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# Area News



## They came from afar

Chile, Brazil, New Zealand and France are all countries represented at Bethlehem High School with the newest group of foreign exchange students.

See story on Page 14.



## Electric City Holidays

From Santa Claus art to the art of dance, downtown Schenectady is truly offering holiday entertainment for the whole family. The Electric City continues to strengthen its art and music scene, and the holiday season is the perfect time to see all it has to offer.

See story on Page 37.



## Boys basketball

Six days made a world of difference.

Kevin Stempsey scored 31 points, and Bethlehem's defense forced numerous Niskayuna turnovers in a 58-43 Suburban Council boys basketball victory Friday.

See story on Page 50.

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# JOB POSTINGS

## The path to happiness

It's not always easy making career choices that stick

by *Graciana Parker*

... hills and through the woods on a road toward a particular career, life experiences are instrumental in getting there.

The same life experiences can be a guide when wary work force wanderers reach a crossroads at any stage of their careers — whether they are getting off to an uncertain beginning, or find themselves unhappy, unchallenged or simply unmotivated by what has become the daily grind.

The journey, or process of job placement, begins at the wood's edge.

Knowing what a person wants to do in life is key when it comes to choosing or

... decision and the skills a person has.

Those factors influence the way educational institutions go about serving as guiding beacons to students who are just setting out for college, and others who are returning after a year or two in the work force when they find they are not happy with the course they've chosen.

"What we do is start when the students are freshmen. We try to talk to them about their strengths and how to capitalize on them," said Jeanne Gracon, a guidance counselor at North Colonie Central School District's Shaker High School.

**"Students are being encouraged to participate in activities that are the result of their interests, in and out of school ..."**

Jeanne Gracon

□ Path Page 51

# Roadway renamed for fallen soldier

## Timothy Moshier's family said designation is a fitting memorial

By JIM CUOZZO  
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A stretch of highway in the town of Bethlehem on State Route 140 and the Cherry Avenue Extension has been renamed the Captain Timothy J. Moshier Memorial Highway in honor of the Delmar native and pilot killed this spring in Iraq.

"I know the people of Bethlehem, Albany and New York state are never going to forget Capt. Moshier," said Gov. George Pataki who signed the legislation officially naming the highway.

"From now on all motorists will have a constant reminder and tribute to our local hero," he added.

The event attended by Moshier's widow, Katie, and his family was a somber reminder of the sacrifices made by the soldiers serving in Iraq.

"Our family is extremely humbled and honored," said Jim Moshier, Timothy Moshier's father. "As you pass over Tim's highway, be reminded of his service and of the service of all the men and women who protect us."

Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, □ Soldier Page 22

## Porco sentencing slated for Tuesday

Sentencing for Delmar resident Christopher Porco was scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Albany County Judicial Center.

An Orange County jury convicted Porco in August of murdering his father, Peter Porco, and attempting to murder his mother, Joan, in their Delmar home in November 2004.

Joan Porco and Peter Porco's sister, Patty Szostak, were both expected to give victim impact statements at Tuesday's sentencing. Joan Porco's was to be given for the defense and Szostak's

□ Porco Page 22

# Randles remembered as doctor and friend

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Dr. Robert Randles, a prominent member of St. Peter's Hospital and longtime Slingerlands resident, died Monday, Dec. 4, at the age of 76, following a long illness.

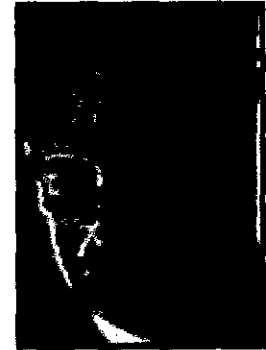
"We were very close friends," said Dr. Anthony Tartaglia, former dean of Albany Medical College who knew Randles personally and professionally for 48 years.

"He was a most successful

human being," said Tartaglia.

Randles served as medical director of St. Peter's from 1975 to 1996, and along with a group of senior managers is considered influential in transforming St. Peter's from a small community hospital to the large regionwide hospital it is today.

"He was someone who was



Robert Randles

masterful in both the arts and science of medicine," said Sister Kay Graber, former CEO and director of nursing at St. Peter's Hospital.

"He was not only a heart doctor, but a doctor with a big heart," she added.

Along with his services at St. Peter's, Randles was the

medical director of the state □ Doctor Page 22



# Police Blotter

## Father dies in car accident following drug charges

A Connecticut father died and his son was seriously injured following an accident where their sport utility vehicle struck a tanker truck on Interstate 787 early Thursday morning, Dec. 7. Police said the accident occurred just four days after both were

arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court for possessing 380 grams of cocaine.

William Papale Sr., 47, of Shelton, Conn., and his son, 26-year-old William Papale Jr., were returning to Connecticut at 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, when

they drove the wrong way on I-787, colliding with a gas tanker driven by 46-year-old Paul Heibler.

Papale Sr. was killed instantly. His son was taken to Albany Medical Center in serious condition and has since been

released. The accident closed the northbound lane of I-787 for several hours.

The father and son were initially stopped by State Police Sunday, Dec. 3, for driving erratically on the Thruway in Bethlehem.

Reports indicate the Sheltons were driving from Connecticut to Old Forge to snowmobile. The two were arrested on several drug charges including criminal possession of a controlled substance, first degree; criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth degree; criminal possession of a

controlled substance, seventh degree; and unlawful possession of marijuana. They were arraigned later that day in Bethlehem Town Court.

The pair waived a preliminary hearing in Town Court on Tuesday, Dec. 5, and were released from Albany County jail after posting bail following a hearing in Albany County Court Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The father and son then retrieved their GMC sport utility vehicle from a Glenmont towing yard and a few hours later were on their way home toward Connecticut when the accident occurred.

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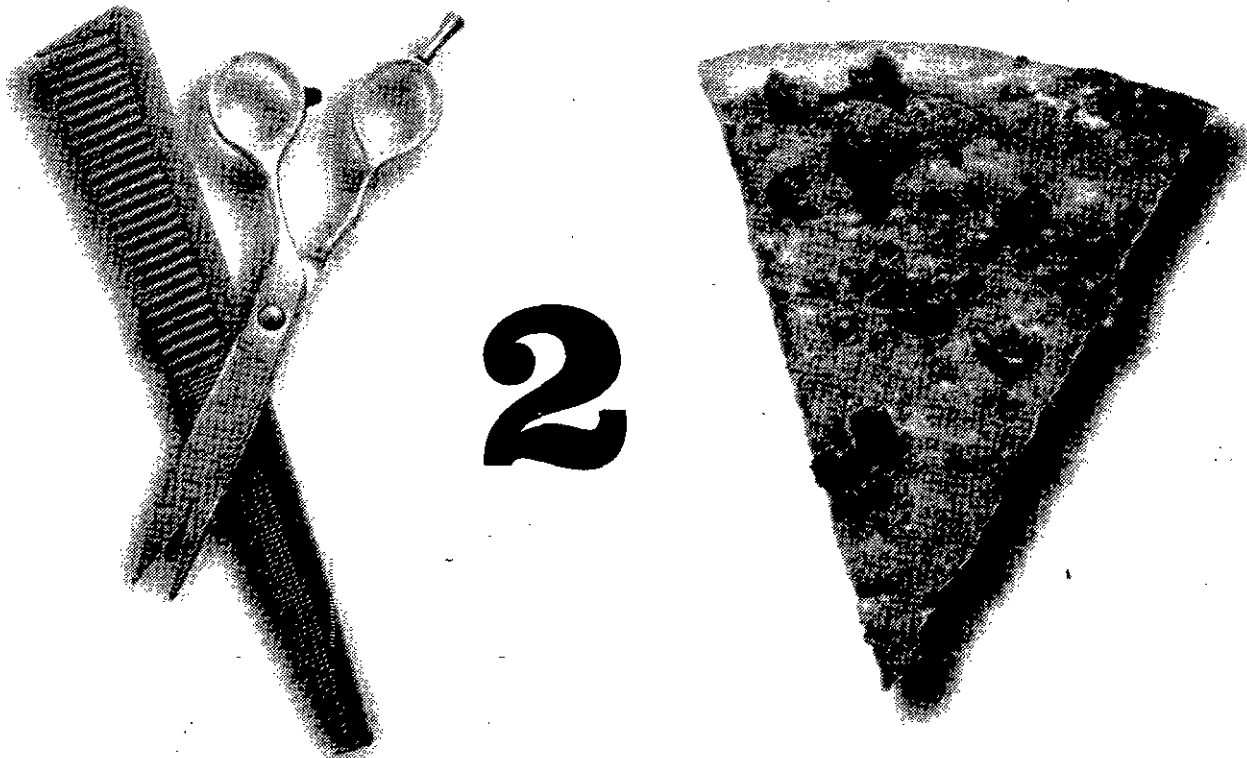


## Man who drives car in ditch charged with DWI

Jason James Bojdak, 22, of 537 Krumkill Road, Albany, was charged with DWI, driving with more than .08 percent blood alcohol content, and failure to use the designated lane.

On Dec. 1, officers responded to Krumkill and Russell roads to a vehicle in a ditch. When police arrived on the scene, they said

Bojdak was walking up the road away from his vehicle. According to police, Bojdak said someone ran him off the road and into a ditch. Police investigated, and after speaking with Bojdak, they charged him with DWI. Bojdak was taken into custody and will appear in Bethlehem Town Court Dec. 19.



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# Certifichecks promote local business

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At a loss for what to give this season to your neighbor, hairdresser or local newspaper delivery person? The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has an idea for the perfect stocking stuffer — CertifiChecks.

CertifiChecks are chamber gift certificates that are accepted by more than 55 local Bethlehem merchants and are available in a variety of denominations.

"This program is offered to drive business back in to the area," said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Purchasing CertifiChecks not only keeps dollars in the local community but also gives recipient a reason to shop close to home.

"School children will give gift certificates to Crossgates for their teachers so why not reward them with a gift here in Bethlehem where they live and work," DeLaney said.

CertifiChecks have been offered for several years, but the service is not always widely used.

"It's the perfect time of year for a gift certificate," said Sheila McNeil, owner of Wine and Spirits of Slingerlands. McNeil said Bethlehem residents have used CertifiChecks to purchase items at her store.

"We love them," said McNeil. "It's a nice gift."

Versatility according to McNeil is another bonus to the Chamber's CertifiChecks.

"They can be used at so many stores," McNeil said.

CertifiChecks can be redeemed at more than 15 local restaurants and dozens of other retailers, including spas, grocery stores, flower shops and apparel stores.

Kelly Nisiewicz, owner of The Closet Shop in Delmar, a participating Chamber member, said it has been a very busy season for her store.

"I think people are shopping locally and supporting the community," said Nisiewicz who said she has not yet seen any customers use the CertifiChecks in her store.

The CertifiCheck can also be personalized with a message and can be used throughout the year.

CertifiCheck gift certificates look like checks and act like cash and can be purchased online at [www.certifichecks.com](http://www.certifichecks.com) or by calling (877) 770-4438.



George, right, a resident of the Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Delmar is featured in the month of December in a recently published 2007



calendar spotlighting residents of the nursing home. Proceeds from calendar sales will go toward future projects at the center. At left is Adele.

## Calendar turns the spotlight on seniors

By JIM CUOZZO  
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The New Year is just around the corner, and instead of buying a Sports Illustrated, Far Side or Thomas Kinkadee wall calendar, why not mark the coming months with the Good Samaritan Health Care Center 2007 calendar?

The calendar came about when admissions director and calendar project coordinator Jennifer Travis and Glenmont photographer Peter Finger got together in August and spent an entire day photographing residents of the health-care facility.

"I wanted to show people that behind the walls of a nursing home, there's still life, and people are thriving," said Travis.

Twenty-eight seniors

between the ages of 80 and over 90 grace the front cover of the calendar, and each month inside features a different resident and his or her many achievements spanning a lifetime.

"There's history behind these faces," Travis said.

January features Henry, an avid Red Sox fan who served in World War II, owned Henry Clas Florist for 51 years and enjoys horse racing and golf. Viola, 88, who was married for 62 years and has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, is featured in May. December focuses on an 82-year-old Purple Heart war veteran named George, who has been at the facility for eight months. An avid Yankees fan, George owned his own diner in downtown Albany called Mike's Luncheonette for years.

"It was named after a friend

of mine who loved wrestling," said.

"I feel good, I wouldn't back down from anybody," said George.

Finger said the experience was one of a kind and is looking forward to photographing another calendar for next year.

"We had a blast," said Finger who donated his time and expertise to make the project a reality.

"I've never done a project like this before," he added.

Travis said she has been working with the elderly since graduating from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She said she encourages people to seek out the calendar because it offers a life-affirming perspective.

"It is not depressing," Travis said. "There is so much beauty, so much you can learn from

them and what life was like."

The cost to purchase the 2007 Good Samaritan Health Care Center calendar is \$10, and proceeds will go toward upgrades at the facility.

"I would love to see a computer work station for our residents and to provide better access to the outdoor courtyard so residents can come and go as they please," Travis said.

The Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Home was founded in the '30s and was once located on Madison Avenue in Albany. The Rockefeller Road site was established in the mid-'90s and currently offers 120-bed residency with an additional 12 beds for short-term rehabilitation.

One thousand calendars were printed and can be purchased by calling 439-8116.

## Nanonators



Sal Loccisano and Andrew Cunningham, students at Voorheesville Middle School and member of the Nanonators, compete at the RPI and GE Lego League Tournament, Saturday at RPI. Additional photo, page 22.

Jim Franco/Spotlight

## Education board seeks budget panel volunteers

In an effort to foster more community understanding and awareness of the school district budget process, the Bethlehem Central Board of Education is seeking volunteers to serve as members of a Citizens Budget Group starting in January.

Membership will include representatives from the school PTAs, Parents for Excellence, the Bethlehem Music Association, the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Group, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bethlehem Senior Center, district faculty and staff, and Bethlehem Central High School student government. The district will also reach out to local preschools to encourage preschool parent representation.

In addition, the district is asking other interested community members to send a letter of interest to the Board of Education, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 12054, by Friday, Jan. 5.

Members of the panel,

expected to comprise about 25 individuals, will work with district administrators and the board of education to offer ideas and advice early in the process and will be expected to attend and participate in evening budget meetings throughout the spring. The administration and board of education will retain the final decision-making authority on the proposed 2007-08 school district budget.

The district hopes that, through its direct and consistent participation in the process, the group will also become an additional information source for other district residents who have questions or concerns about school funding in Bethlehem, according to Superintendent Les Loomis.

The group would meet about eight times, between mid-January and budget adoption in early April.

Anyone with questions should contact the district's Communications Office at 439-3650 or via e-mail at [webadmin@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:webadmin@bcsd.neric.org).

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# On a pilgrimage for a Happy Hanukkah

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Commentary:  
From  
**Robin's Nest**



All the pilgrims in my home are holding dreidels.

That's right, Hanukkah starts this Friday night and my Thanksgiving decorations are still out. The ceramic Halloween pieces finally got boxed up and put away. But the pilgrims and the turkeys, well, they're still hanging up in the dining room.

And I say, why not? After all, I'm still thankful!

No, the pilgrims did not celebrate Hanukkah, but it still makes sense for them to hold dreidels. Here's why:

First, Thanksgiving has similarities to the Jewish holiday of Su-kot. Both celebrate the harvest.

Sukkot and Hanukkah are both Jewish holidays. So, it's possible for truly creative minds to connect Thanksgiving and Hanukkah.

Second, pilgrims came to this country seeking religious freedom. Hanukkah celebrates religious freedom.

Finally, a dreidel is a simple spinning-top. Children of all religions love toys.

For all those reasons, and because I feel the need to justify why I haven't brought closure to Thanksgiving, I've given all the paper pilgrims a paper dreidel. I cut the dreidels out of sticky notes and hung one on each pilgrim's palm.

I could take the pilgrims down, but they barely had any display time. We didn't host Thanksgiving this year, so the pilgrims and turkeys had no visitors. They basically just hung around in the dining room for a party that never happened.

If only I could remember to hang decorations in advance of

holidays instead of minutes before they are beginning. Then we'd get to enjoy them longer.

I know that I'm supposed to hang the autumn window clings right after school starts. I'm supposed to buy a pumpkin before the last week of October.

I'm supposed to put up the pilgrims immediately after Halloween. The Hanukkah menorah should be on deck before the last speck of cranberry sauce is consumed.

Ah, the pressure is too great. And yet, it's not as

great as the pressure felt by my ancestors.

Hanukkah commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek King of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed, and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

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

Each year at Hanukkah, Jews celebrate for eight nights by lighting and displaying candles in a menorah (candelabra). The Hanukkah menorah holds a total of nine candles, one for each day of the holiday plus a

ninth "helper" candle that is used to light the other candles. Over the course of the holiday, a total of 44 candles are used for each menorah.

Luckily, a menorah is easy to set up, so it's not a crisis if you wait until the last minute. You just take the menorah off the shelf or out of the box and put it on a table. It's a good idea to put the menorah on a metal tray or a piece of aluminum foil in case any wax drips.

Hanukkah decorations are also simple. In addition to our three menorahs, we display several other holiday symbols. Some are homemade, like the paper chain with dangling paper candles and paper dreidels. (All you need is construction paper and thread.) Others are store-bought, such as the colorful foil dreidels hanging in strands, the "Happy Hanukkah" banners and the window clings.

Decorations make the holidays feel fun. They create an atmosphere that says, "Hanukkah is a special time, a joyous time."

