The couple plans a Jan. 25 wedding.



Katherine J. Michalak and Forrest Decker

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Lucas and Jessica Jefts

Apperson, Jefts wed

Jessica Apperson, daughter of Ronald and Joy Apperson of Scotia, and Lucas Jefts, son of Donald and Barbara Jefts of Scotia, were married July 15.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Burt Mayne at the Perthshire in Perth where a reception followed.

The maid of honor was Amanda Apperson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ami Archibald, Kara Jefts, sister of the groom, Danielle Dynysiuk and Anna Santonastaso.

The best man was Gonzlo Trenosky. Groomsmen were

Matthew DeGracia, Sean Lammerts, Ed Meyer and Jesse Santonastaso.

The bride is a graduate of Scotia Glenville High School, Marist College and The College of Saint Rose. She is a first grade teacher for Niskayuna Central Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Scotia Glenville High School and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is an engineer for BBL, an ARCADIS company in Albany.

After a honeymoon to Sandals Antigua, the couple resides in Albany.

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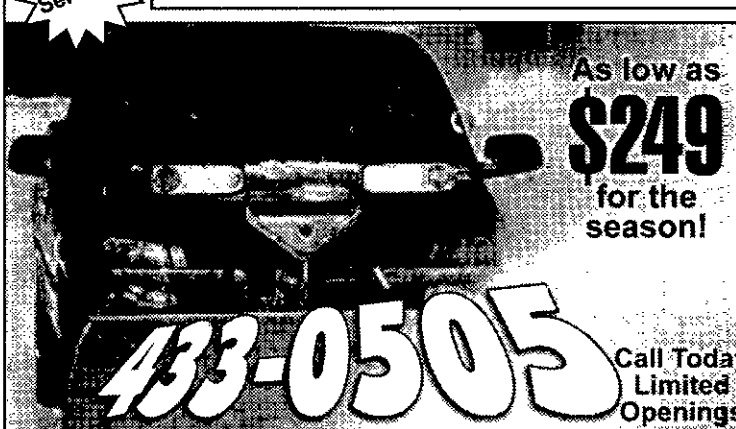
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Two of Albany's most famous sons will be bookending a special event that pays tribute to one of the area's literary lions in a symposium set for this weekend at the Albany Academy on Academy Road in Albany.

William Kennedy, author of *Ironweed* and *O Albany*, will begin the 24-hour reading of *Moby-Dick* that is the centerpiece of "Why Melville Matters Now" at the Albany Academy for Girls. The nation's favorite curmudgeon, CBS' 60 Minutes commentator Andy Rooney, will conclude the reading.

Rooney and Melville are both Albany Academy alumni — albeit from slightly different graduating classes.

In addition to the reading — shared by a great number of volunteers — there are a number of lectures and panel discussions that will focus on Melville and his works.

Melville was born in New York City in 1819, but his mother was from Gansevoort, and when Melville's father went bankrupt in 1830, the family moved to Albany, where Herman attended the Albany Academy. The family later lived in Lansingburgh.

Melville's love affair with water and boats may well have begun during one of his first jobs, working as a surveyor on the Erie Canal. He later took seafaring jobs that took him to the South Pacific — and led to the tale of the white whale; *Billy Budd*; and one that was most beloved when he was alive, *Typee*. He died in relative obscurity in 1891, but his works saw a comeback in the 20th century.

Kathleen Thornton will help explain why Melville is important when she presents "Melville — Now More than Ever" in this weekend's symposium.

"Melville's voice resonates with this generation," the lecturer and director of English undergraduate advisement at the University at Albany said. "Melville wrote when a war was going on and the nation was struggling with boundaries between free states and slave states. We're still struggling with boundaries in a civil war, even if it's not our civil war. Melville rejects the idea that everything is as it should be. There's a lot of ambiguity in what he writes."

Thornton had some advice for the people who groan when they think about reading *Moby-Dick* ... or groan at their memories of it.

"It's actually a series of books within a book," she said. "People shouldn't read it in one sitting, or in one day. It's an



Moby Dick by Frank Stella, part of "The Wave" at The Albany Institute of History and Art. Silkscreen, lithography and linoleum block with hand-coloring, marbling and collage. Photograph courtesy of Alan Cristea Gallery, London.

allegory, but it's also an adventure story. A lot of people don't realize that it's based on a true incident."

Carol Burns, director of communications at the Albany Academy, said the symposium is something that Caroline Mason, the head of school who will be retiring next year, had long wanted to do. Deirdre Henderson, whose two sons graduate from the academy, put the program together, and retired academy librarian Virginia Dorwaldt listened to *Moby-Dick* on tape to break out the segments

Call them all Ishmael...

Albany Academy symposium offers discussions, art exhibits, dance performances and tours that honor one of its own

that volunteers would read.

"Melville is an iconic figure," Burns said. "He went to the academy. It will be interesting to

hear people put their different emotions into it."

Burns said the University at Albany's involvement helped draw Kennedy. "Andy Rooney likes to do what he can to support the school," Burns said.

Columbia University's Andrew Delbanco, director of American studies and Julian Clarence Levi professor in the humanities, will be the keynote speaker.

Friday and Saturday's panel discussions include Thornton's,

and discussions about race, sexuality, religion, and Melville as a counterculture figure.

There is also an art exhibit at the academy; a dance performance by Collective Momentum; and an archival exhibit at the academy.

There will also be a trolley tour of Melville's Albany, and a self-guided driving or walking tour.