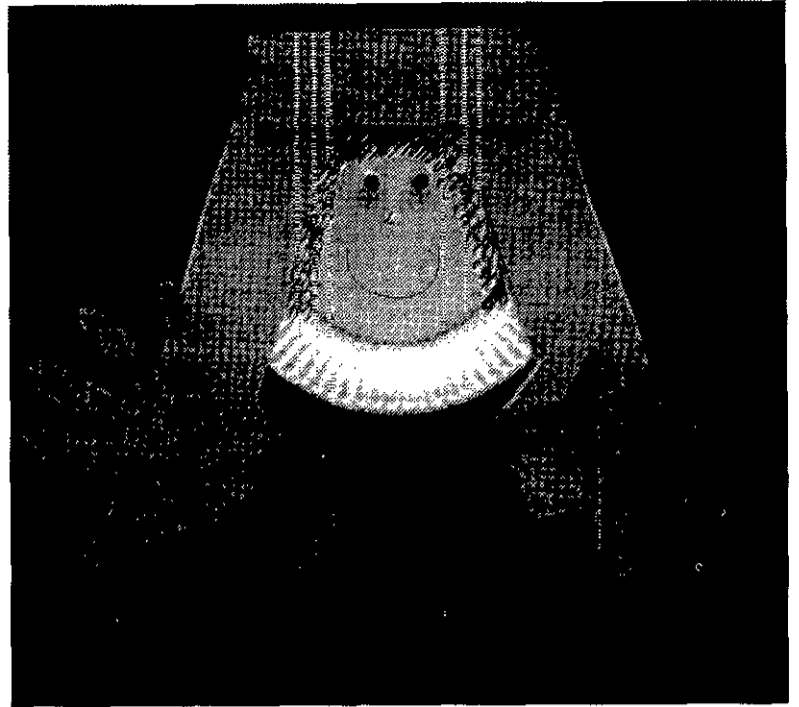
I try to play up the celebratory side of Hanukkah, the customs, the candle lighting, the singing and the dreidel playing. If I emphasize those aspects, it's easier to de-emphasize the gift giving.

Our paper pilgrims are happy to just hang and watch the Hanukkah festivities. I won't be creating sticky-note gift boxes to layer around the paper dreidels.

The real pilgrims were thankful for freedom, for turkey and for information about growing corn. The Jews who won the war against Antiochus were thankful to be able to pray as they desired. The gift of freedom was sufficient.

So I told my 10-year-old daughter, "This year we are just going to rejoice in the gift of freedom and not exchange presents."

If you believe that, my friends, then you must have just knocked your head on Plymouth Rock.



Holidays combine at the Sutor home, where pilgrim decorations spin a dreidel and light a menorah.

Robin Shrager Sutor/Spotlight

No, we haven't eliminated presents in our home, but we are working to lessen their significance. Last year was our first concerted effort to de-emphasize presents, and everything went smoothly.

This year my daughter didn't even give me a list. She said, "I already have so much stuff." I felt her forehead to check for fever.

Is it possible that my quest to de-emphasize the gifts is actually sinking in? I told her it might be more fun to just be surprised by the gifts we give her, rather than make a list and "know what she's getting" or make a list and then NOT get some of the items.

Plus, it takes the pressure off me since I'm usually done holiday shopping before she gives me a list. Throughout the year I'm thinking about things she might like, listening to what she's interested in, and purchasing items.

One item I buy for the whole family is potatoes, which I turn into potato latkes (pancakes). Everybody loves to eat the

latkes, but for safety reasons, frying up the treats is left for those who don't mind being splattered with grease and spending 10-hour stretches at the stove.

For the rest of the family, and especially young children, there is a simple Hanukkah craft where you create a paper plate "frying pan" and a cardboard "latke." You attach one end of a piece of string to the back of the plate and the other end to the cardboard latke. When you're done you've made a game where you try to flip the latke onto the frying pan.

There's nothing as yummy as real latkes. Just thinking about them conjures up the smell of the onions, the crackling sounds of the batter hitting the oil, the golden edges of the finished product.

Suddenly the pilgrims are starting to look a bit hungry. Maybe I'll cut out paper potato latkes to hang by their mouths. All that dreidel spinning has caused them to work up an appetite.



## WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



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### Albany Almanac

#### Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 36°		AVERAGE LOW 20°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, December 13	58°/1984	-6°/1988	63°/1901	-5°/1898
Thursday, December 14	61°/1901	-8°/1874	55°/1971	-11°/1917
Friday, December 15	59°/1984	-8°/1942	60°/1921	-9°/1919
Saturday, December 16	54°/1895	-13°/1973		

#### ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

45.02 inches as of Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
8.42 inches above average

#### This week in weather

December 16, 1989 A small but intense storm brought heavy snow to northern New England with 18 inches at Derby and St. Johnsbury, VT. Thunder with heavy snow was reported at Portland, ME.

#### Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:17am	4:22pm
Thursday	7:18am	4:22pm
Friday	7:18am	4:22pm
Saturday	7:19am	4:23pm
Sunday	7:20am	4:23pm
Monday	7:20am	4:23pm
Tuesday	7:21am	4:24pm

#### Moon Phases

Dec 20th New  
Dec 27th First



Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Midnight	High East
Uranus	Evening	High SW
Mars, Jupiter	Dawn	V Low, ESE
Venus	Dusk	V Low, SW

### Rivers & Recreation

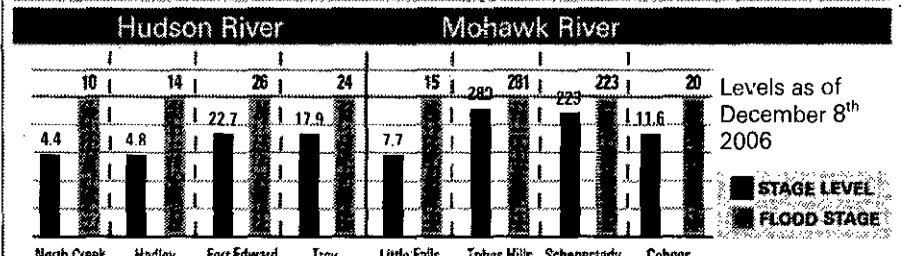
#### Tides at Albany

Day	High		Low	
	Time	Time	Time	Time
Wednesday	11:22am	11:25pm	5:30am	5:58pm
Thursday	12:16am	-----	6:20am	6:54pm
Friday	12:22am	1:09pm	7:10am	7:49pm
Saturday	1:17am	1:59pm	8:00am	8:41pm
Sunday	2:10am	2:47pm	8:48am	9:32pm
Monday	3:00am	3:32pm	9:34am	10:19pm
Tuesday	3:46am	4:15pm	10:19am	11:05pm

#### Factoid

Although the Winter Solstice, December 21<sup>st</sup>, is the shortest day of the year, the length of day in Albany stays at approximately 9 hours and 3 minutes for almost a week either side of that date.

#### River Levels



# Delmar man receives state military honor

BY JIM CUOZZO  
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It's not often a civilian is honored with the state's highest military award. First Deputy Secretary for Gov. George Pataki, William Howard of Delmar, now has that select distinction.

New York's Adjutant Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto presented Howard with the Conspicuous Service Medal of New York at a ceremony held at the state headquarters of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs Wednesday, Nov. 22.

"Bill's determination, dedication and creative approach has shaped policies that

have brought the New York National Guard and the military forces of New York to prominence at a time when it was most needed," Taluto said.

The State Conspicuous Service Medal is an award for meritorious service. In Howard's case, it is for his 11 years of contribution to improve the readiness and effectiveness of the National Guard and the military forces.

"It was something they surprised me with," said Howard, referring to the award. "It's an incredible honor."

Howard recalled the moments after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He was one of the first state officials directing the response to the attacks.

"Literally we were running the

stateside of operations from a command center in Albany," said Howard. "I was right there that morning already in the bunker, getting National Guard and State Police deployed."

He said he remembered being overwhelmed by a variety of emotions and thoughts.

"You try to do what the government has to do to respond, from recovery to caring for families and survivors to working with the federal government for financial assistance," Howard said.

Howard said the state's military force is highly specialized these days and no longer the "weekend warriors" people remember from decades past.

Some policies approved under Howard's guidance include raising the minimum state active duty pay for mobilized National Guard troops in New York and securing health coverage for the family members of state-activated Guard troops during state emergencies.

"He has also demonstrated care for the welfare of troops and military families," Taluto said.

Howard was instrumental in preserving the history of the Guard and the artifact collections such as the Battle Flag restoration project, and the creation of the state's military museum in Saratoga Springs.

"You hope in your heart the work you do gets recognized," said Howard, who added that he considers the honor one of the highlights of the past 12 years.

**"You try to do what the government has to do to respond, from recovery to caring for families and survivors to working with the federal government for financial assistance."**

William Howard

## Holiday high five



Denise Dickert gives Santa (Alex DiMatteo) a high five at Indian Ladder, Sunday.

Jim Franco/Spotlight

## Office to sponsor free integrative medicine workshop

The Center for Integrative Health and Healing, 338 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, is sponsoring a free health lecture and workshop given by Dr. Ronald Stram, M.D., and his practitioner staff including naturopathic doctors, holistic

medical doctors, acupuncturists and message therapists.

The lecture will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the center, and the topic is female hormone balancing.

Doctors will discuss how the

body regulates hormones. Understand the mechanisms of correcting the irregularities of the hormone systems using natural approaches.

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# Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## Is justice blind to the rich and powerful?

Albany County District Attorney David Soares is sending the wrong message about what to do about state Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

Hevesi already is making restitution to us (New York taxpayers) for using our money to chauffeur his wife to the tune of some \$80,000 plus. Just how much investigating does it take to determine the facts of this case — if it ever becomes a case?

Since Hevesi and Soares are both Democrats, that puts Soares in a somewhat awkward position. Right now the Dems are still giddy from the statewide — and nationwide — sweep in the November election, but that doesn't mean they have carte blanche to break or ignore the laws of the land.

It just doesn't sit right that someone as powerful as the state comptroller continues to draw a hefty salary while his alleged wrongdoing is mired in an investigation. Even if voters chose to ignore Hevesi's actions, it doesn't mean the wheels of justice should grind to a halt because of an ongoing investigation.

Sometimes matters don't even make it to court. An audit (ironically from the state comptroller's office) found that former Voorheesville school district Superintendent Alan McCartney took a goodly amount of money (more than \$100,000), and the District Attorney's office did not prosecute it. Albany County is now deciding whether to bring criminal charges.

We seem to be getting mixed messages from the legal powers that be. What makes stealing money on a large scale OK with the law? The low-level burglars seem to draw jail time when they are caught red-handed. Chances are these criminals will not be elected to public office at any level.

The wheels of justice seem to roll at different speeds for different folks. Should it take months to investigate what appears to be a clear-cut wrongdoing — in Hevesi's case using public money for private purposes?

No one is asking for a rush to judgment, but shouldn't this case be expedited so that Hevesi would be cleared or judged guilty before the next election?

It makes it seem as if there are two sets of legal expectations — one for ordinary people and another for "big shots" with high-paying positions.

When it comes to misappropriation and/or misuse of funds, remember that it is we, the taxpayers, whose money gets misused. Surely, we neither elected nor put our trust in these people so that our faith and funds could be misused.

We believe it's time to get on track and level the playing field when it comes to prosecuting those who use their power for personal financial gain.

## Editorial

## Still singing and loving it, 60 years later

By DREW MILLS

*The writer was director of the bureau of arts, music and humanities at the state Department of Education and taught high school art in Waterloo; chairman of art for the Mohonasen School district; and was a professor of art and art education at Elmira College. He lives in Niskayuna.*

Many years ago, I was fortunate to discover a unique part of the city of Albany's cultural life. Now in its 98th season and fast approaching its centennial anniversary, the Mendelssohn Club of Albany has become the region's longest continuously performing arts group.

Throughout its long and proud history, the club has performed for numerous civic and charitable groups. In addition, the club has performed at such celebrated venues as Carnegie Hall, the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, and, most recently, Lincoln Center in New York City.

I decided to join the club in 1944, when I was only 15 years old, and World War II was still raging. I had heard of the club for years through my mother, who was a graduate of the New England Conservatory, and through singing in various Episcopal Church choirs since third grade. In those days, most of the men in every church choir in Albany also sang in the Mendelssohn Club under the direction of the renowned Frank Sill Rogers.

When I first joined, I already knew a dozen or more Mendelssohn members, but I still wondered who was in the club, where they came from, what kind of music they sang, and what 75 to 80 guys singing actually sounded like. The ages at that time ranged from 15 to about 75, and most of the men lived right in Albany and came by bus because gas was rationed during the war. The music was also much different from what I

## Point of View

sang in the church choir, including folk songs, spirituals, Broadway show and movie tunes, the always popular college songs, and some songs I could not classify. But when I first heard them sing I was electrified. The sound was great. I had never heard anything quite like it before, and I concluded that the special sound really came from those deep bass voices.

After the first rehearsal, I decided that singing with this group would be a great challenge, but also great fun. Following an audition, in which I sang "The Blind Ploughman," I was accepted as a second tenor. For a while, I was the group's youngest member. At that time, most young men were in the service, and I'm quite sure that's why the club did not throw me back to mature a little more. Now, my baritone voice is a little deeper, and my very satisfying relationship with the club has lasted more than 60 years.

In those early days, I did not know much about the club except that there were about 75 members, they rehearsed each week at St. Peter's Parish House in Albany, and they dressed in white ties and tails for three performances each year at Chancellor's Hall in the State Education Building.

After asking some members for a little history, I learned that The Mendelssohn Club of Albany was founded in 1909 by Dean T. J. Bradley of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Frank Sill Rodgers, organist and choirmaster for St. Peter's Church. I also learned that every Mendelssohn concert featured a special guest artist. In my early days in the club, those artists included such notables as Nelson Eddy, Eileen Farrell, Marion Anderson and Margaret Harshaw.

Following Dr. Rogers' death in 1934, there was a succession of conductors. In the early 1940s, Reinald Werrenrath, a former leading baritone with the Metropolitan Opera, became the club's conductor.

"Werrie" was a tall imposing gentleman with a full head of white hair, and he always wore a suit. Through Werrie's New York City connections, many opera stars performed as guest artists at club concerts. In those days it was not unusual to have a noted composer or arranger attend a concert to hear his work performed!

One of the club's longest-tenured conductors was Joel Dolven, who first joined the club

in 1936. Eventually Mr. Dolven was selected to be conductor in 1952, and served in that capacity until 1967. When he first came to Albany, Mr. Dolven was director of music at Albany High School and minister of music at Westminster Presbyterian Church. He also went on to serve as a professor of music at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for 25 years. In 1974, the club established the Joel Dolven Awards in his honor. Each year the club conducts an open competition in three categories for aspiring young male and female singers, and provides cash awards to encourage the study of vocal music. The awards are presented at the club's annual spring concert in May.

Today, the Mendelssohn Club is composed of men with a variety of occupations and interests from not just the city of Albany, but also the greater Capital District, Hudson Valley and the Berkshires. The club performs selections from its extensive music collection of over 1,200 songs at its two subscription concerts each December and May. The list of recent guest artists includes the Schenectady Light Opera Company, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, Carolee Carmello, Findley Cockrell, Albany Pro Musica, the Hangovers of the Cornell Glee Club and the University Glee Club of New York City.

The club's current conductor is Victor Klimash, director of music at First Presbyterian Church of Albany and a faculty member at Union College, where he conducts the College and Community Orchestra. Dr. Klimash holds a doctor of music degree in voice from Florida State University and master's and bachelor's degree in voice from the Eastman School of Music. The club's accompanist is pianist Michael Clement, who was also trained at the Eastman School of Music, the University of Arizona and University of Southern California. Mr. Clement has served as a vocal coach at the College of Saint Rose and as music director of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany.

After more than 60 years with The Mendelssohn Club, I can assure readers that it is worthy of support.

The club will perform its annual holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 15, at The Egg with special guest, The Capital District Youth Chorale. I hope readers will consider lending their ears, and their support, to a great Capital District tradition. The Mendelssohn Club's holiday concert is a perfect holiday treat.

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# Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## We lose when darkness never falls

Editor, The Spotlight:

Much has already been written about how the bright lights of the city and suburbs have dimmed the view of the night sky, reducing the ability to see the stars.

For those fortunate enough to venture out in the woods away from bright lights or to go out on a cruise ship, looking at the night sky can be a thrill.

On a clear night, more than a thousand stars are visible. Professional astronomers have their telescopes on remote mountain tops, but the rest of us who just enjoy stargazing and maybe a constellation here and there, light pollution has more and more rendered this pleasure a thing of the past.

But something else is missing: the night itself. Every shopping center, warehouse, convenience store, apartment complex, in short, just about every building is now ringed with bright lights.

Although the parking lots are lit up like Yankee Stadium, these lights are not the worst offenders.

The latest in light tower design has these lights directed downward, giving light where it's needed, minimizing light pollution and glare.

It is the lights mounted on the sides of buildings that cause the most trouble. These throw out light in all directions. Lights going upward causes light pollution and lights going outward cause in-your-face glare.

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These lights have turned night into day — 24 hours. It used to be that when darkness fell, a feeling of peace and calm settled over

everything. It was the evening; a time to wind down from the day's activity before finally turning in for the night. Now, the only refuge from bright lights is your bedroom with the door shut and the shades drawn. No wonder it takes so long to fall asleep nowadays.

Driving at night is more aggravating than it was before. In addition to oncoming headlights, we now have the glare of these floodlights coming at us from all directions.

Will these bright lights go away because of what I've written here? I am sure they won't. My only intent is to point out that in the name of security, we've lost something. We've lost the night and it occurred so gradually, we didn't know what was happening until it was gone.

Steve Kalow  
Glenmont

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This course is designed to provide information necessary for safe driving and advancement to the road test phase of the licensing process. This is a DMV certified class. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate to take your Road Test.

This course costs \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For information and registration, call AAA Hudson Valley at 426-1000, ext. 2619.

## Lions say thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Lions Club thanks *The Spotlight* for giving us publicity in a couple of previous issues in regard to the Lions Christmas Tree Sale.

This is our annual fundraising effort to support scholarship awards and various community projects such as the senior picnic and aid to blind persons in our town. Your publicity depleted the

tree supply in just two weekends!

We wish to apologize sincerely to the town residents who could not obtain their tree from us this year. We hope to provide these Atlantic Balsam trees next season in greater quantity and we thank *The Spotlight* and residents of Bethlehem for the support.

Ulrich (Rick) Rudofsky  
Bethlehem Lions Club tree  
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## Electricians recruiting apprentices

The Tri-City Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, IBEW Local 236, is conducting recruitment now through April 7 for 30 apprentices.

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For information, applicants should contact the New York State Department of Labor office located nearest their home or call the Local at 785-5167.