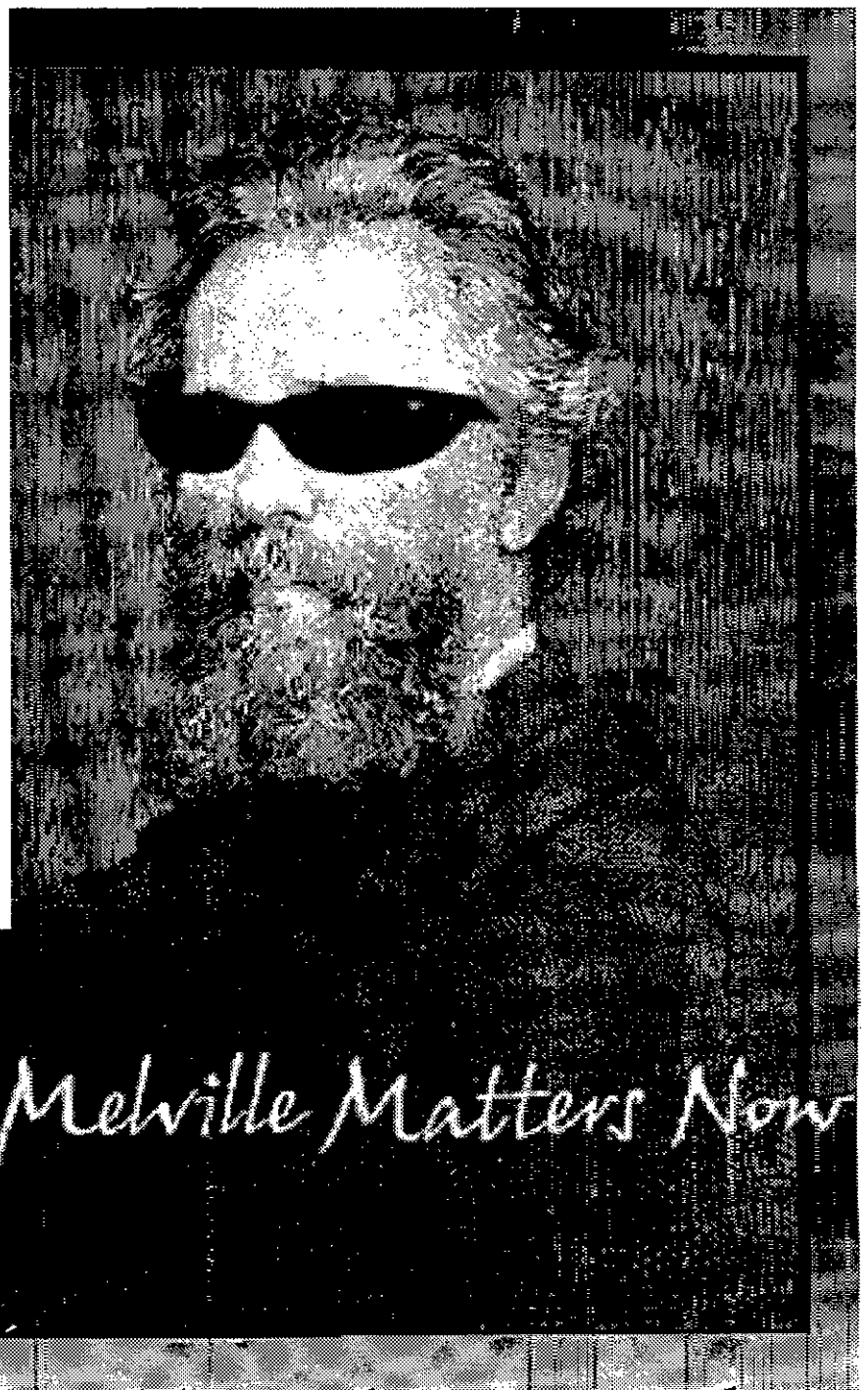
The Albany Institute of History and Art on Washington Avenue in Albany has an exhibit by Frank Stella, inspired by *Moby-Dick*. Thirteen proof prints from Stella's 266 works called "The Waves" will be at the institute through the end of the year.

Thornton is confident that everyone high school age or older will enjoy the symposium and the reading of *Moby-Dick*.

"Melville's home-grown, and he's one of America's treasures," Thornton said.

The reading of *Moby-Dick* begins at noon on Friday, Nov. 17 at the Albany Academy's Gilbert M. Tucker library.

For information about "Why Melville Matters Now," visit the Web site, www.whymelvillemattersncw.org.



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Arts & Entertainment

Theater

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Presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through Nov. 19, \$15. Information, 462-1297.

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Comedic murder-mystery with werewolves and an English manor, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 18, \$20. Information, 877-7599.

THE UNDERPANTS

Adaptation of an early 20th-century play, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 2, \$27-\$42. Information, 462-4531.

Music

MELISSA FERRICK

Female singer-songwriter, Nov. 17, WAMC Performing Arts Studio, Central Avenue, Albany. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

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Featuring Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, Shirley Alston Reeves, the Duprees and more, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, \$30-\$47. Information, 346-6204.

DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET

"Dawg Music" pioneer brings his mix of bluegrass, folk and rock to the region, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$26-\$29. Information, 273-0038.

BRUCE HORNSBY

Piano man does solo show, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

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Featuring Habib Koite, Vusi Mahlasela and Dobel Gnahore, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$15-\$28. Information, 273-0038.

JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS

Rock and roll veteran, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., Northern Lights, North Country Commons, Route 146, Clifton Park, \$10.27. Information, 371-0012.

GOO GOO DOLLS

Pop rock band, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, \$35. Information, 465-4663.

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Bela Fleck's bass player, with help from the Lee Boys, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

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Rockin' jam band, with Donavon Frankenreiter opening, Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, \$27-\$34. Information, 465-3334.

Comedy

CARLOS MANCIA

Humor from Comedy Central star's mind, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$42.50. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Preserving Family History: the Heritage of an Albany County Family," through Dec. 31; "Represent: Selections from the Studio Museum in Harlem," through Feb. 25; 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

"Alpine Views: Alexandre Calame and the Swiss Landscape," through Dec. 31; "Delacroix and the Horse," featuring world premiere of Eugene Delacroix work; "Works on Paper: a Selection of Recent Gifts," through Jan. 7; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Common Ground: 200 Years of Washington Park," through Dec. 3; "The Autobiography of Bill Sullivan," a retrospective collection, through July 30, 2007; plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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"Saving Troy," a photographic exhibit coinciding with the book of the same name by William B. Patrick, plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Kalz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Winter Sun," featuring works by Colonie Art League members, through Jan. 31, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

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"Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "Lost Ladies: Women of the Civil War," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

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Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SOUTH STREET FRAMERS & GALLERY

"True Colors," an exhibit of original paintings by owner Sharon Dacey Fernandes, through Dec. 2, 379 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4900.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Opener 11: Nina Kalchadourian: All Forms of Attraction," through Dec. 30, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