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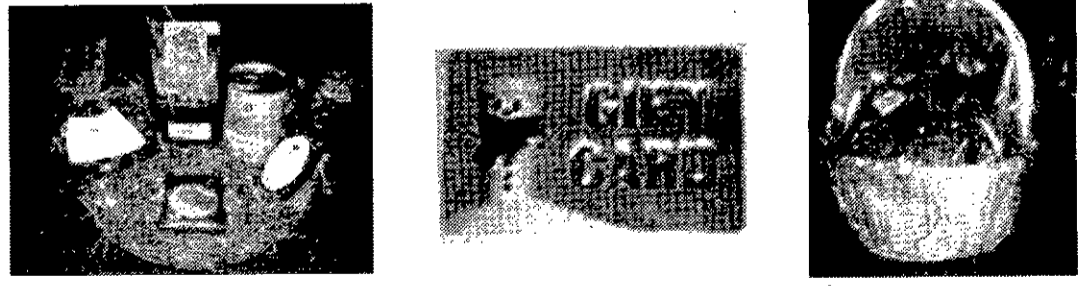
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# Voorheesville alum establishes scholarship

By ROB IRWIN  
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An alumnus of the Voorheesville class of 1954 and a professor at Siena College has established a scholarship fund for an outstanding Clayton A. Bouton High School student.

Douglas Lonnstrom, director of Siena's Research Institute and a professor of statistics, and his wife Christine established the \$1,000 award for a high school graduate who intends

to attend Siena.

The scholarship was announced at a Friday, Dec. 1, ceremony at Siena's Siena Hall. At the same time, the "Lonnstrom Landing," a meeting area for students and staff at the college, was dedicated.

"My intent of the scholarship is to attract the best and the brightest to come to Siena," said Lonnstrom, who graduated from the Voorheesville school in 1954. "So the kid who applies to Harvard and Siena, comes to Siena."

Lonnstrom said he set the criteria for the deserving student and it's up to Siena's financial aid office to evaluate candidates and award the scholarship.

"If more than one kid applies," said Lonnstrom, "I want it to go to the student with the highest academic standing."

Superintendent Linda Langevin praised the Lonnstroms in supporting the district's students.

"It's a outstanding opportunity for a student to be supported in their attendance at Siena College," she said. "We're very thankful and grateful to Dr. Lonnstrom and Christine for their generosity and philanthropy on the part of Clayton A. Bouton High School."

High School guidance counselor Timothy Kelley said that he thought this scholarship was unique in the district.

"We really don't have one that's just for Voorheesville that's just for a specific college," said Kelley.

According to Lonnstrom, he is required to contribute \$5,000 a year for five years to the fund. Lonnstrom said in addition to the \$5,000, he

would contribute an additional \$1,000 to be able to award the scholarship for each of those five years.

Therefore, Lonnstrom said he would contribute \$6,000 each year to the fund until it is able to endow itself.

The first scholarship will be awarded in the spring semester of 2007 to a Voorheesville graduate planning to, or currently attending, Siena College.

The scholarship, said Lonnstrom, has the potential to increase to more than \$1,000 over time.

According to The Princeton Review Web site, the average annual full-time tuition at Siena College, before financial aid and scholarships are applied, is \$21,285.

According to Kelley, an average of one or two students from the high school attend Siena each year, while he speculated that up to a half dozen apply. He said the scholarship could possibly increase that number.

"It certainly won't hurt," he said. "That's a very nice scholarship."

**"We really don't have one (scholarship) that's just for Voorheesville that's just for a specific college."**

Timothy Kelley

## IN BRIEF

### Voorheesville Community Christmas concert scheduled

The Voorheesville Annual Community Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville. The community choir will present an evening of Christmas music that is sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit. This concert is free and open to all. It's the perfect way to begin the Christmas season. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church to hold live nativity scene

The Advent season is a wonderful time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, and what better way to learn the story of Jesus' birth than to see the youth of Bethlehem Lutheran Church re-enact the story live.

The live nativity will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6:45 p.m. between the church and Parish Hall buildings on the grounds of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

There are live animals, in addition to the teen actors, and youngsters find the experience especially exciting. There is no entry fee.

Following the program all attendees will be invited to attend church services including an Advent service on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Christmas Eve services are at 10:30 a.m., 7 and 9:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day.


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### Price Chopper vice president to light 22-foot menorah

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The menorah is as tall as a two-story building.

The special celebration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6p.m.

David Golub, vice president of Price Chopper, will be honored with the lighting of the menorah.

The evening will also feature a "Dreidel on legs," Chanukah kids crafts, hot potato latkes (pancakes), chocolate Chanukah gelt (coins), hot cocoa, music, dancing, gifts for the kids and more.

For information, call 526-1770 or e-mail Rebweiss@aol.com.

### YMCA to host sports over school vacation

Looking for energetic, athletic activities for your children during the winter school vacation? YMCA Sports Camps will be the place to be. Dec. 26 to 29 will be a week filled with gym games, swimming, sports, a movie, music, prizes, snacks and more. Children in grades 1 to 5 are welcome to attend.

Located at the Guilderland YMCA, programs are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Extended care is available from 8 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. for an additional fee. Regular camp rate is \$35 for YMCA members and \$45 for program members and participants in the YMCA's after-school childcare programs. You may register at the YMCA in person, or current members may register online at [www.cdyymca.org](http://www.cdyymca.org).

Sports include basketball, soccer, dodgeball, volleyball, kickball, floor hockey, and others. There will be different sports and games each day. For information, contact Aaron Donahue at 456-3634.

## Mercedes Benz to unveil vehicles at Albany airport

By GRAHAM S. PARKER  
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Mercedes Benz has selected Albany International Airport as the staging ground for the unveiling of next year's line of four-wheel drive vehicles.

News agencies and trade publications from around the world will be flying into Albany the first weekend of January before making their way up to Lake Placid. Mercedes will be promoting its 4-Matic vehicles that feature electro-mechanical all-wheel drive.

In all, 150 automotive journalists and lifestyle writers will convene at the airport before making their way north to give the all-wheel drive, German-engineered vehicles a run on a closed course.

It was the Northeast's hard-pack snow, the site of two Olympics, and the feel of Albany International Airport that swayed Mercedes-Benz officials' decision to choose the area.

"We started looking at international airports. They are usually a hassle for larger groups. We settled on Albany because it's the closest but also because it is far and away the nicest airport in the area," said Hank Chapman road producer for Tom Cotter Management Group of Charlotte, N.C.

Chapman organized the event, from choosing Albany International Airport to putting up the 150 journalists at the five-star Whiteface Lodge for the weekend of Saturday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 7.

Mercedes Benz is looking to

get its all-wheel drive system back under the automotive spotlight by showcasing its abilities on a snow-packed course in Lake Placid, said Chapman.

The hope is that each of the writers will tout the vehicles' performance in their coverage leading up to this year's 100th North American International Auto Show in Detroit, which opens to the press on Sunday, Jan. 7 and runs until Jan. 21.

Albany International officials are hoping that somewhere in those articles the airport is

mentioned.

"This is great for this area and region to have international exposure," said airport spokesman Doug Meyers.

The airport will provide Mercedes-Benz with a heated hangar to store the vehicles. The plan is to drive them from Albany to Lake Placid back to the airport where they will once again set out for Detroit.

All the while, three groups of 50 writers will fly in and out of Albany for the Lake Placid event.

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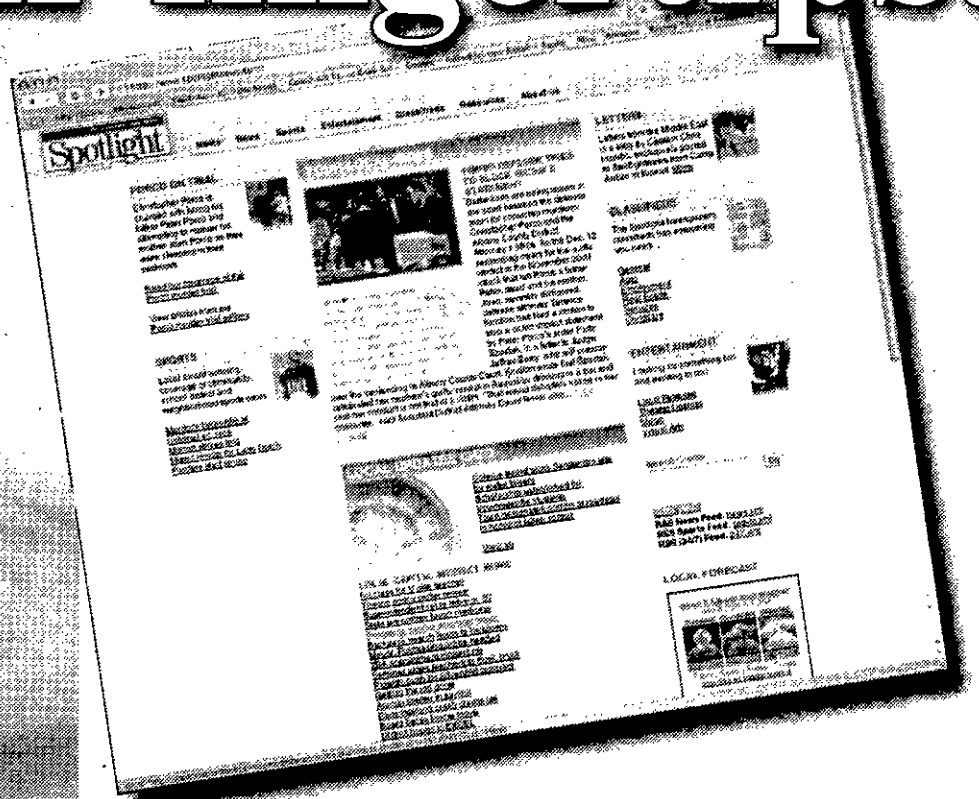
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Bring it with you on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. to the library and have it evaluated by expert Dennis Holzman.



Encourage your friends to come and bring any good old print materials they have stashed away.

The program is one of a collectors series being sponsored by the Library Friends and hosted by Melissa Biggè.

### Non-fiction book discussion

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan will be the topic on Jan. 15. John Steinbeck's novel *The*

*Grapes of Wrath* told of the Okies who fled the Dust Bowl. Egan recounts the stories of those who stuck out the hard times, refusing to leave their land. A combination of natural and man-made disasters — hailstorms, plagues of locusts, severe cold and heat, and worst of all the "moving earth," the dust storms that blackened the sky — made their lives a day-to-day struggle. Sign up at the reference desk and get a copy of the book.

### Last-minute gifts

Pick up a copy of "Season's Readings," a collection of books and films for holiday gift

giving from our librarians. There are still items on display and available for immediate purchase at the library.

### Photographs

Spectacular is the word that comes to mind when you contemplate the nature photos of Bill Jensen in the hall gallery this month. Do not miss them.

### Writers wanted

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meets on Dec. 14 and Lifelines is held Dec. 21, both at 7 p.m. No signup for either group.

**Holiday luncheon**  
Nimblefingers members will meet for their annual holiday luncheon on Dec. 19. Call Julie Stump for details.

**Story times end**  
Story times end Dec. 15. They will resume in January.

Barbara Vink

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#### Community Conversations have new schedule

Community Conversations with Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Les Loomis will now be offered in the morning and evening, on a rotating basis, to provide more flexibility for parents and community members interested in meeting informally with the superintendent and Board of Education members.

The conversations will continue to be held on the last

Tuesday of each month at the Educational Services Center at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

However, the next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, Dec. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. to accommodate for the winter break.

The superintendent and board of education began hosting the Community Conversations in late October as an opportunity for district residents to meet directly and informally with the superintendent to share their questions and concerns.

If you are unable to attend and

you have a question, comment or concern you would like to bring to the superintendent's attention, please feel free to use the new "Ask the Superintendent" link on the district Web site at <http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/askthesuper.htm>.

#### RCS High School changes holiday concert date

The RCS High School Holiday Concert has been rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict.

The concert will now be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 19, following the middle school sixth grade concert. The sixth grade groups will begin at 7 p.m.

### Cut-up



Bethlehem resident Glenn Durlacher carves a penguin at Hewitt's in Latham Saturday.

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#### Alumni Hall of Fame seeks nominees

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# Seminar urges teachers to prepare future nanotech workers

By HOLLI ROSSI  
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Nanotechnology, the science of manipulating atoms and molecules on a scale much smaller than a human hair, has been heralded as a key to the Capital District's economic future. As a result, more than 150 area school board members and educators gathered to learn how they can prepare a nanotech work force during the Planning for the Future Conference at the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Dr. Alain E. Kaloyeros, vice president and chief administrative officer CNSE, demonstrated how tiny nanoparticles can put polish on a car and mentioned some of the products that nanotechnology can influence — cosmetics, clothing, computer chips and car parts.

Additionally, a panel discussion centered on the skills and behaviors that teachers will need to target to effectively prepare students.

"Students need to develop better critical thinking and problem solving skills," said Niskayuna High School math teacher Shana Keith.

Keith, who took part in a summer program at the CSNE last summer, also said that students need to learn teamwork.

Cohoes School District Superintendent Charles Dedrick said parents and educators need to begin to talk more positively about math and science. He also said that elementary-level science needs be more practical and fun.

"If they are using a textbook in elementary school, they are missing the boat," he said.

Several area teachers in attendance offered their thoughts about how to prepare students for the future.

"Teachers need to focus more on thought process than on having kids get the right answer," said Tammy Weingarten, a chemistry teacher in the South Colonie School District.

Ken McDermith, department administrator for technology and

business in the Shenendehowa Central School District, said that educators need to reach out to business to more fully understand the competencies that will be needed for careers in nanotechnology.

"It's not natural for educators to reach out to business," McDermith said. "The conference offered encouragement for schools to reach out."

Doug Loeser, who teaches at the Brown School in Niskayuna, said that he looks forward to taking his sixth-grade science students to nanotechnology career day next spring. Last May, more than 300 area middle- and high-school students attended a similar event at the CNSE.

While many expressed enthusiasm, some said they are cautious.

Weingarten expressed her concerns about being able to get through a state-mandated chemistry curriculum and additional material.

"Educators need to be cautious because New York state mandates the curriculum," Weingarten said. "It could be difficult to get through a chemistry curriculum and add to it."

McDermith said that elementary school teachers will need to learn more about science and math and that retraining a work force of educators could be expensive.

McDermith said that nanotechnology was mysterious to him a year ago. However, with a better understanding, the Shenendehowa Central School District is developing a math and science academy.

Meanwhile, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School District has

collaborated with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to develop a nanotechnology awareness curriculum.

The November conference was funded by a grant from Citizens Bank Foundation and was part of an education awareness series initiated by the Tech Valley Education Committee and the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce.


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# Bethlehem welcomes students from overseas

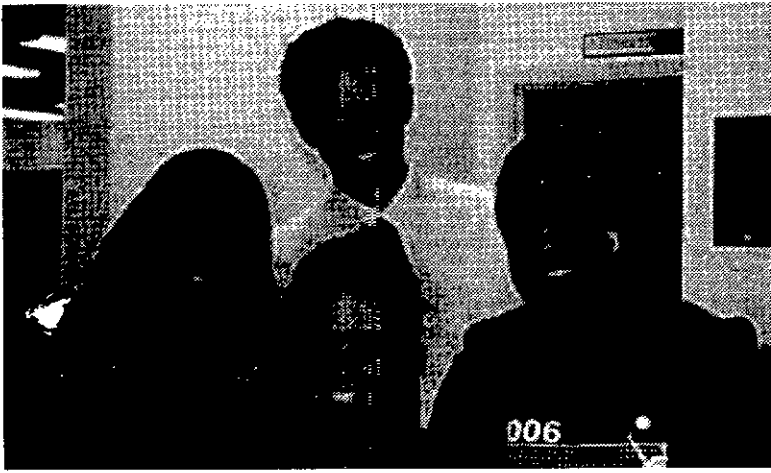
By JIM CUOZZO  
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Chile, Brazil, New Zealand and France are all countries represented at Bethlehem High School with the newest group of foreign exchange students.

Susan Maud Clephane, Joao Luiz de Freitas Sugahara, Joao Brierley Vera, and Thibault Delecroix met the Bethlehem school board at the Wednesday, Dec. 6, meeting to exchange gifts and provide insight about their experiences — both at home and abroad.

"They have become a real part of our student body, and we are most fortunate to have them at our high school," said principal Chuck Abba.

Sugahara lives in Sao Paulo,



Foreign exchange students currently attending Bethlehem High School met with the Bethlehem school board last week. From right to left, Javiera Brierley Vera from Chile; Susan Maud Clephane from New Zealand, Thibault Delecroix from France and Joao Luiz De Freitas Sugahara from Brazil.

Brazil, which has a population of more than 11 million.

"It's been really different living here," said Sugahara. "It's very

calm here."

In Brazil, a classroom of students can be together for many years at a time, and first period begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends around 1 p.m.

"Because it ends early, you go to a language school or to a club to play sports," Sugarhara said.

Delecroix of France is on the Bethlehem High School swim team. He said he enjoys the friendship and exuberant school enthusiasm at many of the sporting events.

"I really like the school spirit," said Delecroix, whose normal school day in France lasts 10 hours.

Vera said the high school spirit and the music program are benefits to going to school in this country.

"This school is really different than our schools in Chile," said Vera, who also plays varsity tennis and participates on the school's track team.

"Thank you for letting me be in your town," Vera said.

Sugahara also participates in track. He said the weather in Bethlehem is very different than the weather in Brazil.

"The coldest it gets in Brazil

is 34 degrees after midnight," said Sugahara. "Here it's really different."

Clephane is from Auckland, New Zealand, home to more than 4 million people. Back home, Clephane goes to an all girls' school.

"This is very different," said Clephane.

Field hockey and lacrosse are two sports Clephane said she enjoys at Bethlehem. She also plans to participate in theater under advisor James Yeara.

"I love theater, especially Mr. Yeara because he is so crazy," said Clephane.

Happy Sherer, AFS coordinator for the Capital District, has been a major force in the Bethlehem foreign exchange program for the past 10 years.

"These students this year hit the ground running," said Sherer, a former school board president. "They are very active and involved."

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# Financial Aid officers will speak at high school

The Voorheesville high school guidance office is sponsoring a financial aid information session for parents of college bound students. The session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Commons.

Financial aid representatives from a local college will present valuable information about how the financial aid process works, how to apply and how to avoid common errors. This program is free and open to everyone. For information or to register call 765-3314, ext. 401.

## Kiwanis Club selling trees and wreaths

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Nichols' Supermarket parking lot. All proceeds from this Kiwanis-sponsored fundraiser will go to support community and youth programs.

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## Sheriff's Department collecting toys

The Albany County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Hilltown Community Resource Center, is sponsoring the 15th annual Hilltown Christmas Program.

Donations can be left at Nichols' Market in Voorheesville and the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol station in Voorheesville and various other locations. Nonperishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys would be appreciated.

Those wishing to make a monetary donation can mail a check (made out to Hilltown Christmas Program) to the

Albany County Sheriff's Dept., 300 New Salem Rd., Voorheesville.

For information, call 765-5976.

## Food pantry items needed

The Community Food Pantry, located at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road, is always in need of food and personal items.

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## PTA meeting set for Dec. 14

The next meeting for the Voorheesville PTA will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school.

## Wildlife program at Thacher

The Emma Treadwell

Thacher Center will host a wildlife photography workshop on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Angie Berchielli is a biologist and expert wildlife photographer and she will give instruction regarding tools and techniques for capturing the beauty of nature in photos.

The workshop will be held indoors, although participants will go outdoors to explore opportunities for nature and wildlife photos if the weather permits.

Participants should bring cameras. This program is appropriate for ages 14 and up. Experience using a camera is preferred, but beginner photographers are also welcome. Space is limited; pre-registration is suggested. The workshop fee is \$10 per person.

## Legion to host buffet breakfast

The American Legion in Voorheesville is having a buffet

breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. All are invited to attend.

## Middle school concert set for Dec. 20

The Voorheesville Middle School will be having its winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school. All are invited to attend.

## Buffalo Chips coming to Voorheesville

The Buffalo Chips, an all-male cappella group from SUNY Buffalo, will be performing at Voorheesville High School in the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m.

Former Voorheesville student John Sullivan is one of the members.

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**6:00 PM** Bedtime Stories & Songs for children age 2 through 5th grade, including a Live Nativity in the Sanctuary. Wear PJs & bring a pillow or stuffed animal!

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 PM** "Blue Christmas" Service in the Chapel. Music, scriptures, reflection, prayer and meditation for the longest night of the year, especially for those who have experienced loss.

#### SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

**10:00 AM** Sanctuary Advent Service with our Chancel Choir

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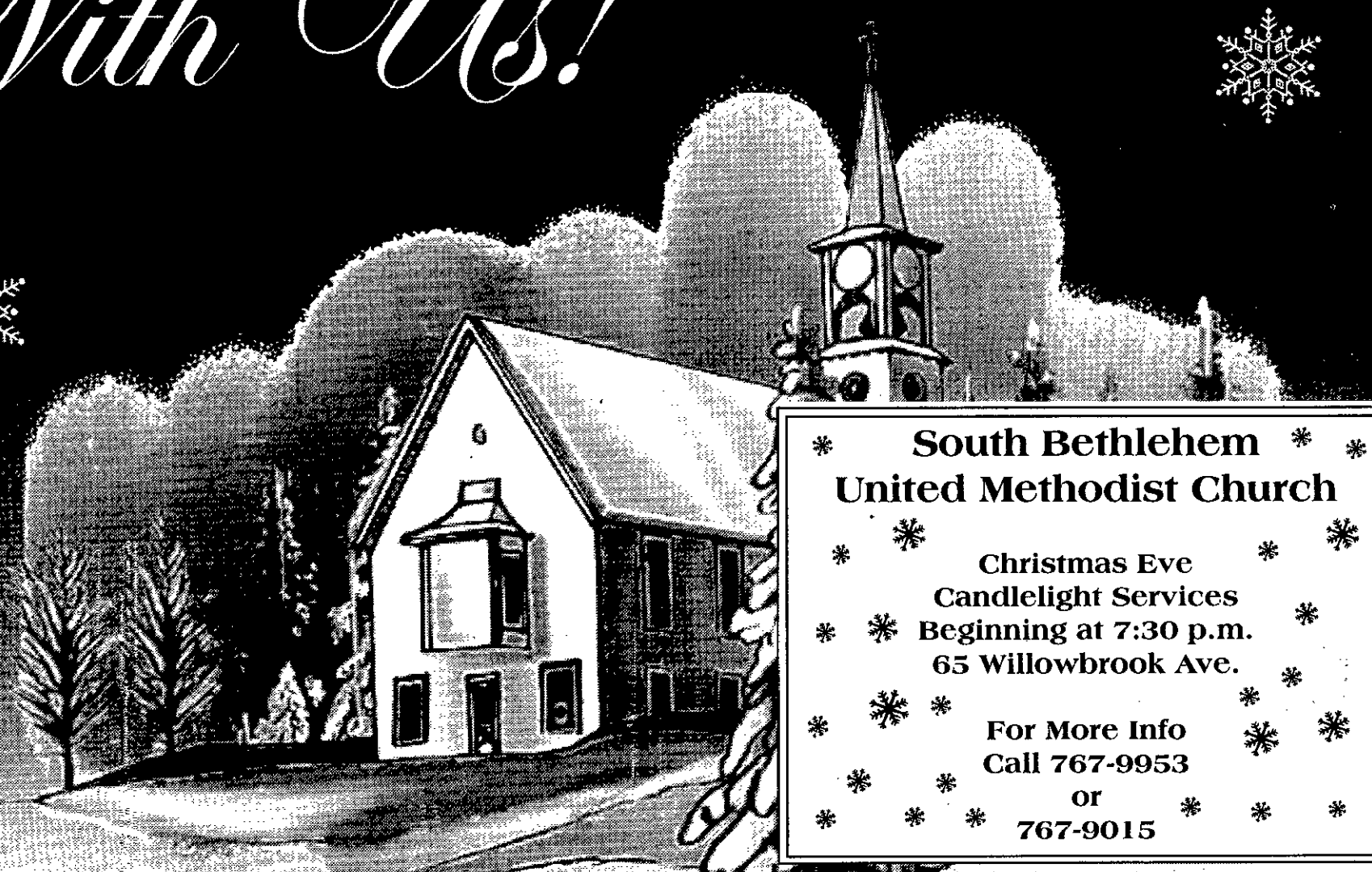
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**Christmas Day:**  
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# What to do if snow causes you to get stuck in your car

The recent death of a man trying to save his snowbound family stresses the importance of knowing what to do when snowstorms strike.

Severe winter weather can make driving a challenge for even the most experienced drivers, says AAA Hudson Valley. Extreme cold temperatures make vehicles more likely to break down if proper maintenance has not been performed, and heavy snowfalls and icy road conditions can lead to vehicles sliding off the road and becoming stuck in the snow.

However, the winter season seems to be slow coming this

season.

In 2005, the Club responded to 390 calls for snow-struck cars.

"Performing proper vehicle maintenance and good trip planning could keep you from becoming one of these statistics," says Tammy Melo, spokesperson for AAA Hudson Valley.

"Prevention is key to avoiding vehicle breakdowns, and now is the perfect time to have a certified technician at a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility inspect your vehicle's ignition system, antifreeze, lights, exhaust, heater/defroster, brakes, tires, windshield wipers and washer fluid, as well as

change the engine oil and filter," adds Melo.

In addition to performing preventive auto maintenance, motorists are also encouraged to carry an emergency roadside kit containing items such as a mobile phone; blankets/sleeping bags; flashlight with extra batteries; first-aid kit; knife; drinking water; high-calorie non-perishable food; extra clothing; waterproof matches; sack of sand, cat litter, or traction mats; shovel; windshield scraper and brush; tool kit; tow rope; battery booster cables; compass and road maps; and emergency flares or reflectors.

Should a motorist become stranded in the snow with no help in sight, AAA Hudson Valley cautions drivers not to needlessly spin the tires as this will only dig the vehicle deeper into the snow.

To properly free your vehicle, AAA experts suggest the following:

- Clear away as much snow as possible from around the tires, under the vehicle and near the vehicle exhaust pipe.

- Improve traction by scattering sand, cat litter or some other abrasive material around the front tires for front-wheel drive cars, and around the rear tires for rear-wheel drive cars. Special traction mats are also available for this purpose, and vehicle floor mats may work in a pinch.

- Place the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions) and apply gentle pressure to the accelerator. Ease off if the tires begin to spin.

- If still unable to free the vehicle, try slowly rocking the car.

Ease forward with the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions). When the car will no longer go forward, release the accelerator to allow the car to roll back.

- When the vehicle stops its backward motion, apply minimum pressure on the accelerator again. Repeat these actions in rapid succession until the vehicle rolls free. CAUTION: do not rock the vehicle for prolonged periods as serious damage to the automatic transmission or clutch may occur.

- If others are available to help, have them push to assist the car's rocking motion. People pushing the vehicle should not stand directly behind the wheels because of the risks from flying gravel, sand and ice. Also, they should be aware of their physical limitations. Footing can be hazardous, and overexertion can be especially dangerous in cold weather.

- If you are unable to free your vehicle, set up reflectors, flares or other signal devices as soon as possible to alert passing motorists.

- Before abandoning your vehicle, carefully assess the weather conditions. In extreme cold or in heavy snow, stay with your car until you can be rescued.

- If you stay in your car, tie a bright cloth to your antenna to alert rescuers.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Rabbi/stand-up comic to perform at B'nai Sholom**

Bob Alper, rabbi/stand-up comic is performing at B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road in Albany at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 25.

Bob Alper is the only rabbi in the country who regularly addresses congregations that require a cover charge and a two-drink minimum. Sound funny?

You bet it is. Because Bob is the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy ... intentionally. He's bringing his internationally acclaimed, 90-minute one-man show to the congregation this Monday, Dec. 25.

Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. The public is invited. Seating is limited. Adults and children age 11 and older are welcome. For ticket information, call 482-5283.

**Men's Garden Club hosts Ladies Night**

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will be holding its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, at 6:30 p.m. This is Ladies Night — all women are welcome and need not be related to a Garden Club member.

The guest speaker will be Michele Peters from Ambiance Florals & Events located at 116 Everett Road in Albany. You will learn how to make the perfect floral arrangement for your needs, have a lot of fun making it, end up with exactly the arrangement you want, be very proud of your design and it will cost a small fraction of what you would have to pay for a pre-made floral arrangement.

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**Senior Services offers theater and lunch**

Sign up now for another great theater performance and lunch combo, Wednesday, Dec. 20. You'll see the 10:30 a.m. performance of Triple Expresso at Capital Repertory Theatre, followed by lunch at the Victory

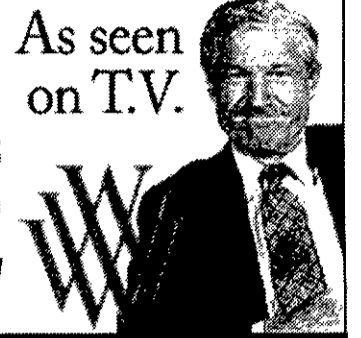
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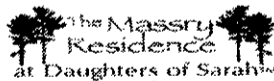
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At the state Capitol last week, Gov. George Pataki signed legislation designating Route 140 the Capt. Timothy J. Moshier Memorial Highway. From left, state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, Moshier's widow, Katie Moshier, Pataki, Moshier's mother, Mary Ellen Moshier, Bethlehem Supervisor Theresa Egan and Moshier's father, James Moshier.  
*Kim McKee/Spotlight*

## □ Soldier

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sponsor of the bill, said the town will always remember Timothy.

"Politics have been put away to support a hero, and I am humbled to sponsor this legislation," Breslin said.

Katie Moshier said the honor is a special tribute that will have great meaning to 18-month-old daughter Natalie.

"Every day Natalie has something to look at to honor her dad," said Katie Moshier.

Jim Moshier said he has collected five coins since the day his son was killed. The Saint Christopher medal, the West Point challenge coin, the two unit aviation coins of his son's service in the military and the coin of faith.

"The coin of faith reminds me

of concepts in life not easily seen," said Jim Moshier. "Concepts of peace, of courage, honor, respect and love which are not so easily defined."

Also in attendance at the dedication ceremony was Albany County Executive Michael Breslin and State Department of

designation, one on the southbound side at State Route 85, and the other on the northbound side at Kenwood Avenue.

Moshier was 25 at the time the Apache helicopter he piloted was shot down in Iraq on April 1, a few miles outside of Baghdad. A memorial service was held in Bethlehem this past spring for Moshier. He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1998 and went directly to West Point.

"He was going to go to West Point, and he was going to fly," said County Executive Michael Breslin. "He knew it; he had that commitment."

Moshier flew under the name Black Jack 16, and his co-pilot was known as Black Jack 23.

"Black Jack 16 and Black Jack 23 rest in peace," said Jim Moshier. "We have the fight and we will not fail."

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## □ Doctor

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Department of Health's division of physician surveillance, and the medical director of St. Peter's Hospital ambulatory care from 1996-1998. He served on several community boards, including the Albany County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the State Commission on Quality Assurance for the Mentally Disabled and the Community Foundation of the Capital Region.

"If you look at all aspects of Bob's life as a husband, parent, doctor, administrator, physician and friend, he was successful in every one of those endeavors," said Tartaglia.

Those who knew Randles well were aware of his excellent singing voice as a member of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany and First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

"He had the most incredible bass voice," said William Peterson, who became friends with Randles at Albany Medical School in 1952.

"If he had chosen a career in music he would have made it,"

said Peterson, who stayed in touch with Randles for the remainder of his life.

Sister Graber said Randles would pass out free tickets to the Mendelssohn Club concerts to all of the sisters.

"We were his fan club, that's for sure," said Graber.

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Randles say everyone from security guards to housekeepers knew him and admired him.

"He just embodied all the attributes anybody could possibly want of a lifetime friend," Peterson added.

"He was great for the community and for his friends," said Tartaglia.

Randles is survived by his wife, Jeanne F. Randles, five children and 10 grandchildren.

Contributions in Randles' memory can be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Rallying robots



Chris Partridge and Carl Burkhard, Hamagrael Elementary students and members of the Delmar Destroyers, compete at the RPI and GE Lego League Tournament on Saturday at RPI.  
*Jim Franco/The Spotlight*

## □ Porco

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statement was to be read on behalf of the prosecution. Porco faces 50 years in state prison if given the maximum sentence by Judge Jeffrey Berry. Porco has spent the past four months in Albany County's jail since his conviction.

The videotaped interrogation of Christopher Porco by Bethlehem

Police was scheduled for release to the media. Police questioning of Porco took place at the Bethlehem police station the day after the crimes.

The videotape, which lasted several hours, was briefly viewed in pre-trial hearings in May. Berry ruled the interrogation was inadmissible during the trial.

Spotlightnews.com will have complete coverage of the Porco sentencing.

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# Voorheesville board discusses a trio of issues

By ROB IRWIN  
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At Monday's meeting, Voorheesville's board of education focused on how the district can better serve its students.

The meeting began with a special report on the symposium staff attended Washington, D.C., in October. High school teacher Pat Corrigan discussed at the symposium via a Powerpoint slideshow presentation.

Symposium attendees conducted a workshop where the district's staff was asked to brainstorm a list of goals. A steering

committee was formed to determine how to adopt those goals.

Corrigan said the district should aim to find a balance between reaching their goals at the expense of test results.

"Do we want to produce a generation of test takers, or put kids out there who can succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy?" said Corrigan.

"We're trying to find the ways to help each child develop to their maximum abilities," said Langevin.

In the second report, high school associate principal and district data coordinator Michael Paolino outlined 2005-2006 state math exam results for third through eighth grade.

The report detailed the drop in the percentage of students who scored a three or four out of four.

The report showed a significant decrease in performance from the elementary school's fifth graders (93 percent) to middle school's sixth graders (72 percent). And while a high level of students, close to 100 percent, score at least a two, the numbers are not as high at three or above.

These scores, said Paolino, beg the question: "What can we do to get out level two kids to a level three?"

According to Paolino, federal legislation will require by 2014 that all schools have 100 percent of students at or above a level three in

each grade level.

The correlation between switching from fifth to sixth grade and a decline in testing numbers, said Paolino, is regional, and the answer could lie in students making the adjustment from elementary to middle school.

"The schools that have sixth grade as part of a different building are the schools that are showing the greatest decline," said Paolino.

The report also analyzed data from students with disabilities and scoring results based on gender.

High school Principal Mark Diefendorf presented a proposal to the board outlining ways to alleviate the more mundane responsibilities of school guidance, and to provide aid to administrators who are no longer functioning in the capacity they once worked.

Diefendorf suggested that a position of part-time dean of students be added to assist in disciplinary and other administrative duties in middle and high schools to help administrators whose responsibilities may have shifted recently.

The dean would perform the more clerical tasks that guidance counselors are now asked to do, such as AP testing, thereby increasing actual guidance service to students in grades six through 12.

Diefendorf also said he would like to see a position of a full-time guidance counselor added to specifically aid students in the sometimes difficult transition from eighth to ninth grade.

Diefendorf also said he would like to see a position of part-time social worker added to the schools.

He speculated his plan would reduce caseloads for guidance counselors from 220 to 230 students each to about 175 students.

Diefendorf said he would like to see a male dean of students.

"There's a need for a male presence in the school," he said, adding that he thought it could help with the transition of male students, whose test scores and maturity generally fall short of females in the middle grades.

Associate principal at the middle school Theresa Kennedy agreed, and said male students are lacking male adult authority figures to connect with at the school.

"Sometimes they need a man to talk with them," she said.

Kathy Fiero, president of the Voorheesville Teacher's Association, issued a word of warning regarding announcing the desire to hire a man for the position.

Gibson responded, "They said that's what their need is; that doesn't mean the board acknowledges it."

Kennedy said that she was simply recognizing the need for more male support in the middle school.