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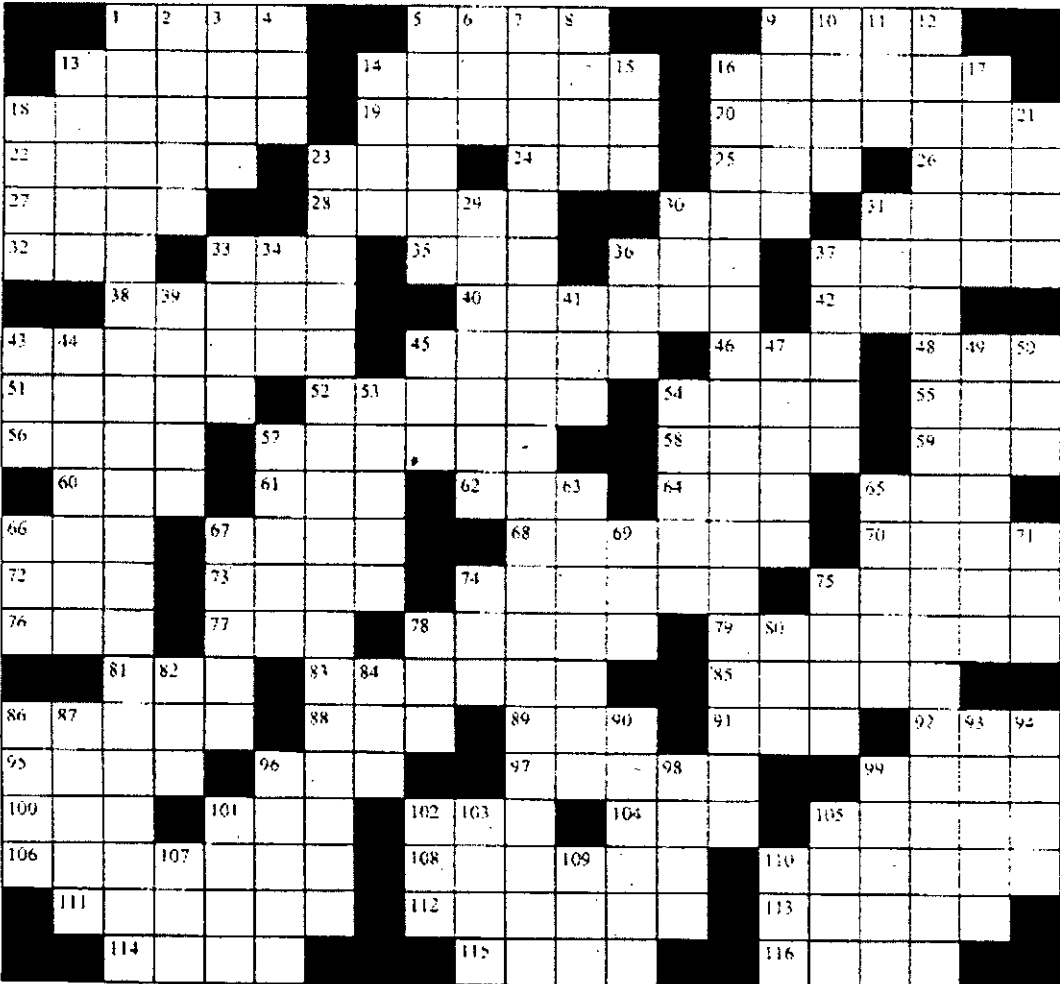
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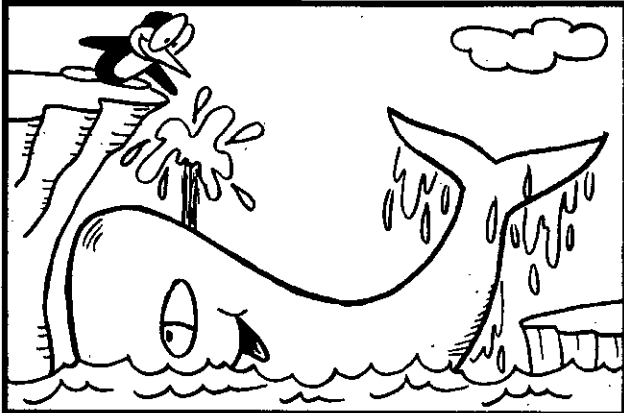
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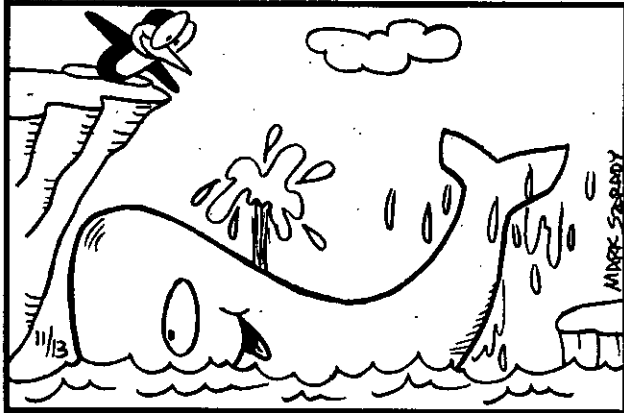


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Wednesday, Nov. 15

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DELMAR ROTARY

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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.

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

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)

Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16

DELMAR

A FREE HEALTH LECTURE AND WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE WILL BE HELD TONIGHT AT 7:30 P.M. IT'S FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

FREE HEALTH LECTURES

Dr. Ron Stram and staff offer free health lectures every third Thursday of each month. All events at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing, 7:30 p.m. Registration recommended. Information and topics, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net.

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.

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

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

Friday, Nov. 17

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP (JULY AND AUGUST)

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., information, 439-9341.

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, Nov. 18

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM

An Inconvenient Truth, the Al Gore film about global warming will be shown Saturday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Refreshments will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

VOORHEESVILLE

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Judging the cooking contest for kids will be held at the Voorheesville Public Library at 12:30 p.m. No sign up needed.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

How to Collector's Series: Books, Books, Books at Voorheesville Public Library at 2 p.m. No Sign up necessary.

DELMAR

The N.Y.S. Cyclocross Championships will be held today at Elm Avenue Park beginning at 9:15 a.m. and running through the afternoon. For more information see www.nycross.com.

DELMAR

Saint Thomas the Apostle School will hold an open house today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the school on 42 Adams Place. Call 439-5573 for information.

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.

Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.

Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.

Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.

Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rocketteller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.

King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.

KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.

Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.

Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.

St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.

Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilford, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY -

Monday, Nov. 20

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 6:15 p.m. Information, call Chris at 439-3026 or Gary at 439-9629

PLAYGROUP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976 ext. 228

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

LIBRARY BOARD

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

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BETHLEHEM

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CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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

VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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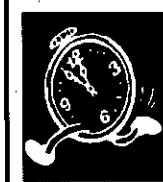
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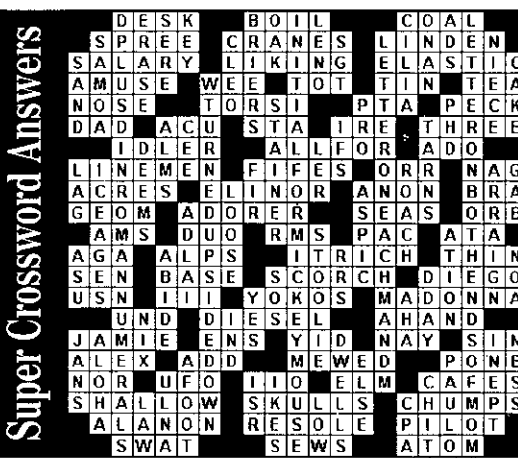
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DE 19901. Purpose: real estate development.
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Notice of Formation of NEVENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/15/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 83 Mercer St., Ground Fl., NY, NY 10012. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: fashion boutique.
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Notice of Qualification of Parishpay, LLC. Fictitious name: Parishpay I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/23/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/15/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 W. 57th, 33rd Fl., NY, NY 10019. Address required to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 100, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
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Notice of Formation of People Like Blue Pictures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/06. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 259 West 10th Street, #3G, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-14374
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SCARLET STITCH LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/25/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Tammy Anderson, 131 Eagle Street, Apartment B, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-14376
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Publication HALESWORTH LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14377
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication KYVERDALE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14378
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication LARKSWOOD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14379
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication FORTROSE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14380
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MIRIADWAYS TECH. LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/11/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14383
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication TOLLINGTON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/13/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14390
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OPRR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/20/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 140 Beach 113th St., Rockaway Park,

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NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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Notice of Formation of Fordham Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 4/05/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 215 W. 101 St. #2F, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14392
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Clean Living Property Management LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 5/24/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Broad St. #101, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14393
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Peterson Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/15/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Broad St. #101, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14394
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Friends & Brothers LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/26/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 139 1st Ave., North Store, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14395
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Herkimer Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/27/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 268, Pomona, NY 10970. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14396
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NYC Capital Value Fund I, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 4/28/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Broad St. #101, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14397
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of NYC Capital Value Fund II, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 6/28/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Broad St. #101, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14398
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of NYC Capital Value Manager, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 4/

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28/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Broad St. #101, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14399
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1401-67 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/10/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 150 W. 28th St., Ste 201A, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14400
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 180 Hester Street Restaurant LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/19/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 180 Hester St., New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14401
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 48-52 Franklin, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/13/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 761 River Ave., Ste 1, Lakewood, NJ, 08701. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14402
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 707 E.187 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/11/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Dogwood Rd., Great Neck, NY, 11024. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14403
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Amin Mgt. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/29/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 260 Oakridge Ln., North Hills, NY, 11507. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14404
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication TAMRIEL GROUP LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14417
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication HIGH ROCK INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at

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the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14418
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
KORBEL HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14420
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
ENCINO DIRECT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14421
(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
HILMAR VENTURES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14422
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
TINTO GROUP LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14423
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
KUDOS INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14424
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
FAST TRACK HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
SABRE SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/06. Office location: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14426
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GCMCMT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/6/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 8400 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55437. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14427
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of COOLEY GODWARD KRONISH LLP (formerly: COOLEY GODWARD LLP), a registered limited liability partnership (RLLP). Cert. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/22/2006. Office location: Albany County. LLP registered in California (CA) on 8/13/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. CA address/principal business location of LLP: Five Palo Alto Sq., 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Purpose: practice the profession of law.
LD-14428
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Sunesys, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/6/06. Fictitious name in NY State: InfraSource Sunesys, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/18/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-14429
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Blair Park Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/6/06. Fictitious name in NY State: InfraSource Blair Park Services, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/18/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-14430
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Michael A. Beach & Associates, LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability

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company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/2006 Office location: Albany County. PLLC formed in New Jersey on 10/1/1997. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal business location: 205 Birchfield Dr., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Purpose: practice the profession of law.
LD-14431
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MDC Systems Corp., LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/30/06. Fictitious name in NY State: MDC Systems Corp. of New York LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 9/22/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal business location / PA address of LLC: 300 Berwyn Park, Ste. 115, Berwyn, PA 19312. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Dept. of State, 206 N. Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14432
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Alutiq Global Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/26/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Alaska (AK) on 1/24/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. AK address/principal business location of LLC: 3909 Arctic Blvd., Ste. 400, Anchorage, AK 99503. Cert. of Org. filed with AK Secy. of State, 150 Third St., Juneau, AK 99801. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-14433
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Alutiq Security & Technology, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/30/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Alaska (AK) on 5/25/2000. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. AK address/principal business location of LLC: 3909 Arctic Blvd., Ste. 400, Anchorage, AK 99503. Cert. of Org. filed with AK Secy. of State, 150 Third St., Juneau, AK 99801. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-14434
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Softpower LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/10/06. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 301 East 79th St., Ste 24-H, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-14445
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of USRG Niagara Biomass, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/6/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/4/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal business location: US Renewable Group, 2425,

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Olympic Blvd., Ste. 6050 W., Santa Monica, CA 90404. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14446
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FAE Holdings 356710R, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/14/06 Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in UTAH (UT) on 2/9/05. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1441 East 27th St., Brooklyn, NY 11203. UT address of LLC: 560 South 300 East, Ste 200 Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Arts of Org. filed with UT Secy. Of State, Kathy Berg, 160 E. 300 S. 2nd Fl., Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14450
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AZ Kidz LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/18/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 60 Morrow Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-14451
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
AZZURRA LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14452
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
RUBIN HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/01/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
SPARK HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/01/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14454
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication:
Old Albany Properties III, LLC Art. Of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 54 Willett Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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WELLINGTON HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
BARONET HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
ABC CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
DELTA PROPERTY SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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Notice of Publication
METROPOL REAL ESTATE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/04/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14460
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
COWLITZ LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14461
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
WHITE BEACH VILLAGE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
EDAT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/07/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14463
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
ETERA LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/25/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14464
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
FORMULA PRIME LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/25/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14465
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
ORIENTAL FANCY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/28/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14466
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
SEVEN SEAS HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/22/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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(November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
SEKTO HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/30/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14468
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
NEW DAWN BIOTECH LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/16/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14469
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
GOLDSTEIN TRANSPORT & SHIPPING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/18/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
CLAELLA GROUP LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/05/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
PIERCE INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/29/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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Notice of Publication
SFERA LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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STEEL TUBE INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14474
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
YAKIMA LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-14475
(November 15, 2006)

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ELECTRA INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/21/05. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14476 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORKA CENTRAL, LLC (Pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Articles of Organization for ORKA CENTRAL, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on October 17, 2006. The Company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process in any action or proceeding against the company which may be served upon him or her is: c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott Street East, Niskayuna, New York 12309. The Company shall be managed by one or more managers. No member of the Company solely by reason of being a member is an agent of the Company for the purpose of its business, and no member shall have the authority to act for the Company solely by virtue of being a member. The Articles of Organization of the Company were effective on October 17, 2006. LD-14478 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Beach 112 Properties, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/19/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 140 Beach 113th St., Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14487 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 557-561 West 149 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/8/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th St., Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: any lawful activity. ast date to dissolve 12/31/2099. LD-14488 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization for ABS Solutions, L.L.C. were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 23, 2006, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law. Office location is Albany County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon which process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2 Normanskill Boulevard, P.O. Box 69, Delmar, New York 12054. Registered Agent of the LLC on whom and at which process against the LLC can be served is: Friedman and Molinsek, P.C., 2 Normanskill Blvd., P.O. Box 69, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activities.