According to Diefendorf, schools elsewhere in the country have adopted models that main goals are to address the different needs of developing male and female students.

"There's a number of schools who need to meet a gender-specific need," said Diefendorf, who speculated that 65 to 70 percent of the Voorheesville middle and high schools' staff were women.

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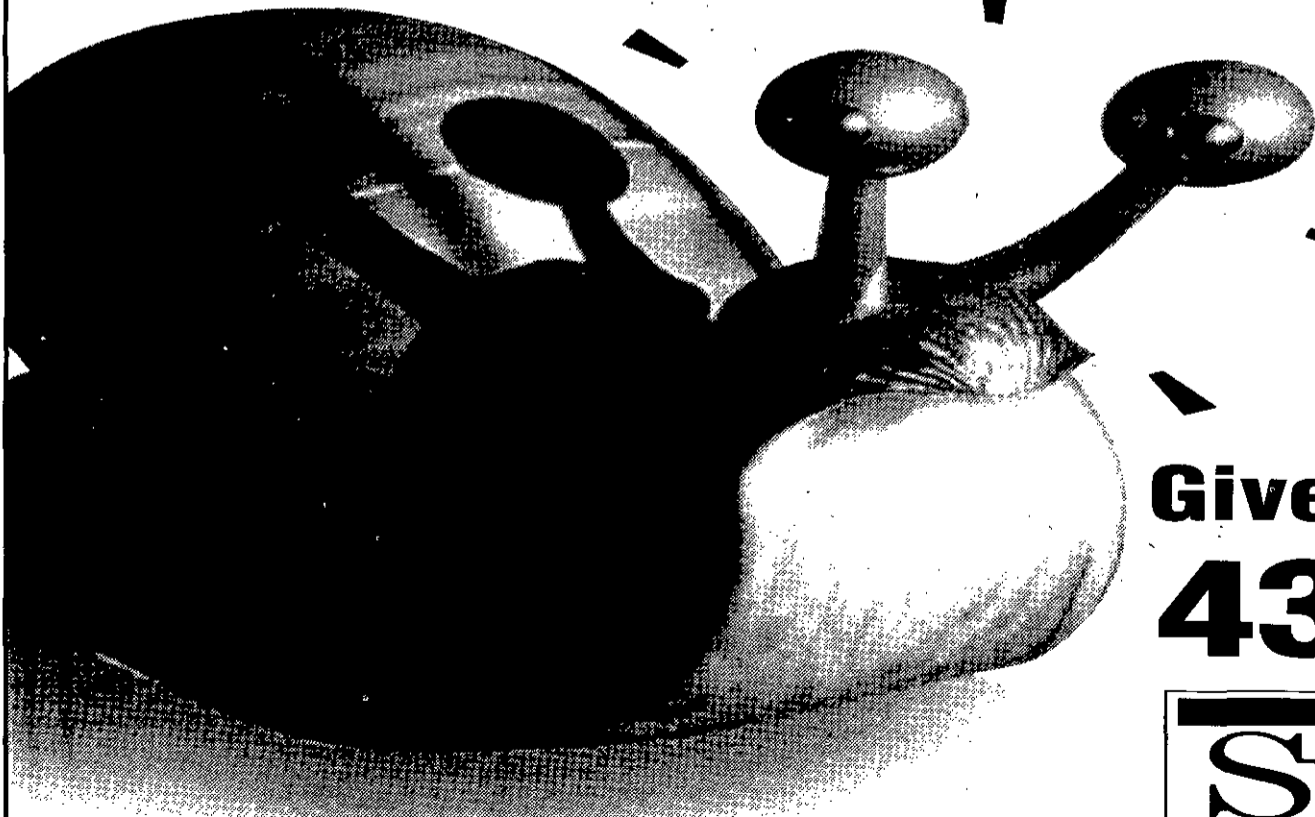


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# Unique stores take holiday shopping to a new level

By ROB IRWIN  
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Holiday shopping can be loud, crowded and stressful — but it doesn't have to be. There are a number of small specialty shops and boutiques in the area that offer unique and alternative gifts.

The Parisian Cottage, located next to Nichols' Market in Voorheesville, opened in March 2006 and offers "a little Paris in Voorheesville," according to owner Donna Lussier.

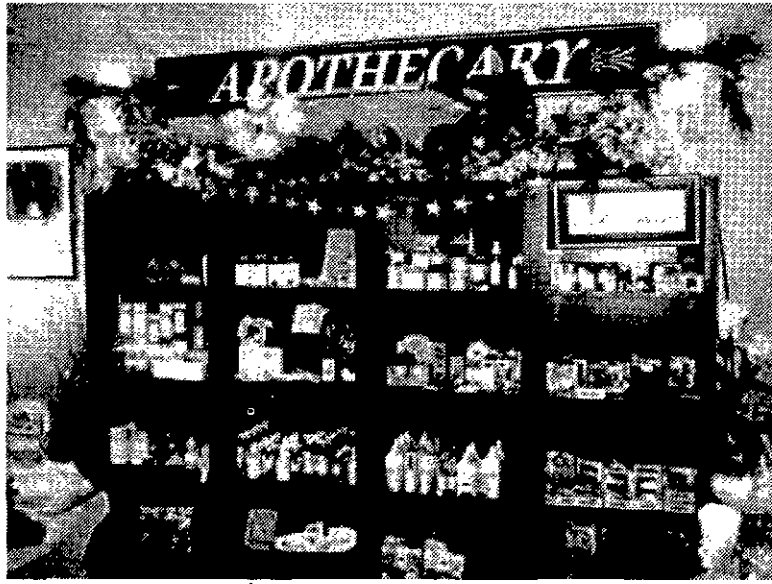
The store has an apothecary, offering bath and body products for men and women, handmade Parisian jewelry, lingerie, Adirondack-style blankets and more.

"The whole theme of the store is to give people inspiration for decorating their own homes," said Lussier. "We have a little something for everybody."

The store offers an ideal setting for browsing, said Lussier, with soft music, relaxing scents, and the shop's wares are visibly displayed in antique cabinetry.

"They're not like regular store fixtures so it gives it that homey look," said Lussier.

Lussier, who is of French



An out-of-the-ordinary shopping display at the Parisian Cottage in Voorheesville.

Rob Irwin/Spotlight

ancestry, said she decided to open the store to give an alternative to the busy stores in the region.

"I love the way French shopkeepers have a very simple philosophy," said Lussier. "There's no stress; people are here to help you. There are unique gifts — it has more of a personal touch, and it's relaxing."

In addition, the store has clocks, winter clothing, inter-

national recipe books and quality museum prints. Lussier said the price of gifts is kept reasonable too, starting at \$5.

Another holiday shopping destination that is off the beaten path is Albany Institute of History & Art.

Elizabeth Bechand, the museum shop's manager, said both the institute's museum and holiday shops offer "unusual and interesting" gifts at good prices.

In addition to holiday-themed items, like cards, ornaments, angel chimes and snowmen decor, the shops feature toys, Egyptian-style products, dolls and books.

"We have all the Caldecott award-winning children's books," said Bechand. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

In addition to children's books, Bechand said the museum shop features 20 different autographed copies of books by regional authors, including a book by Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, called *Albany: Capitol City on the Hudson*.

Bechand said ornaments are a popular item with shoppers.

"In general we carry interesting ornaments. For example, the pickle is a symbol of good luck in Germany to hang on your tree, so we carry little pickle ornaments," said Bechand.

The museum shop offers a lot of interesting items that won't be found elsewhere, Bechand said.

"Our selection is quite extensive for the size of our shop," said Bechand, adding that though there are many items they carry only limited quantities. Due to the size of the selection, Bechand said people spend a great deal of time looking.

"People really do enjoy looking," said Bechand.

The majority of the shoppers come in at lunchtime and consist of a lot of downtown workers, said Bechand.

"People in the downtown area know it's really a pleasant shopping experience," she said.

In Guilderland, just a short

drive from the busy Crossgates Mall, is Fancy Schmancy, located in Cosimo's Plaza and owned by Susanne Dura.

Dura said she opened the shop four years ago to showcase some of her handmade goods and because she said she wanted a store that had everything in it.

"We've got a lot of the little things here you're not going to find anywhere else," said Dura. The shop features everything from mink cuffs and decorative clocks to collectible wine bottle corks and handmade necklaces.

Dura referred to much of the store's inventory as an "eclectic collection."

In the handbag section of the store, featuring an extensive collection of varying styles, sits a purse with handles made of forks. It was what Dura called a "dinner bag."

Much like the Parisian Cottage and the museum shops, Dura listed convenience, selection and customer service as reasons to visit her store this holiday season.

"There's always people in here to help you," said Dura. "It's a pleasant, peaceful shopping experience."

Dura said, due to her shop's selection and uniqueness, her store sometimes serves as a one-stop-shop for customers during the holidays. Additionally, Dura said, her store is ideal for men looking to find a gift for the woman in their life.

"We've had a lot of guys come in and they say, 'Oh my God, this is so nice and easy,'" said Dura.

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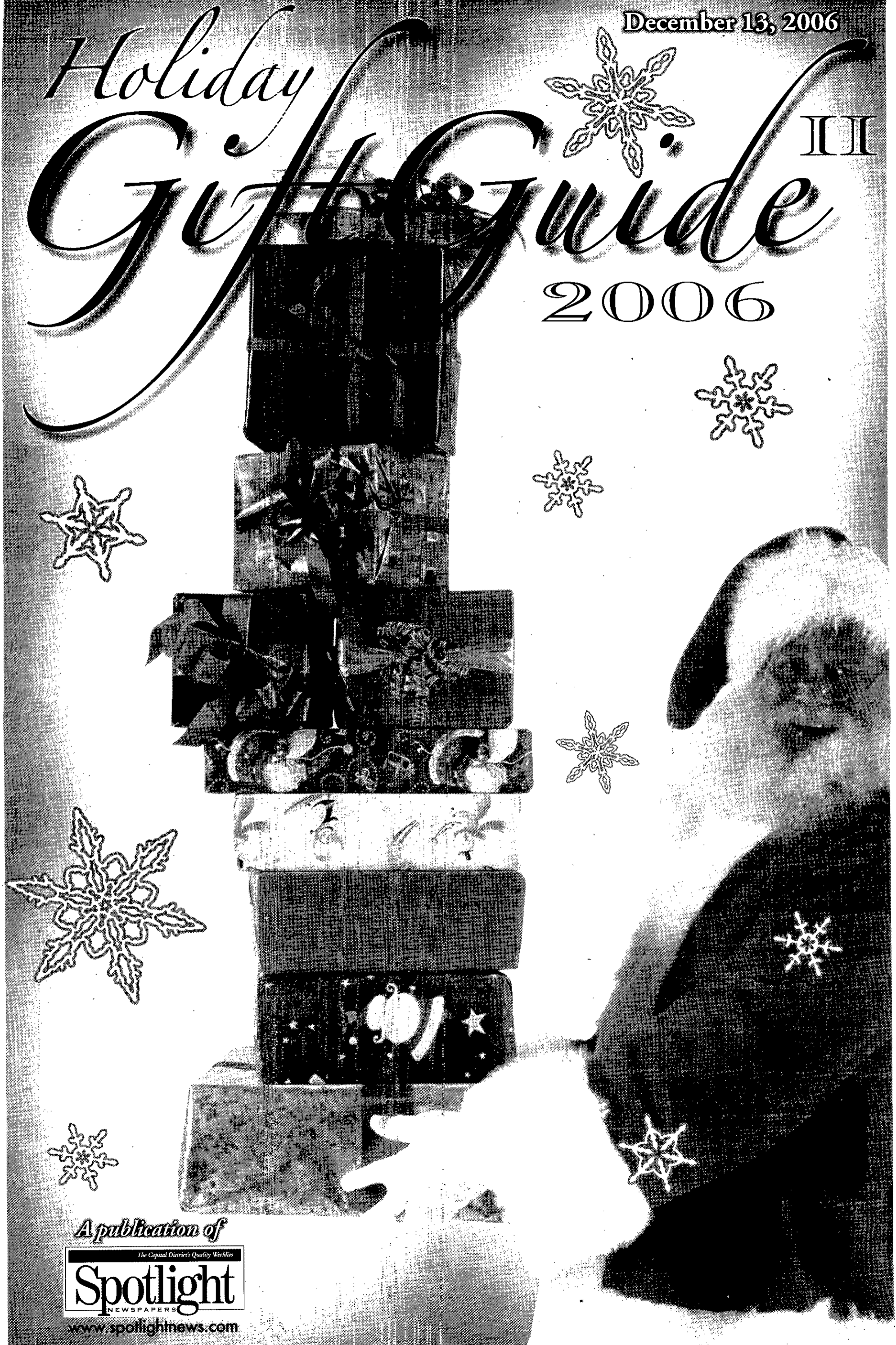
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# Yule log keeps season burning bright

Although few practice it now, the burning of the yule log was once a very popular holiday tradition. In order to have good fortune in the following year, many worked carefully to select, light and burn the yule log properly.

The tradition varied by family and region, but according to most, purchasing a yule log would bring bad luck, so individuals would cut one from their own land or a neighbor's and bring it home on Christmas Eve to put into the hearth. Often, transporting the log home turned into a big production with many spectators, and once it was brought into the home, the log was decorated with greenery and doused with oil, sage and mulled wine, cider or ale. Sometimes a prayer was said over the yule log, and then it was lit with care by the lord, lady or some other resident of the house using a scrap of the previous year's log that had been stored away, usually under a bed. The yule log had to catch fire on the first try; otherwise, the household would be fraught with bad luck.

Once lit, tradition dictated that the yule log be kept burn-

ing for 12 straight hours, which for some families was hard to do. According to the etiquette of the time, long Christmas Eve dinners could not be interrupted with the constant stirring of embers. As the yule log burned, people often gathered around it and told ghost stories or other tales while enjoying cups of cider. Shadows cast on the wall during the burning of the log were studied carefully, as headless ones were thought to foretell the death of the person who had cast the fire within the year.

For a time, the burning of the yule log was a very important tradition. With the arrival of small wood-burning stoves, however, its importance diminished and the log gave way to a smaller branch set in the middle of the table and surrounded by sweets. Over time in France, the branch was transformed into a cake called *Bûche de Noël*. Rolled, frosted and decorated to look like a yule log, the cake is served as part of the Christmas Eve meal in France that takes place after midnight mass.

There are hundreds of variations of *Bûche de Noël*. The following recipe features a chocolate butter cream filling.

## Bûche de Noël with chocolate butter cream filling

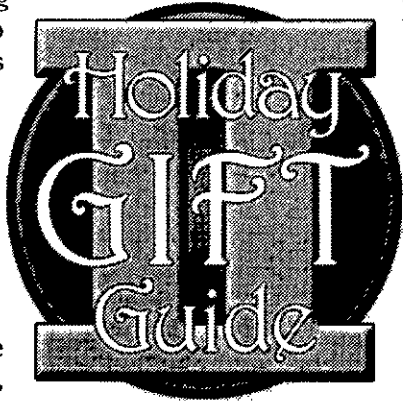
5 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour, sifted  
Confectioner's sugar  
Nuts or candied cherries for garnish  
Chocolate frosting

**Chocolate butter cream filling**  
3/4 cup sugar  
2-1/2 tablespoon cornstarch  
3 eggs or 6 egg yolks  
1-1/2 cups milk  
1 square Baker's semisweet chocolate, melted  
1/2 cup butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, beat eggs until foamy. Gradually add sugar, salt and vanilla, and beat until thick and ivory colored. Gently fold in flour, a fourth at a time. Grease a 15-1/2x10-1/2x1-inch jellyroll pan on the bottom, line with waxed paper and grease again. Pour batter into pan and bake for 18 to 22 minutes. Turn cake onto a towel sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Remove waxed paper and roll cake in towel, starting from the 15-inch side. Set aside to cool.

To make filling, combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Add eggs or egg yolks. Beat until light and fluffy. Add milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick. Remove from heat. Blend in melted chocolate and mix well. Let cool until lukewarm and then add butter and vanilla. Chill thoroughly.

Unroll cake and spread filling down center. Bring 15-inch sides together until they just meet. Place seam-side down on serving plate and chill well. Cover with chocolate frosting. Draw tines of a fork lengthwise through frosting to create bark, and if desired, garnish with nuts and candied cherries.



## Holiday lights have come a long way

It's that time of year again. The holiday season has begun, and you're looking forward to getting out the tree and putting up the lights. Lucky for you, the lights available today are quite convenient and inexpensive. You can purchase a quality set for less than \$20. It wasn't always that way, though. Long ago, people depended upon candles to light their trees, and when electric lights finally became available, they relied upon small, expensive 120-volt incandescent bulbs.

In the 1950s and '60s, individuals decorated their trees with sets of small 120-volt incandescent bulbs. While these were run on a parallel system, which would prevent the electrical current from being broken by a bulb that had stopped working, they consumed a lot of power, generated a lot of heat and cost a lot of money.

In the 1970s, miniature light sets became available. The small, 2.5-volt incandescent bulbs on each set used far less energy than their predecessors, generated very little heat and best of all, were fairly inexpen-

sive. There was a drawback to the sets, however. They were run in such a way so that if one light stopped working, it would break the electrical current and the rest of the strand would not work either.

Today the miniature light sets of the 1970s still dominate the market, but they have been improved a great deal. Most sets are now wired in sections.



If one bulb stops working, only the electrical current in that section will be broken. The lights in the remaining sections will continue to work. Some sets also have internal shunts in each of the bulbs, which will enable the electrical current to continue running even if a bulb stops working.

Other advances in light sets

include the creation of blinking lights. While a special blinker bulb controls the blinking on basic sets, a controller box on more sophisticated sets is responsible for the blinking. In the former, the lights will continue to blink as long as the blinker bulb is working. In the latter, there is no blinker bulb and the lights will continue to blink as long as the drives within the controller box

are working. With most controller boxes, a number of blinking patterns is also available.

Holiday lighting has come a long way since 120-volt incandescent bulbs. There are sure to be more advances in the future as technology moves forward. Only time will tell how future trees will dazzle.