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LD-14489 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **KIMBLE-GRAJNY ENTERPRISES, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/11/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o David Kimble, 53 Indian Pipe Drive, Wynantskill, New York 12198. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14490 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Core6 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/06. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 555 West 25th Street, 5th Fl., NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14493 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication Zaid Holding LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/19/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14494 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication VINTAGE HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/11/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14495 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication TOWER ARTS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/09/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14496 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication SRC IMPORT EXPORT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/18/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14497 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication RMI REAL MARKETING INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

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12/16/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14498 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication LONEVALLEY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/24/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14499 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication CARTER CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/18/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14500 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication B & K CAPITAL ASSOCIATES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/27/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14501 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Application of Authority of VetCor of Albany LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of the State of New York ("SSNY") on October 4, 2006 effective on the date of filing. The jurisdiction of its formation is Delaware. The formation date is January 9, 2001. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to CT Corp., 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York, 10011, the registered agent of the LLC upon whom such process may be served. The address of the principal office of the LLC is 172 Morton Avenue, Albany, NY 12202. A copy of the Certificate of Organization is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-14514 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Application of Authority of VetCor of Albany LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of the State of New York ("SSNY") on October 4, 2006 effective on the date of filing. The jurisdiction of its formation is Delaware. The formation date is January 9, 2001. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to CT Corp., 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York, 10011, the registered agent of the LLC upon whom such process may be served. The address of the principal office of the LLC is 172 Morton Avenue, Albany, NY 12202. A copy of the Certificate of Organization is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-14514 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication WORLDWIDE WEB INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14515 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Publication PETERDALE OVERSEAS T.L. LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14515 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication AMERICAN TRANSPORT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/20/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14517 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ANABASI LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/24/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14518 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Williams Communications of New York, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 16, 2006. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Williams Communications of New York, 5046 Tennessee Capital Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. The street address of the principal business location is 5046 Tennessee Capital Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-14520 (November 15, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: C.M. Joes, L.L.C. (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Dept. of State of NY on 10/23/06. Office location: Greene County. Principal business location: 22 Newry Lane, Greenville, NY 12083. Secretary of State of NY is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 22 Newry Lane, Greenville, NY 12083. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-14521 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Lacuna, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/06. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60 East 8th Street, Apt. 25J, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14527 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **UNITED FUNDING SERVICES, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 130 Remsen Street, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14528 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 618 Academy Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14529 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 612-618 W182nd Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14530 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 516 W169th Street Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14531 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 561 W114th Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14532 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 880 St. Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14533 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 446 W164th Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14534 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 9-11 Vermilyea Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 275 Madison Ave. 39th Fl., New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14535 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PDSG, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/20/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address required to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc, 160 Greentree Dr, Ste 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14536 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Aphorp Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/30/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1776 Broadway 23rd Fl., New York, NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14547 (November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 265 Realty Group LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/27/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3602 Quentin Rd. Ste 118, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14548 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of H.E. Newport, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/26/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/29/00. Principal business location: 71 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14550 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of HTS - NY, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/19/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/13/06. Principal business location: 71 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898,

Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14551 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Accountancy Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/25/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 1/15/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. IL address of LLC: 1250 Barclay Blvd., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., Room 351, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14552 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of 1412 Broadway, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14553 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of 1412 Broadway Member, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/12/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14554 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of ACCENTURE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/22/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/3/02. Principal business location: c/o Accenture LLP, 1345 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10105. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 161 North Clark St., Chicago, IL 60601. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14555 (November 15, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Dribble Kick Throw, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/16/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/20/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of Harrisdirect LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/11/2002 as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/2/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207 registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: Harborside Financial Center 501 Plaza II, Jersey City, NJ 07311. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Lockover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14557
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ASHWORTH PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/26/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 686 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14565
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SJW ENTERPRISES, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of SJW ENTERPRISES, LLC, the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is SJW ENTERPRISES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The business of the Company is to purchase, own, lease, construct, renovate, rehabilitate and otherwise manage real estate, and any and all things necessary, convenient or incidental to that purpose, and to perform all legally permissible purposes in addition to the aforementioned purpose.
THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.
FOURTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
FIFTH: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.
SIXTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State, shall be c/o SJW Enterprises, LLC, 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207

EIGHTH: The name and street address within the State of New York of the registered agent of the Company upon whom and at which process against the company can be served is: Waite Associates, P.C., 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207
NINTH: None of the members of the company, in their respective capacities as members, shall be personally or individually liable for

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any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Company.
TENTH: A member, acting in his or her capacity as a manager of the Company, shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for damages that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, are found to have come about by reason of one or more act(s) or omission(s) of such manager and proximately resulting in a judgment or other final adjudication which establishes that: (a) such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (b) such manager personally gained, in fact, a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not otherwise legally entitled or (c) with respect to a distribution which is the subject of Section 508 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with Section 409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article "TENTH" shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to its adoption.
ELEVENTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed these Articles and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, the 7th day of September, 2006. /s/ STEPHEN J. WAITE, ESQ.
Waite & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for LLC
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LD-14567
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A G First Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/31/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1841 Broadway, Ste. 902, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14571
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mosswood Gardens, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/28/06. Office location: Albany County. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: 291 Maple Ave., South Westerlo, NY 12083, principal business address of the LLC. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14574
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WESTERN TRIANGLE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 149 South Main Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14588
(November 15, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: HELDEBERG-MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC Articles

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of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 3, 2006. 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 c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 91, East Berne, New York 12059. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LD-14589
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication BAXTER INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/29/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14590
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ACEMETIC LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/06/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14591
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ASSET MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/04/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14592
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ESATTO LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/08/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14593
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Selkirk Fire District invites sealed bids for the purchase by the Selkirk Fire District of eighty five new dress uniforms and eighty five sets of new uniform badges, related pins and collar brass. The dress uniform bids and new uniform badge bids will be considered separately. All bids shall be received by Secretary Frank With at Selkirk Fire Company, No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York on or before November 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. At such time and place all sealed bids received shall be opened and publicly considered by the Board of Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District. Specifications may be obtained by contacting

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Commissioner Dale F. Richter at (518) 857-6192. Sealed bids may be mailed to Secretary Frank With, P.O. Box 5, Selkirk, New York 12158. All bids are made and received upon the following conditions:
1. All bids shall include the name, address and telephone number of the bidder.
2. All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope labeled Dress Uniform Bid for the dress uniform bid.
3. All bids shall be made subject to specifications available upon request.
4. Each contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder provided the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject all bids.
5. Bids mailed but not received before November 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. will not be considered.
6. A statement of non-collusion in bids is required.
FRANK WITH, Secretary
LD-14611
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT DECEMBER 12, 2006
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Selkirk Fire District will take place on December 12, 2006 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at Selkirk Fire Co. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five year term commencing on January 2, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2011, and one Fire District Treasurer for a term of three years commencing on January 1, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2009. Candidates for District Office must file a petition signed by at least twenty five registered voters of the Fire District, which petition must be filed with the Secretary of the Fire District no later than November 22, 2006. All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Albany County Board of Elections as of November 20, 2006 shall be eligible to vote.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT.
Frank With,
District Secretary
LD-14612
(November 15, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC KT-PR LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on June 16, 2006. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to KT-PR LLC, Attn. Vincent L. Valenza, 677 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 677 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-14613
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Bethlehem ties Niskayuna for girls class AA title

Niskayuna and Bethlehem will share the Section II, class AA girls soccer title, but the Silver Warriors will represent the region in the state tournament after winning a penalty kick round.

The teams played to a scoreless tie in last Wednesday's Sectional final at Broadalbin-Perth High School before going to

penalty kicks to determine the region's representative. Niskayuna made all five of its attempts, while Bethlehem made four of its five shots.

Niskayuna advances to the state tournament for the first time since 2000. Bethlehem's last outright Sectional championship came in 2002.

Fall champions



The Capital Region Rampage 14-and-under softball team — featuring several players from Bethlehem — took home the first-place trophy from the Miss Shen Fall Chill Tournament Oct. 14 and 15 in Clifton Park. The team is, from left, (front) Seana Wilmett and Sierra Travis; (middle) Cassie Smith, Meghan Burns, Leah Lubert, Jamie Wiley, Jamie Cerone and Jill Venezia; and (back) coach Dave Rice, Katherine Rice, Jenn Volpi, coach Jim Cerone, Emily O'Donnell, Rachel Heath, Shannon McBride and coach Frank Macarilla.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York, notice is hereby given that the limited liability company with the name "Sniglet Rentals, LLC" (the "LLC") has been formed. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) on October 30, 2006. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County, New York. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served is: Sniglet Rentals, LLC, 6 Highland Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. The nature of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD-14665 (November 15, 2006)

Eagles

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Ultimately, said Ridgeway, "we settled down and played our game."

"We played well in the first half, then went into our defensive mode," said Daniels. "Fortunately, we came out on top."

All of those Bethlehem fans that ventured to Camillus will make a much shorter commute this weekend — to the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, where the state Class AA title will be decided.

On Saturday morning at 9 a.m., the Eagles will meet Arlington (Section I) in the semifinals, with the championship game set for Sunday at 11 a.m.

Ridgeway said the experience provided by 16 seniors (including most of the starting lineup) on the roster, plus the tough competition in the Section II ranks, has prepared his team well for the state tournament.

Late goals lift Eagles past Streaks

Bethlehem advanced to the regional tournament with a dramatic Sectional final victory.

White scored two goals in the final 3:33 to lift Bethlehem past Saratoga 2-0 in Tuesday's class AA boys soccer championship game at Colonie Central High School.

White broke the score-less deadlock less than six minutes later. After his initial shot was stopped by Warren Gross, White kicked the rebound away from Gross' hands and knocked the ball into the empty net.

White added an insurance goal 93 seconds later. Bill Barrowman

Rider

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seats at Pepsi Arena.

"I haven't eaten yet today," she said. "I start getting nervous right about now. I'm fine once he gets on the course."

"I get more nervous than he does when he goes out there," Bill said.

Kyle had no trouble navigating the Pepsi Arena course in his first heat. He got off to a good start and finished second with ease. But, Kyle ran into trouble in his second heat when a rider fell in front of him on the last lap, and he wound up crashing into the fallen bike. Kyle was fine, but the fall knocked him from second to eighth place and out of a berth in next year's national competition.

Still, the effort Kyle had at the Albany motocross event may be a sign of things to come. He already has a training track at his house near Sycamore Country Club, as well as a family willing to support his racing career.

"Basically the reason why we built our house where it is, it sits on 70 acres of land," said Bill. "We have a track, and now we've got a bunch of dirt that we can use to upgrade it in the springtime."

Kyle may want to watch his back, though. His 1-year-old sister Eve is already catching the riding bug.

"We just got her one of those battery-operated four-wheelers, and she sits on it and really goes," said Bill.

sent a crossing pass to White, who headed the ball past Gross.

"I just saw it coming and put my head on it," said White.

The Blue Streaks had a chance to take the lead less than three minutes into the second half. Bethlehem goaltender Jason Daniels came off his line to snare a loose ball, but Saratoga's Johnathan Rosebrook beat Daniels to the ball and crossed it to Sean Behan in front of an empty net. Behan's shot sailed high over the crossbar, though.

Rosebrook had his own chance at an empty net goal later in the second half. He knocked the ball away from Daniels and shot it toward the goal, but Bethlehem's defense swooped in and cleared the ball away.

Gross made several saves in his final game in a Saratoga uniform. The senior goalie will be playing for Penn State next fall after earning all-Suburban Council first-team honors the last three years.

"Warren's a fantastic goalie, and we were lucky to get two (goals) on him," said Ridgeway.

Odds

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King are this region's best hopes for winning the Federation race. Hills are not a Saratoga runner's best friend usually, but Davidson is strong enough to make a serious push for first place. King has been consistently strong, but she hasn't faced a field this good all season.

Odds of a Section II girls volleyball team winning a state title: 1-2. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Cobleskill-Richmondville and Lake George all looked dominant in their regional matches, and Loudonville Christian School fought through adversity to defeat a very good Chateaugay squad in five games. Plus, the state tournament is at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Someone — most likely, BH-BL — will take advantage of some home cooking to claim a title.

And for fun, some regional NFL picks ...

Odds that the New York Jets will win the AFC East now that they've beaten the New England Patriots: 100-1. The Jets and Patriots have similar schedules the

rest of the season, but I'd place my trust in three-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady before I'd do the same with Chad Pennington, who has never sniffed a Super Bowl in his career.

Odds that the New York Giants will lose another starter to an injury: 10-1. They don't have many starters left who are healthy in the first place. Their luck has to change some time.

Odds that the Cleveland Browns will beat the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday: 1-10. I don't care what the folks in Las Vegas or any

NFL expert has to say about the game. The Browns are going to win. Why? Because revenge is dish best served cold, and it gets very cold in Cleveland at this time of year. Besides, the Browns have beaten the Jets and the Atlanta Falcons in the last three weeks. The Steelers lost to the Falcons. They've also lost to Oakland — let me repeat, OAKLAND! How can any team that loses to Oakland have a legitimate hope of beating the mighty 3-6 Cleveland Browns?

OK, I think I've ranted a little too much there. I'll stop now.

Troop 75 hosts SportsMart

Boy Scout Troop 75 is holding its annual SportsMart Saturday, Nov. 19, at Bethlehem Central High School.

Sellers can bring new and used sports equipment to the school from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Buyers are welcome from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

From the
Sports Desk
Rob Jonas



Odds are these things will happen

I'm not a professional odds-maker, but I'll do my best impersonation of one this week to give you some predictions for this weekend's action.

Odds of a Section II football team winning a state title: 1,000-1. The two remaining teams, Christian Brothers Academy and Albany Academy, each have huge hurdles to go over before they can play for a state title. CBA has to play its best game of the season to have a chance of beating the state's No. 1 ranked class AA team, Monroe-Woodbury (Section IX), Friday in Kingston, and Albany Academy has an equally tough task against Section I's Rye Saturday at Dietz Stadium.