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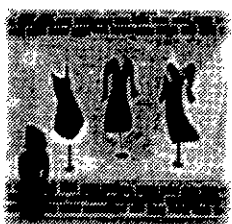
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# Quality trees result from careful farming



Every year as the weather turns colder and the holidays creep closer, your thoughts turn toward getting a Christmas tree. You love to go to the tree lot and pick out the perfect spruce for your space. As you are browsing around, the last thing you probably think of is the process it took to get the trees there. Did you know, however, that cultivating Christmas trees is big business in the United States, and in order to produce quality trees, farmers must be diligent in their care? It takes a lot of work to turn a small seedling into a big, beautiful tree.

Each year more than 36 million Christmas trees are produced, the majority on farms and plantations. Every state in the nation produces Christmas trees, with Oregon topping the

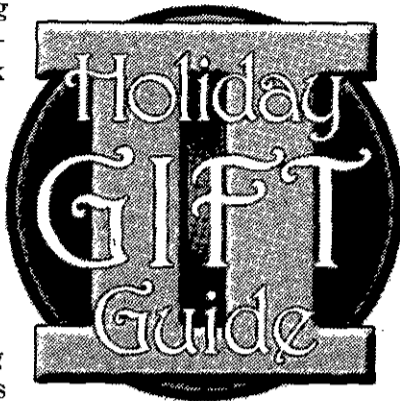
list, and of the 2,000 trees planted per acre, only about 750 to 1,500 survive. For a tree to grow to full maturity, it takes seven to 12 years.

To produce quality trees, farmers must plant seedlings at the appropriate time and cultivate them well. For many, this includes learning how to fertilize crops properly, control pests and weeds, and design a good shearing schedule. Shearing fosters a tree's shape. To control width and height and add density to create a more desirable shape, farmers cut the tip of the leading shoot of the tree, as well as the ends of the lateral branches.

Once a crop of trees has reached maturity, most farmers will not begin harvesting it un-

til the first weeks of November. The harvest of Christmas trees takes a great deal of labor and involves a number of stages from grading and cutting to hauling and baling. Usually farmers will send the first few batches of trees harvested abroad and wait until mid-November to harvest trees to sell at home. They will then spend the rest of the month and the first half of December completing the harvest.

Only after many weeks of hard labor do Christmas trees finally get to the lot where you are free to choose the best one for your needs and budget. Christmas trees are just like any other crop. They require careful cultivation, as those who grow them well know. This year as you're searching through the lot for the perfect tree and finally find it, consider how it got there and be thankful for those who worked so hard to transform it from a tiny seedling to a magnificent tree.



## Season's readings

For the third year, Voorheesville librarians have selected and endorsed a collection of books and films for holiday gift giving and published them in a booklet called Season's Readings. The selections do not include the typical books found on the bestseller lists, but some of the more unusual offerings out this year. The list is divided into categories from art to travel and includes sections for kids and young adults. Copies of the booklet are available free at the Voorheesville Public Library. One copy of each item recommended will be on display and available for immediate purchase at VPL. Stop in and pick up a copy of the booklet and browse the selections.

## Religious Christmas tradition rooted in history

For most churches in the Western tradition, Advent serves as the beginning of the church year. Beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, the event focuses on the celebration of Christ's birth and the anticipation of His return. At the start of Advent, many congregations decorate their churches with greenery. One of the greens used is the Advent wreath.

Made of various real evergreens or artificial ones intertwined around candles, the Advent wreath carries many connotations. While the greenery signifies renewal through eternal life and the candles the light of Christ, the circular shape of the wreath itself symbolizes God's unending mercy. In some cases, the wreath may consist of several types of greenery, each of which has its own connotation. These include:

- Cedar, representing healing and strength
- Holly, pine or yew, representing immortality, and the thorns in holly, representing the crown of thorns worn by Christ
- Laurel, representing victory over persecution

Most Advent wreaths include four colored candles, and sometimes a white one, which is often placed in the center. As with the greenery, these candles carry their own connotations. The first candle lit is purple and represents the hope in the coming of Christ. The second candle lit is also purple and represents

different aspects of the events leading up to Christ's birth. The third candle lit is pink and represents the joy of Christ's birth. The fourth candle lit is purple and represents the anticipation of Christ's return. The fifth candle, if used, is white and represents Christ as the light of the world.

Symbolic of the four centuries between the creation of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ, the four outer candles are typically lit on each Sunday of Advent and followed with a scripture reading, devotional and prayer. The first candle, for example, is lit on the first Sunday and then relit on the second Sunday, along with the second

candle. As each candle is lit and relit, hope grows as more light is shed into the world.

While many churches in the Western tradition incorporate the lighting of the Advent wreath into their services, the tradition can also be carried out at home. Many families place a similar wreath in their homes and light a candle each week, read Scripture passages and offer a special devotional and prayer.

The Advent wreath is not only a holiday tradition but a teaching tool. It enables congregations and families to come together and relive the coming of Christ through scripture and look forward to his return.

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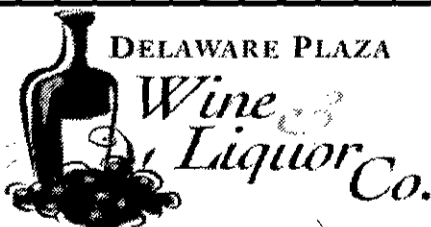


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# Feasting a long-standing holiday tradition

Christmas is full of good things, and for many, their favorite part is the huge feast that awaits them. The sight of a table laden with tasty foods like smoked turkey, baked ham, sweet yams, whipped potatoes, tender green beans, crusty rolls and more is enough to get anyone's mouth watering. Feasting has long been a favorite facet of Christmas, especially in medieval England.

Christmas was celebrated in high style in medieval England, with many feudal chieftains throwing open the doors of their

homes and welcoming family, friends and retainers with a grand feast. Common Christmas Day fare included boar's head and peacock. Typically served first, the boar's head was brought to the table on a silver or gold platter by a server who would often sing a carol about the dish. Second in importance to the boar's head was the peacock, which was prepared carefully. First stripped of its skin, the peacock was stuffed with spices and sweet herbs, basted with egg yolk and roasted. It was then sewn again into its skin and covered with leaf-

gold. The beak was often stuffed with a piece of cotton soaked in spirits, which was lit just before carving, after distinguished lady guests had served the meat with gravy.

In addition to boar's head and peacock, other dishes were served, including geese, capons and pheasants drenched with amber-grease, as well as pies of carps-tongues. Common Christmas desserts included furmante, mince or mutton pies, and plum-porridge. A national dish, furmante was a combination of wheat, broth, almond milk and egg yolks that was boiled and often served with venison or fresh mutton. If lords were to eat it, the broth was omitted, and if served alone, the furmante was sweetened with sugar. Also known as shred and Christmas pies, mince or mutton pies resembled the mince pies of today, excluding



the mutton or nests-tongue that was sometimes used in place of mutton. Often served with the best meats, plum-porridge was made of boiled beef or mutton with broth, brown bread, raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, mace and ginger. To wash down the feast, plenty of spirits were

available and merriment often ensued.

The tables of feudal chieftains at Christmas in medieval England were laden with goodies, as are many of our tables today. No doubt that guests came away from the feast feeling stuffed.

## Butterscotch Gingerbread Cookies

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1-1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup light molasses
- 1 (11-oz.) package butterscotch chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and salt in a small bowl and set aside. Blend butter, sugar, egg and molasses in a large bowl until creamy. Gradually add flour mixture until well blended. Stir in butterscotch chips. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 9 to 11 minutes.

## Bring back a holiday favorite with gingerbread

Ah, you remember it like it was yesterday. The closer it got to Christmas, the more smells that would waft from your grandmother's kitchen. One of your favorites was that of gingerbread. You loved your grandmother's gingerbread and you loved building a house from it even more.

Gingerbread has been around for centuries and was once a fairground favorite. In Europe

during the 15th century, bakers shaped the dough into cookies and decorated them in accord with the fair theme. For Easter fairs, for example, they might create flowers, and for autumn fairs, birds. Sometimes the cookies were prepared for whomever the fair was honoring, such as Saint Bartholomew, with their image stamped into them. In Nuremberg, the gingerbread capital of the world, the cookies

were especially attractive, with goldsmiths, painters, sculptors and other craftspeople involved in the process.

With the introduction of the Grimm's fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel" during the 19th century, gingerbread houses became common. Elaborate houses were often created from gingerbread, complete with loads of icing, candies and sugar icicles.

For many families today, gingerbread, either in the form of cookies or houses, is an annual holiday tradition. Hundreds of recipes are available as well as convenient gingerbread house kits. Should you be interested in continuing the tradition in your home, at left is a recipe for gingerbread cookies that you may try.

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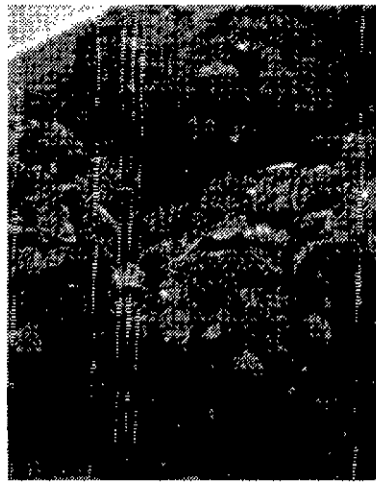
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## Anzac Biscuits from Australia

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| 1 c. rolled oats          | 2 T. golden syrup          |
| 1 c. all-purpose flour    | 1/2 c. butter              |
| 1/2 c. sugar              | 1/2 t. bicarbonate of soda |
| 3/4 c. desiccated coconut | 1 T. boiling water         |

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix oats, flour, sugar and coconut, and set aside. Melt syrup and butter. Mix soda with boiling water and combine with melted syrup and butter. Add to dry ingredients. Place teaspoonfuls of dough onto a greased baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes.



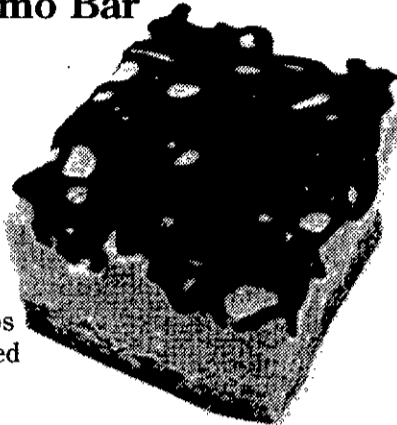
## Buttergebäck from Germany

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| 3 eggs                    | 2-1/4 c. flour      |
| 1-1/8 c. butter, softened | 1 egg yolk          |
| 1-1/8 c. sugar            | 2 T. condensed milk |
| 2-1/2 T. vanilla sugar    |                     |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In boiling water, boil three eggs for about 10 minutes and let cool. Peel eggs and reserve yolks. Pass egg yolks through a strainer and beat with butter, sugar and vanilla sugar until creamy. Sift flour and add to butter mixture. Mix well. Wrap in plastic wrap and let chill in refrigerator for 1 hour. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Roll out dough on a floured board to 1/8 inch thick, cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters and place on baking sheet. Mix raw egg yolk with condensed milk and brush on top of each cookie. Bake for about 18 minutes or until lightly golden.

## The Original Nanaimo Bar from Canada

- Bottom layer:
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter (Euro-style cultured)
  - 1/4 c. sugar
  - 5 T. cocoa
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - 1-3/4 c. graham wafer crumbs
  - 1/2 c. almonds, finely chopped
  - 1 c. coconut



Melt butter, sugar and cocoa in top of a double boiler. Add egg and stir to thicken. Remove from heat. Stir in crumbs, almonds and coconut. Press firmly into an ungreased 8x8-inch pan.

- Second layer:
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
  - 2 T. plus 2 t. cream
  - 2 T. vanilla custard powder
  - 2 c. icing sugar

Combine butter, cream, custard powder and icing sugar, and beat until light. Spread over bottom layer.

- Third layer:
- 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate (1 oz. each)
  - 2 T. unsalted butter

Melt chocolate and butter over low heat. Cool. Pour liquid over second layer and chill in refrigerator.

## Soda Bread Cookies from Ireland

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| 2 c. all-purpose flour | 1/2 c. butter or margarine |
| 3/4 c. sugar           | 1/2 c. currants            |
| 1/2 t. baking soda     | 1 egg, beaten              |
| 1/4 t. salt            | 1/4 c. buttermilk          |
| 1 t. caraway seeds     |                            |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and caraway seeds in a mixing bowl. With two knives or a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in currants and beaten egg. Add buttermilk with a fork to make a soft dough. On a floured surface, shape dough into a ball and knead lightly five or six times. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thick and cut into 2-inch squares or circles. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes or until slightly browned.

## Russian Tea Cakes from Russia

- 1 c. softened butter or margarine
- 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1/4 t. salt
- 2-1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 3/4 c. walnuts, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine butter, powdered sugar and vanilla on low speed of mixer for about 1 minute. Blend well. Gradually add flour at low speed until just combined. Stir in walnuts. Roll dough into 1-inch balls and place about 1 inch apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until firm to touch but not brown. While cakes are warm, roll in powdered sugar. Cool and then reroll in powdered sugar before serving.



## Finnish Chestnut Fingers from Finland

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| 6 T. butter-flavored Crisco, softened       | 1/4 t. salt                       |
| 1/4 c. sugar                                | 1/4 t. cinnamon                   |
| 1 egg yolk                                  | 1 egg white, slightly beaten      |
| 1/2 c. canned chestnuts, drained and pureed | Additional sugar                  |
| 1/4 t. vanilla                              | 1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips |
| 1 c. all-purpose flour                      |                                   |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together butter and 1/4 c. sugar. Add egg yolk and beat until light and fluffy. Add pureed chestnuts and vanilla. In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt and cinnamon. Stir into creamed mixture. Using a scant tablespoon of dough for each cookie, roll into 2-1/2-inch fingers. Dip one side of each finger in egg white and additional sugar. Place sugar side up on ungreased baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes or until slightly browned. Remove from pan and cool on rack. Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler over low heat and dip one end of each cookie in chocolate. Place on waxed paper until set.



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# Months of work go into National Christmas Tree

If you think putting up your Christmas tree is difficult, imagine what it would be like to decorate with 500 sets of twinkling lights, 125 lighted ornaments, each the size of a child's bicycle wheel, and a tree so tall it requires a mechanical lift to put the star on top.

This is the challenge facing the team from GE Consumer & Industrial as they complete decorating the National Christmas Tree - a donation the company has made to the country for the last 44 years.

"Most people just pull their boxes out of the basement and start decorating, but for us, it's a 10-month process from the drawing board to the tree lighting," said Kathy Presciano, a lighting designer for GE Consumer & Industrial and designer of the National Christmas Tree for the last 12 years.

"The National Christmas Tree has quite a following, and, as a symbol of the holiday spirit in our country, people are waiting every year to see what new and different design the tree will have. We start from scratch every time."

This year's tree gives a nod to the Christmas trees many remember from their childhood, decked with multi-colored lights, round shiny ornaments,

and the traditional lighted star on the top.

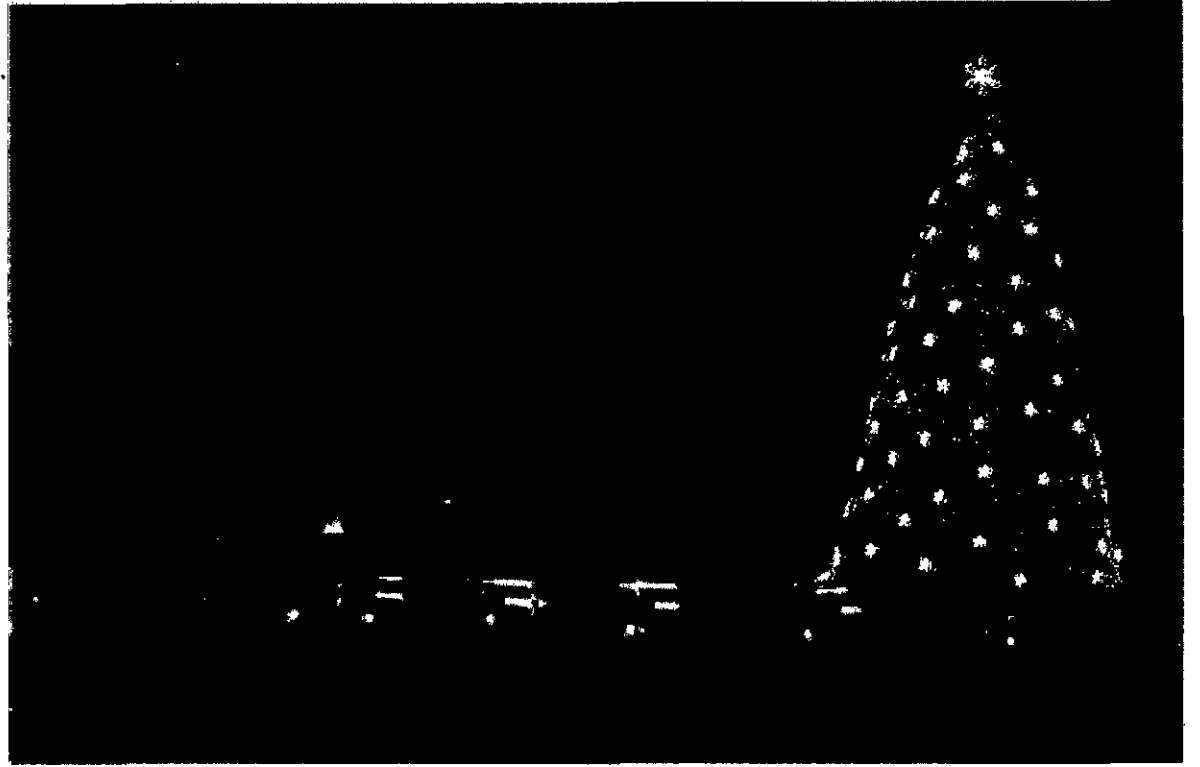
With the exception of a short break right after the holidays, there is never a time when GE isn't working on the National Christmas Tree. Here's an insider's view of the work that went into the 2006 tree.