If either CBA or Albany Academy makes it to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse for next weekend's state finals, it will be a mild surprise.

Odds of a Section II soccer team (boys or girls) winning a state title: 2-1. The state tournament is always a coin flip. All you need is a good goaltender and a lucky bounce or two to win. Certainly, any Section II representative can compete with the state's best. The only question is, will they get the bounce?

Odds of a Section II cross country team winning a Federation title: 1-5. Shenendehowa should win the boys title, while Saratoga has a legitimate shot at the girls title. The Blue Streaks missed out on a state class AA title by six points in the closest race of the day at last Saturday's public school championships, so a move up isn't out of the question.

Odds of a Section II runner winning a Federation title: even. Shen's Steve Murdock has the edge going in after winning the class AA state title last weekend, but Bowdoin State Park is built like the course at Guilderland's Tawasentha Park — with a long upward climb to start and a long downhill to finish. That favors Guilderland's Brian Rhodes-Devey, who will be looking to have a better performance than his eighth-place finish at states.

On the girls' side, Saratoga's Hannah Davidson and Scotia-Glenville's Jillian

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Bill Krell, center, gets his son Kyle ready to race his first of two heats at Sunday's Arenacross event at Albany's Pepsi Arena.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Young rider cleans up on dirt track

Krell is moving up regional ranks in motocross

By ROB JONAS

Most 6-year-olds are still trying to master the transition from riding tricycles to riding bicycles.

Kyle Krell is racing motorcycles — well, motorcycles for children, anyway.

The Ravena resident has been going to regional motocross competitions the last seven months and has done well in his age division. He finished fourth at the New York championships and

placed eighth in the 4-6 pee wee division at last weekend's Arenacross event at Albany's Pepsi Arena.

Kyle has been riding a lot longer than seven months, though. He's been on motorcycles since he was 2.

Kyle said he got into the sport by "watching it on TV," and he likes racing on the straightaways.

"You get to go fast (there)," Kyle said.

Kyle's desire to race likely comes from his father Bill Krell, who once was a professional motocross rider.

"I got to the professional level in dirt track racing when I was 16,

but I had to quit when I was 18 because we didn't have the money (to keep going)," said Bill.

But, Bill didn't start racing motorcycles until he was 13. Kyle started when he was 5. Bill said that's because motocross racing has grown into a sport where riders from Kyle's age to Bill's age (41) and beyond have a place on the track.

"It's come a long way since I did it," said Bill. "There's over 500 (racers) here this weekend, and on any given weekend, you can wind up with over 750 racers."

The motorcycle Kyle rides in races is not nearly as powerful as the ones the older racers use. The

50cc engine only produces 11 to 12 horsepower, which allows the young riders enough speed to navigate the numerous dirt hills and straightaways, but not fast enough to cause them to go airborne like their older counterparts.

"They don't fly like the big guys do, but they've got hundreds of dollars worth of gear on them to keep them safe," said Bill.

Still, it's enough to give Kyle's parents some anxious moments when he's competing. As Kyle was getting ready for his first heat Sunday, his mother Jennifer walked up to the lower level of

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Eagles advance to state semifinals with win

By PHIL BLACKWELL
and ROB JONAS

No one on the Bethlehem boys soccer team traveled this far, with this much support, exerting this much effort, to return home with anything other than victory.

And that is just what the Eagles got in last Friday night's Class AA regional final, withstanding every kind of assault from Section III champion Cicero-North Syracuse to prevail 1-0 in an emotional affair at West Genesee High School near Syracuse.

In fact, the emotions got out of hand. Officials called the game with 11 seconds left after three CNS players were issued red cards in a storm of frustration at seeing its great season come to an end.

By the time everyone cooled down, Bethlehem players had run

over to the bleachers, celebrating with the large contingent of black-and-orange-clad supporters that had traveled more than two hours to see the Eagles reach the state final four for the first time in team history.

"It's amazing to have that kind of support," said goalkeeper Jason Daniels, referring to the 200-plus students and parents (even the pep band) that all made the trip and, at times, drowned out the CNS contingent.

Fans on both sides witnessed a tense and exciting battle, where the Eagles took full advantage of the opportunity it got, and spent much of the other time holding on.

Each side had plenty of attacks early on, but the Northstars looked ready to go in front when, in the 17th minute, Jeff Gilbert charged in from the left.

Daniels ran out to meet him and made the stop far outside his net, then sprinted back in time to grab the ball again before the rebound went behind him.

Then in the 28th minute, the Eagles pulled out in front. Star forward Darko Knezevic, a handful all night for CNS defenders, ignited the push, and a great series of passes set up Bryan White, who dribbled around goalie Ryan Goettel and poked the ball home.

This continued White's remarkable comeback from a torn abdomen muscle that kept him out most of the season. He still plays with a lot of pain, but has put in all three of the Eagles' goals in the last two playoff games.

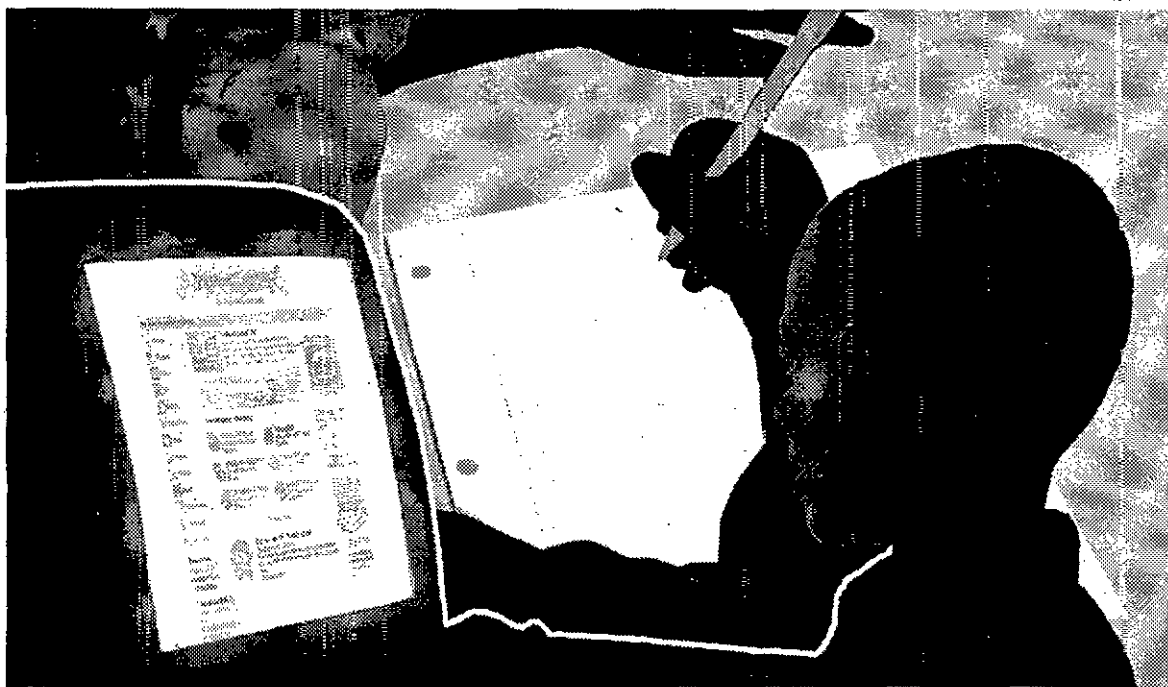
Ultimately, Bethlehem would not get so close again against CNS, and relied on Daniels and the rest of a hard-working defense to preserve that slim margin.