February: Presciano began work on ideas for the tree, first developing the general "old fashioned Christmas" theme, then drawing sketches of each ornament, and researching sourced materials to check the feasibility of her design.

June: Three-dimensional computer designs based on Presciano's sketches were sent to Senior Project Engineer Greg Tremblay at GE Plastics in Pittsfield, Mass., where he developed the blueprint for molding

the ornaments out of GE Lexan resin - a lightweight plastic technology.

July and August: Tremblay worked with a Pittsfield-area, family-owned business to create the sphere-shaped, aluminum molds needed for transforming sheets of Lexan resin into the tree's extra-large holiday ornaments. Around this time, Presciano began calculating how heavy the ornaments will be, and how many the tree can reasonably hold.



The 2005 National Christmas Tree, which had a snowflake motif, was designed by GE Lighting Designer Kathy Presciano.

September: After molds were cut, it took a week for Project Engineer Craig Wojcicki and his team at GE Plastics to transform more than 3,000 square feet of Lexan resin into 250, 15 by 18-inch sphere-shaped ornaments. The Lexan resin sheet is heated to 400 degrees F placed over the molds, and formed into shape using vacuum pressure.

Once molded, the ornaments made their final journey in early October back to Cleveland, where Brilliant Electric Sign Co. worked under GE's supervision to reverse paint the Lexan globes with bright colors and

a snowflake motif, combining them with the clear lamps and holographic backer that make the rest of the ornament. Early November, 125 ornaments were shipped to Washington, D.C., with the remainder going to GE's corporate headquarters in Fairfield, Conn., and to GE Consumer & Industrial in Cleveland, where smaller replicas of the National Christmas Tree are displayed.

November: Once in Washington, a Maryland-based business will spend the remaining time leading up to the Dec. 7 tree-lighting ceremony installing

the lights and ornaments. Once the decorating is complete, the electrical system is tested and retested to be sure every light is sparkling when the president pulls the switch.

"As anyone who's ever put up a Christmas tree can tell you, the testing is the most nerve-wracking part of the process," said Presciano. "But the work is worth it. When the tree is lit, it is a chance to enjoy a beautiful holiday spectacle and reflect on the many blessings we enjoy as Americans."



## Don't let sneezes dampen holiday spirit

The holiday season can be a busy time. It can take days and days for some people to prepare their homes for the season. Unfortunately, much of this preparation can involve potential allergens that can wreak havoc on sensitive sinuses. Fortunately, there are steps you can take this season to decrease potential allergens in your home.

Many holiday items from Christmas trees to candles contain potential allergens. Rather than put your family and guests at risk and have them sneezing and grabbing for the tissue box repeatedly, take these

steps:

- Leave real Christmas trees in the garage for several days to dry out before bringing them into the house. This will reduce the risk for mold.
- Clean all decorations. Wipe down fabric, glass and plastic items with hot, soapy water to eliminate dirt and dust.
- Spray down artificial trees before putting them up. This will eliminate any lingering dirt and dust.
- Get rid of any heavily scented items, like candles, incense and potpourri. While they may smell good to you, they can release particles in the air that may irritate others.
- Arrange to have your wood-burning fireplace professionally inspected and cleaned. Not only will this prevent contaminants from

entering the house, but it will decrease the risk for a fire.

These are just some tips for reducing potential allergens in your home during the holidays. Keep in mind that you may run across other potential allergens as you are preparing your home for the season. Always be on the lookout for irritants and do your best to eliminate them. Sensitive family members and guests will appreciate your efforts.

There is nothing worse than spending the holidays with a tissue in hand, blowing one's nose, dabbing one's eyes and running around looking like bleary-eyed Rudolph. Don't let it happen to your family and guests. Do your best to keep your home as allergen free as possible.

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# Last-minute gifts for guys

Buying gifts for guys can be challenging - especially if you aren't truly thinking about what they would want. Though your heart may be in the right place, your guy may not be excited about a fabulous set of picture frames or tickets to the ballet.

Remember: you're shopping for something he would like. Think about gifts he'll both appreciate and get use out of, not just toss into the depths of the closet. Follow these tips for last-minute purchases for your dad, husband, brother, son or best guy pal, and you're sure to see big smiles this holiday season.

## Consider his hobbies

Start by creating a list of what he does in his spare time, and go from there. This will help narrow down the options, making the shopping less overwhelming for you. Has he always wanted to learn to fish? Does he get out and mountain bike on the weekends? Has he shared his dream of camping in Glacier National Park? Choose a hobby that he spends time on now or has expressed an interest in pursuing



more. Then you can start shopping for apparel or gear in those areas.

"Getting gifts with thought behind them is special," says Mike Donabauer, vice president of global marketing, Wolverine Footwear Group. "What guy wouldn't love something he can

work into his favorite activity? Appealing to his interests is a great way to show you care."

Men who like spending time outdoors can always use new apparel and outerwear. For cold-weather gifts, check out high-performance gloves, hats and socks.

Take it a step further and offer to participate in his favorite outdoor activity with him. If he enjoys a day of hiking, research trails in your area and find a route that will accommodate both of your skill levels. Purchase comfortable and stylish hiking boots for him and for you, and plan a day trip.



your guy for the outdoor season with functional apparel and footwear. Perhaps dad needs more comfortable and durable clothing for intensive DIY projects at home. Or maybe your husband is gearing up for his next hunt and is lacking appropriate layering pieces for the changing weather.

Look for stylish shirts and shorts in water-repellant fabric to keep him dry on damp days. Choose durable fabrics that have stain-protection capabilities and require minimum care. For the outer layer, it's all about details such as a wind-resistant layer and comfort stretch design.

## High-tech footwear

If technology is his thing, you don't need to visit an electronics store to find fantastic gifts. Apparel and footwear manufacturers are taking a technological approach with more and more items this year, making clothing and shoes more functional and comfortable than ever. There is a wide variety of men's footwear with incredibly lightweight comfort

technology or safety-toe technology.

Whether it's for the office, a construction site, a weekend camping trip or raking the leaves, give the gift of comfort, durability and style for the men in your life this holiday season.

# College students need Santa too

It can be difficult to know what kinds of gifts to buy for college students, and stocking stuffers can be an even more difficult prospect. Here are some ideas for great stocking stuffers for your college student.

School supplies are always something that a college student can use and make great stocking stuffers. You can find a variety of items like pencils, pens, paperclips, staplers and more that won't break the bank.

Cell phones are a hot item with college students and will easily fit into any stocking. If a cell phone is out of your budget, consider getting your student some prepaid phone cards or stamps that they can use to keep in touch with you and their friends.

Cameras are always a practical gift and are generally small enough to fit into a stocking. You can also give camera accessories, such as batteries and film.

Small USB pocket-size storage devices are all the rage and could possibly be the best stocking stuffer you could give your college student. Most college students also enjoy video and PC games.

Makeup, perfume, cologne, razors and other personal care

items are always well-received stocking stuffers and usually much needed. Address books and day planners are also a good idea.

Everyone loves gift certificates. Many times, college students do not have much cash to buy the stuff they need much less want. Gift certificates to restaurants make great stocking stuffers, as do supermarket gift certificates. Prepaid charge cards and debit cards are also an option. Rolls of quarters for vending machines and laundry are another great gift idea.

Bus or train passes can make wonderful stocking stuffers for

students who attend college far away. They may also end being a gift for yourself, since you may get to see your student more often. Plus, you won't have to worry about them driving home alone.

Of course, if you're looking for a stocking stuffer with a big bang, then tickets for a spring break cruise would be the way to go. Who wouldn't love that?

No matter what you decide to buy to stuff your college student's stocking this year, as long as it's given with a big dose of love, they're sure to be happy with it! Have fun shopping!

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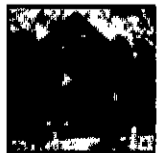
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# Keep holiday parties positive

You've only been on the job for a short time, but already you've been invited to an office party. Your previous employers did not have office parties, so this will be your first. The last thing you want to do at the party is embarrass yourself and have to move to Tibet, so here are some office party pointers.

Unless you have a justifiable reason, you really should attend the party since the whole purpose is to bring coworkers together and give them a chance to get to know each other outside of the office and reward them for a job well done. Unless the invitation is addressed to you and your family, you should leave your children at home and bring your spouse or one guest only.

As the date of the party approaches, make sure you find out if it will be formal or informal. Remember, it is still a business function, so regardless of where it will be held, dress appropriately. Don't wear anything too flashy or revealing. Staying conservative will keep you from

being the object of office gossip on Monday.

Plan on arriving shortly after the party has begun and staying for at least an hour. Find the host first, thank them for inviting you and talk to them. Don't monopolize their time, however, or try too hard to make a good impression. Mingle and introduce yourself to anyone you don't know.

Keep a free hand so you can shake hands with anyone who comes up to you. Be careful about wishing everyone a merry Christmas since there may be some in attendance who don't celebrate Christmas.

Avoid monopolizing the conversation and don't spend the entire night talking shop. Keep conversations upbeat. Don't complain, brag, whine, gossip, make off-color remarks or talk about controversial topics. Try to enjoy yourself and remember to conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times. Don't use the party as a chance to blow off steam. Don't overstay your

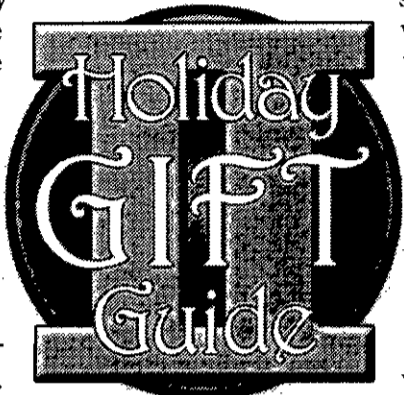
welcome and stay later than the party is supposed to last.

Eat and drink in moderation. If a buffet is provided, choose a few things that you can eat while standing up. Avoid salty or greasy food since they will cause you to drink more. Select foods high in starch and protein

instead, which will help reduce the rate of alcohol absorption in your bloodstream.

When you get ready to leave, say goodbye to your host and thank them for a wonderful time. Be sure to follow up on any commitments you may have made at the party later.

Holiday parties are the perfect opportunity to get to know people you wouldn't normally talk to at the office. Don't be afraid to go up and introduce yourself to people you don't know. You never know. You may just find a new golfing buddy.



## The science of Santa's sleighride

If you're skeptical of Santa's abilities to deliver presents to millions of homes and children in just one night, North Carolina State University's Dr. Larry Silverberg, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, can explain the plausible science and engineering principles that could allow the Jolly Old Elf to pull off the magical feat year after year.

With his cherubic smile and twinkling eyes, Santa may appear to be merely a jolly old soul but he and his North Pole-elves have a lot going on under the funny-looking hats, Silverberg says. Their advanced knowledge of electromagnetic waves, the space/time continuum, nanotechnology, genetic engineering and computer science easily trumps the know-how of contemporary scientists.

Silverberg says that Santa has a personal pipeline to children's thoughts - via a listening antenna that combines technologies currently used in cell phones and EKGs - which informs him that Mary in Miami hopes for a surfboard, while Michael from Minneapolis wants a snowboard. A sophisticated signal processing system filters the data, giving Santa clues on who wants what, where children live, and even who's been bad or good. Later, all this information will be processed in an onboard sleigh guidance system, which will provide Santa with the most efficient delivery route.

Silverberg adds that letters to

Santa via snail mail still get the job done, however.

Silverberg is not so naive as to think that Santa and his reindeer can travel approximately 200 million square miles - making stops in some 80 million homes - in one night. Instead, he posits that Santa uses his knowledge of the space/time continuum to form what Silverberg calls "relativity clouds."

"Based on his advanced knowledge of the theory of relativity,



Santa recognizes that time can be stretched like a rubber band, that space can be squeezed like an orange and that light can be bent," Silverberg says. "Relativity clouds are controllable domains - rips in time - that allow him months to deliver presents while only a few minutes pass on Earth. The presents are truly delivered in a wink of an eye."

With a detailed route prepared and his list checked twice through the onboard computer on the technologically advanced sleigh, Santa is ready to deliver

presents. His reindeer - genetically bred to fly, balance on rooftops and see well in the dark - don't actually pull a sleigh loaded down with toys. Instead, each house becomes Santa's workshop as he utilizes a nano-toymaker to fabricate toys inside the children's homes. The presents are grown on the spot, as the nano-toymaker creates - atom by atom - toys out of snow and soot, much like DNA can command the growth of organic material like tissues and body parts.

And there's really no need for Santa to enter the house via chimney, although Silverberg says he enjoys doing that every so often. Rather, the same relativity cloud that allows Santa to deliver presents in what seems like a wink of an eye is also used to "morph" Santa into people's homes.

Finally, many people wonder how Santa and the reindeer can eat all the food left out for them. Silverberg says they take just a nibble at each house. The remainder is either left in the house or placed in the sleigh's built-in food dehydrator, where it is preserved for future consumption. It takes a long time to deliver all those presents, after all.

"This is our vision of Santa's delivery method, given the human, physical and engineering constraints we face today," Silverberg says. "Children shouldn't put too much credence in the opinions of those who say it's not possible to deliver presents all over the world in one night. It is possible, and it's based on plausible science."

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## Don't let holiday travel stress you out

Now, sleet, freezing rain. Delays, more delays, cancellations. What would the holidays be without them?

Countless Americans travel during this season, to visit loved ones and friends and to hopefully end the year on a joyous, positive note. But stress can build faster than newly fallen snow, especially when it comes to holiday traveling.

"So often during the holidays, people have too ambitious of an agenda and try to cram too much into their agendas," says Steve O'Brien, psychology faculty at Argosy University/Tampa.

Whether flying, driving, or taking a one-horse open sleigh, travelers should plan logistics in advance. Activities such as bad weather and plane delays might temporarily spoil plans, but it is important to focus.

"It is so easy to get over-stimulated and impatient in terminals and jammed highways. Try planning the best you can, and then hone in on the true spirit of the travels and the end destination," advises O'Brien.

Besides the obvious trans-

portation travel woes, there are key psychological preparations holiday travelers can develop to assuage stress.

"Use the holidays to keep things light. Sometimes we have to see family members with whom we have strained relationships. Pressure can mount," says O'Brien.

In addition to caring for the well-being of children during holiday travels, parents can help reduce stress by talking about limitations - helping kids understand consumerism and the true meaning behind the holidays.

"Community service and gestures of goodwill should trump the notion that consumerism equals happiness," says O'Brien.

As families gear up to visit friends and loved ones this holiday season, it is not impossible to reduce emotional stress during such a traditionally hectic time of the year. Regardless of any adversity that may come our way, the best attitude to truly enjoy the season is three-fold: keep it light, keep it focused, and keep it merry.

# Consider some basics when buying a TV

At some point during the holiday season, shoppers may find themselves faced with the situation of buying a television for a gift. This can be a daunting task for anyone who doesn't know much about televisions, but it doesn't have to be. All you need are a few guidelines to help make choosing the perfect television a positive experience.

The first thing you need to consider is price. Televisions come in numerous price ranges based on screen size. Generally, the larger the screen size, the more expensive the television will be. Television screens are measured diagonally. If a television is 20 inches, this means that the screen measures 20 inches diagonally from corner to corner. Therefore, the entire television will be larger than that when you include the casing.

Once you have made a decision on a dollar amount, it's time to decide what screen size would be best for the area where it will be put. Just because there is a large space available in which to put the television does not mean that you have to fill the entire space. The viewing distance needed in order to properly view 14- to 20-inch screens is four to six feet; 21- to 25-inch screens, six to eight feet; and 26-inch or larger screens, more than eight feet.

As soon as you know the size of television you want and can afford to buy, you need to decide what type of screen you want. There are five different

screen types on the market today. They include:

- LCD screens, which are available in models from 15 to 40 inches
- Plasma and projection screens, which are available in models from 38 to 63 inches
- Regular screen and semi flat screens (FST, FFST), which are available in models from 14 to 29 inches
- Truly flat screens, which are available in models from 14 to 34 inches

The most important thing to keep in mind with screen type is that the flatter the tube, the less glare you will experience on the screen.

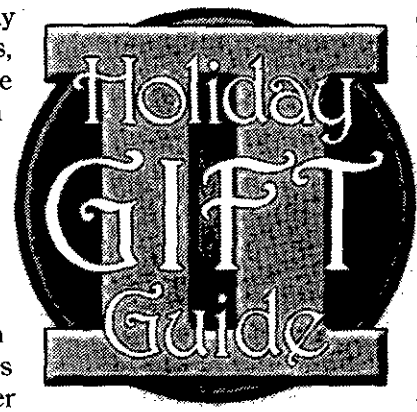
Once you have decided on the screen type, you will want to look at several brands and check out the picture quality. An easy way to do this is to turn off the television and see how black the screen itself is. The

darker the actual screen, the better the high contrast picture will be. Screens that look somewhat green will give you a low contrast picture. Of course, you want the highest contrast picture you can get for your money.

If you are buying a television that is 27 inches or larger, you will also need to take comb filters into consideration. A

comb filter is required for the picture signal to be fine-tuned. There are different types of comb filters, but it really doesn't matter what kind the television has, as long as it has one.

These are the most important factors that go into selecting a television. For the most part, everything else is a matter of taste. Find out what features the person you are buying for would like to have, and then get as many as you can for the money you have to spend.



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## Check for a warranty on refurbished gifts

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The first question you may have is, what is a refurbished product? Refurbished products are products that were opened and returned but are not defective in any way. There are many products that cannot be sold new if they have been returned, even though they may not be defective in any way.

Items may be returned due to cosmetic damage. In this case, the dealer may choose to lower the price on the item and sell it as refurbished or send the item back to the factory. With the latter, the factory will put the inner workings of the item into a new casing and send it back to the dealer to be sold as a refurbished item.

Sometimes product boxes are damaged during the shipping process to dealer locations. When this occurs, generally the dealer will return the product to the manufacturer so that it can be resealed in a new box. When the product is returned to the dealer in the new box, it can no longer be sold as a new item and must be sold as a refurbished item.