All night long, the back line of Rob Wexler, Tanner Crosier, Pat Campion and Nate House stayed calm and collected, breaking up the Northstars' attacks and protecting Daniels.

In one extreme case, House made the biggest stop of the night. In the 53rd minute, Gilbert returned to attack and had Daniels beaten as he took the shot — but at the last moment, House stepped in and kicked the ball away before it could trickle over the line.

Head coach Phil Ridgeway said his team had to stay in a defensive mode because it was getting used to playing on an artificial surface (Field Turf, to be exact) for the first time all season, and knew CNS had a lot more experience on that surface.

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High-tech communication sends letter-writing packing

Both forms of correspondence are valid, say proponents

By ANN MARIE FRENCH

Technology continues to offer us faster and easier ways to communicate with other people. In fact, today's generation of children cannot remember a life without cell phones in their pockets, computers to type out their homework, and instant messaging with friends while doing that homework.

Somewhere in the midst of moving forward, it seems people have forgotten an age-old form of communication: handwritten notes and letters.

"It would really be unfortunate if the art of letter-writing is lost," said Anne Sheehan, an associate professor of English at The College of Saint Rose. Sheehan teaches writing, literature and linguistics, and encourages her students to develop and maintain both good penmanship and the desire to write by hand. She says there are times, even in this day and age, when people may need to be able to produce legible handwriting.

"There are times when technology is not available," she said. "You need to be able to write a list to yourself or conduct a transaction of information. That needs to be legible."

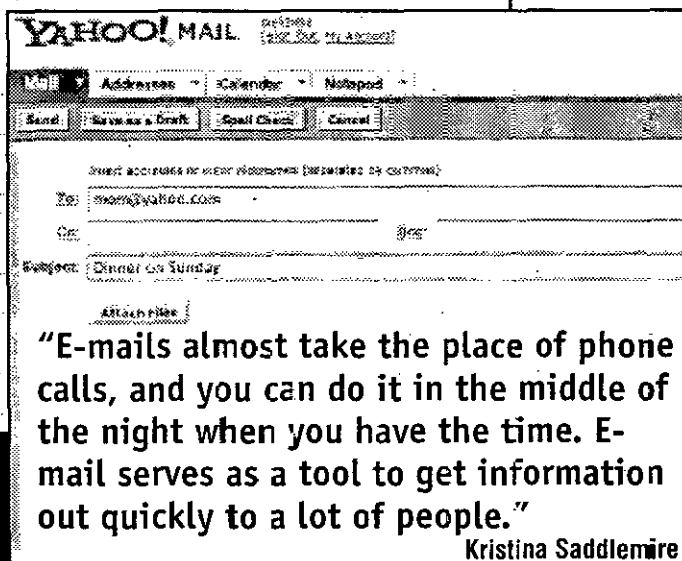
While her first reason is functional, her second is personal. To communicate with others through the handwritten word offers a more intimate glimpse of the writer.

"The person who wrote it once held that piece of paper and the pen that inscribed the words. It's so much more intimate," Sheehan said, adding that handwritten letters are often saved, taken out and reread many times. Indeed, in an age of quick communication, few people stop to save their computer-generated correspondence in a file and fewer yet actually print it out for collection in old shoeboxes.

For historians, the matter would seem troubling; however, Saratoga County Historian Kristina Saddlemire said that historical organizations have been well aware of this phenomenon for some time. Saddlemire said that the office "encourages people to write to

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Anne Sheehan



our office when seeking or providing information. We copy the e-mails into paper format and save them accordingly.

"The information won't be lost. We are finding ways to keep it," said Saddlemire, who added that numerous classes have been offered teaching historians how to create archives from electronic sources. "What's lost is that personal connection."

It's that personal connection of seeing a loved one's handwriting

on paper and knowing they took the time to write just to you that creates the feelings of intimacy that often are not easily duplicated in the mass e-mails typically in circulation today.

Some argue that character and personality are the essence of handwritten letters, but Saddlemire said today's e-mails and instant messages are full of just such things.

"E-mails almost take the place of phone calls, and you can do it

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teaching handwriting and they feel unprepared," Olsen said. "This leaves many parents with the responsibility of teaching penmanship."

Olsen and Wood-Thomas agree that fine motor skills and handwriting go hand-in-hand. Wood-Thomas said while doing research for her grant, she found many correlations between neat handwriting and higher grades.

"Another interesting aspect is that there is a prejudice that comes with pretty cursive," Wood-Thomas said. "Many times better

grades are given to neat handwriting. It's been shown in several studies."

Today, writing is found in all areas of learning, math and science included. Students might find a science experiment question on a test that is in a short essay format, and the same is true for math. Handwriting encompasses practice with punctuation and spelling. Children today enjoy the benefit of spell-check and the delete button, and many professionals worry about this.

"It's important to know whether or not a child can communicate clearly through written language," said Scotia-Glenville Superintendent Susan Swartz.

Swartz said she remembers spending a good portion of her school day practicing cursive letters. She said that is just not something you see anymore, and that its significance has changed with the growth of technology.

Wood-Thomas said in her research she has found many studies that suggest if you start cursive earlier, it will help to alleviate some spacing issues and create a more natural pattern in children's writing. She said many educators feel strongly that the good lessons cursive teach go hand-in-hand with reading — especially the idea of the fluidity of making words and not just making individual letters.

"There is still a lot to be learned, and the debate will certainly continue whether teaching handwriting is as valid as it once was," said Wood-Thomas.

in the middle of the night when you have the time," she said. "E-mail serves as a tool to get information out quickly to a lot of people."

Instant messaging and e-mail alike serve to offer up a "chopped-up stream of consciousness" that would never be produced in a handwritten letter. The back and forth of the conversation between two parties occurs at a much faster speed because there is virtually no waiting time. There is no delay in communication as a result of using the postal service to deliver the letter, the recipient reading it and finding the time to respond and then the return letter's travel time back.

Instead, said Saddlemire, "People probably keep in touch with more people more often."

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