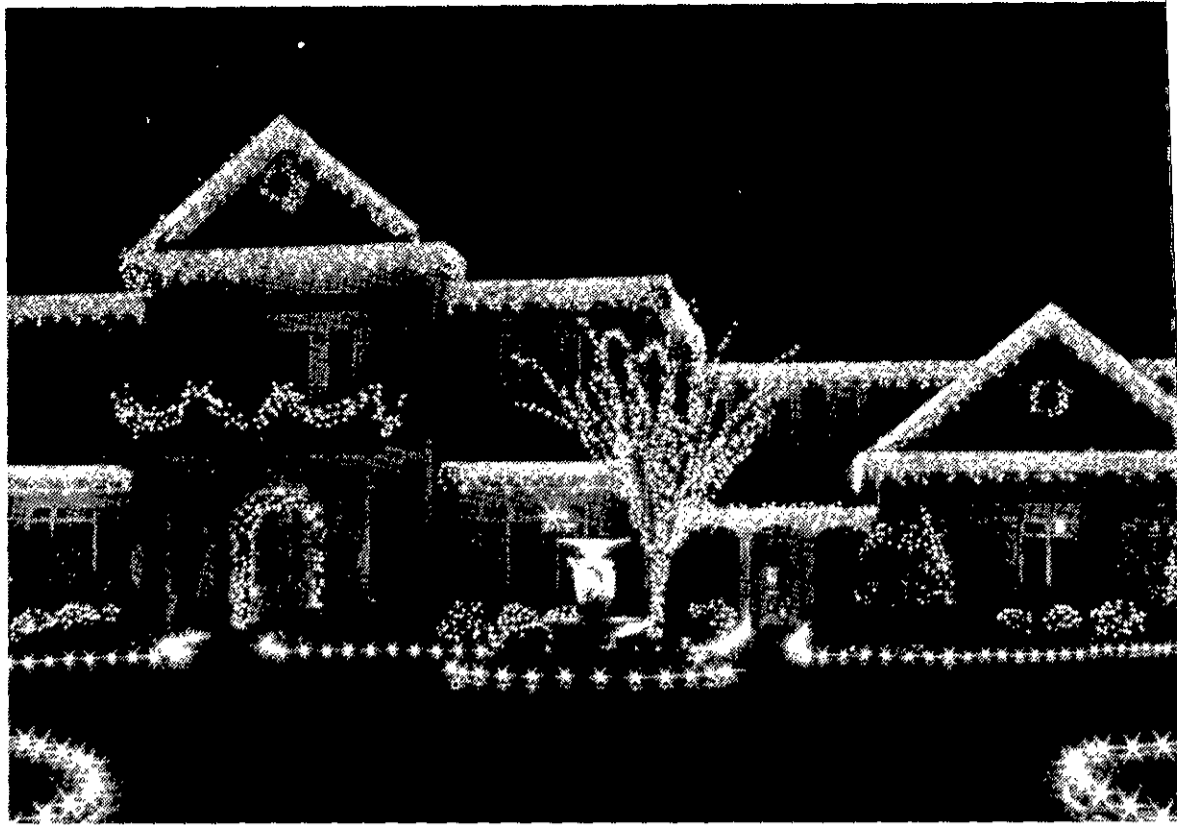
Sometimes products are sent out unknowingly from the factory with defects. When this happens and the products are returned to the factory, they are

usually repaired and sent back to the dealers. These repaired products must be sold as refurbished items.

Another reason some retailers may be selling a product as refurbished is because it was used as a demonstration model or was overstocked. Many times items that are new and are not defective in any way will be labeled as refurbished items when they are overstocked.

When buying refurbished items, there are a couple of things you want to do. First, you want to clarify the factory warranty and find out if you can purchase an extended warranty on the item. Most refurbished items come with the same factory warranty as items that have not been refurbished. Usually you can purchase extended warranties on refurbished items as well. If a refurbished item has no warranty protection available, you probably don't want to buy it. You also want to verify if the item can be returned within the dealer's normal return time frame if it is found to be defective. If it cannot be returned, you probably don't want to purchase it.

Buying a refurbished item can be a smart way to save money, especially on things like electronics. Keep refurbished items in mind when shopping, and always remember that just because something is refurbished doesn't mean it is an inferior product.



## Professional decorators bring the holiday spirit to you

There are many things that can spark the Christmas spirit inside of us - the arrival of cold weather, the smell of cookies baking in the oven and the presence of family are all examples. But nothing seems to trigger the magical feelings of the holiday season quite like decorations.

Wreaths, trees, Christmas lights and bows - their unveiling marks a home or business owner's unofficial, proactive pursuit of capturing and stimulating the Christmas spirit. Holiday decorations create a warm, welcoming environment. If only you could skip straight to the enjoyment and avoid the tedious - and sometimes dangerous - task of designing, installing and maintaining your holiday decor. Good holiday lighting takes time, physical ability, design capability and knowledge of electrical capabilities - things that many of us do not have.

But wait - your prayers have been answered. In recent years, a trend has developed among seasonal businesses (i.e. lawn and landscape companies). To keep themselves busy during the "off season," they offer holiday decorating services.

"Seasonal businesses have discovered this unique business niche that serves their needs, and closely relates to their normal business," says Blake Smith, president of Texas-based Christ-

mas Decor, a holiday and event decorating franchisor. "There are many reasons why a person cannot do their own decorating - and a professionally trained company can take the burden off of them."

Smith said there are a number of reasons why people choose to have their homes and businesses decorated by a professional company.

"Some people lack the physical ability or don't have the technical knowledge, but most simply don't have the time to do the type of first-class job they imagine," he adds. "They want a great-looking finished product, whether it be for entertaining guests, an early gift for their family or to create a more 'welcoming' environment for customers in their business, they find that the best way to accomplish this is to contact a professional."

Safety is another major concern. According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, 8,700 people per year are treated in emergency rooms for injuries, such as cuts, shock or falls, that are related to holiday lights, decorations and Christ-

mas trees.

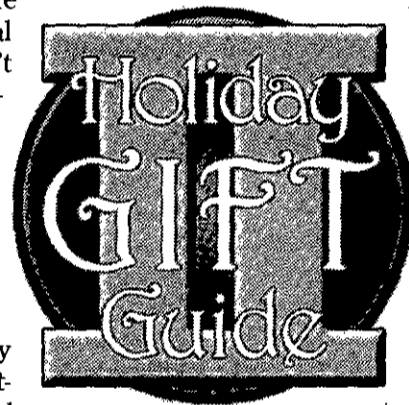
"The true players in this industry are bonded, trained professionals who know the hazards of the trade," Smith adds. "They take preventive measures against accidents, such as safety training and using proper tools and procedures. But, even then, accidents happen occasionally, and the fact that they are bonded protects both them and the home or business owner."

Smith also recommends early planning.

"Whether you plan on installing your own decorations, or having it done, it's always better to

make your arrangements early," he says. "Retail stores tend to get low on the popular products as the season hits, and professional installers usually start booking their installations in early October."

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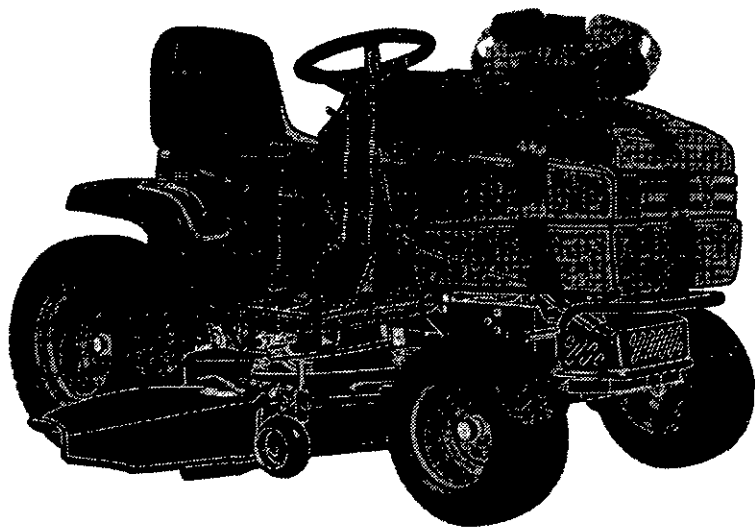
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# When buying a bike, stability is key



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The first thing you want to do is decide how much you want to spend. Lawnmowers can be expensive, so setting a price limit is important. Keep in mind that cheaper is not always wise. You don't want to pinch pennies and end up giving a gift that will need to be replaced in two or three years.

The next thing you want to consider is the size of lawn the mower will be used on. For small lawns, a push reel mower will do fine. For larger lawns, a gas or corded electric-powered mower will be more suited to the task. Rechargeable electric mowers are also available, but generally cost more. Self-propelled mowers are great for large yards, but keep in mind they can be harder to handle, particularly for smaller people and the elderly. If the lawn is extremely large, you may want to consider buying a riding mower. While they are certainly more expensive than other types of mowers, they will make mowing the lawn a quicker and easier task.

There are several other features you will want to consider when buying a mower. Horsepower is important. A mower with at least four horsepower is necessary; five or six is better. Mowers with an adjustable deck height allow users to adjust the cutting height of the mower, while mulching mowers allow users to leave clippings where they fall rather than collecting

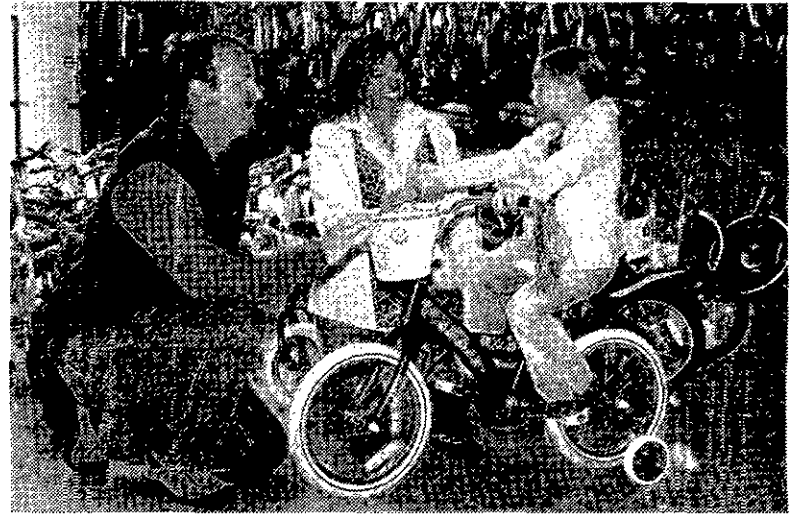
them for the landfill. One of the most important things you may want to consider, particularly if an older child will be using the mower, are safety features. It is best to choose a mower that has either a dead-man switch or a blade shut-off switch.

Lawnmowers are a necessity of life. Fortunately, if taken care of properly, you can expect the lawnmower you buy for your loved one to last up to 10 years.

A bicycle is one of the gifts children request most during the holiday season. But how do you know what is the best type of bike for your child? Following are some tips to help you make that decision.

Whether the child is young or old, you will want to select a bike for them that can take the wear and tear they will inflict on it and last for years to come. Unless you specifically want a racing bike, you should stay away from bikes with lightweight frames and wheels, as these are not the most stable.

In order to choose a quality bike for your child, you need to give each bike you are considering a thorough inspection. Check the tires and make sure they are properly inflated. Look at the wheels, too, and make sure they spin properly and do not rub against the brakes. Have someone at the store show you how to properly work the quick release hubs and use the barrel



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Along with the tires and wheels, you should inspect the frame. You want to make sure that the frame of the bike will fit the child riding it. If it is too big, the child may have trouble getting on and off the bike and riding it. If it is too short, the child may tip over the bike while trying to stop it.

It is best to have the child try out the bike before you pur-

chase it. However, this is not always possible, especially if the bike is going to be a Christmas present. So, the next best thing is to check the bike out thoroughly yourself before you buy it. A bike that has strong tires and wheels, a properly fitting frame and handles well will not only make your child happy, but will keep them safe and last for a long time.

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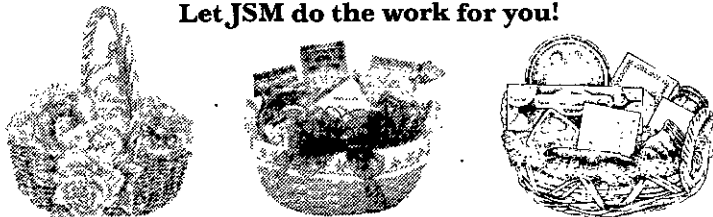
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# Shopping tips for procrastinating parents

Despite the fact that the holiday season appears to start earlier each year, a lot of consumers still can't seem to get a jump on their gift shopping. With an ever-growing list of people to buy for, it can be a major ordeal when factoring in crowded mall parking lots, long lines at the cash register and excessive shipping and handling charges for online purchases.

According to survey data from the National Retail Federation, a whopping 30.8 million people had yet to start their shopping by mid-December last year. And this figure keeps growing each year, while the number of those finished or at least 90 percent done keeps decreasing.

"In recent years, retail spending during the week before Christmas has spiked, demonstrating that more and more consumers are waiting until the last minute to do their holiday shopping," said Reyne Rice, a toy trends specialist. "Although we know parents are very busy and strapped for time, there are still a lot of procrastinating parents. Either way, they're risking lower inventory and higher prices when shopping for gifts for the kids."

"The problem will be amplified this holiday season, with Hanukkah hitting mid-December," adds Rice. "Gift-givers will be battling for limited availability on hot new products that are already predicted to be in brisk

demand."

Parents who do procrastinate, however, should know that a few simple tips can help them come out on top after the presents are unwrapped. Here are a few things for consumers to keep in mind to simplify their holiday shopping this year:

- Ask your child to make a wish list. Or, if your young child is already a Power Rangers fan, and they most likely are, have him log on to [www.getpowerized.com](http://www.getpowerized.com). The Web site features a function where kids can select and then print out a wish list of

all the action figures, vehicles, playsets and role-play toys they want. A perennial favorite among boys 3 to 5 years old, Power Rangers toys offer a large selection at a wide range of prices, they're

easy to find no matter where you shop, and they keep kids engaged with lots of imaginative play.

- Shop online at "kid-centric" sites. For example, Cartoon Network.com makes it easy to find toys based on popular TV shows, like "Ben 10." This series follows the adventures of 10-year old hero Ben Tennyson as he tackles evil with his alien device called the Omnitrix. Kids can bring the fun alien adventures home with one-of-a-kind action figures, vehicles, a playset that doubles as an alien laboratory, and a role-play Omnitrix similar to Ben's.

- Handheld electronics make great stocking stuffers. Tech

toys are still a hot trend in the "tween" age category this year. So, for those who are "in the know" on the playground, they'll most likely ask for the Tamagotchi Connection Version 3 virtual pet. Handheld and portable, this Tamagotchi connects to a Web site called [www.TamaTown.com](http://www.TamaTown.com), where kids can explore the magical world of the Tamagotchi characters. There are lots of cool design styles to choose from, as well as lanyards and charms to decorate the virtual pet, so fill a stocking with lots of these goodies.

- Don't break the bank when it comes to video games. While

video games remain ever popular with older kids, skip the new and very expensive consoles for now and go with the Nintendo DS Lite. This newer version is much lighter than its predecessor and comes in three colors, white, pink and black. Games aren't that pricey either and range from the whimsical to the educational. And the DS won't break the bank at only \$130.

- DVDs can help pass the time, as well as entertain for months to come. Pop one into the car's entertainment system on a holiday road trip, or gather together as a family on Christmas night and watch something

that everyone can enjoy.

- Still stumped? Go with a gift card. When in doubt, a gift card for any child in your life - no matter the age - can make them happy since they can buy whatever they want. It can also take the edge off the holiday stress and let you cross more names off your list.

All the above gift ideas can be found online and at all major retailers nationwide. But don't wait and procrastinate, or consumers might find themselves missing out on all the hottest toys, games and trends that the kids want this holiday season.



## Give gifts that get kids involved

When the ripped wrapping paper has been cleared off the floor and the last candy cane wrapper is in the trash what will your kids have left to show for their holidays this year? A new bicycle? Some CDs? A video game or two?

"I've always found my kids most enjoy the gifts that get me involved too," says Phyllis Hoffman, a resident of Minnesota and mother of two. "So every year, we try to make sure we give each child at least one gift that will require the participation of a parent - whether it's a specific project to complete or something that could develop into a long-term hobby."

"Sometimes it takes some creativity to find that kind of gift," Hoffman adds. "But last-minute gifts can often be the most inspired!"

Looking for a last-minute gift with long-lasting impact? Consider gifts that engage both you and your child, like:

- World traveler kit: You can massage your child's interest in geography, and get a jump start on your 2007 vacation plans, by giving your child a globe and home-made travel kit. Pack a child-sized tag-along suitcase with items such as a hand-made "passport" that shows "visas" for every location on the globe the child learns about, play money (for important lessons in budgeting your travel dollars), and "souvenirs" from interesting places around the world. Once a week, sit down with your child, spin the globe and select a new



location to learn about. You'll also be teaching your child the proper use of the Internet when you go online together to research each week's "destination."

- Wall mural: If your child has expressed an interest in redecorating his or her room, they can probably help tackle a lot of the work themselves. Easy to hang wallpaper murals, like those found at Lowe's, are well within the abilities of older children under the guidance of a reasonably experienced do-it-yourselfer parent. From whimsical jungle scenes to a center fielder's view of the baseball diamond, wall murals can cater

to the interests of virtually any child. To find a Lowe's near you, visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com).

- Cooking kit: Encourage your child's inner chef with a cooking kit, available from many online specialty Web sites. Like all the gifts mentioned here, the kit will require parental supervision and participation as your child learns how to cook. The kits also provide a great opportunity to teach nutritional lessons as well.

- Gardening tools: Many home improvement and garden centers now carry complete lines of gardening tools for the smallest green thumbs. From pint-sized garden boots to trowels, hoes and rakes made for little hands, you can find a wealth of implements to help introduce your child to the joys of gardening. The health benefits and stress-relieving quality of gardening is well-known, and sharing the experience with your child is a great way to bond and spend time together.

With some creativity and a willingness to invest your time, you can find a last-minute holiday gift that you and your child will remember and enjoy long after the holiday decorations are put away.

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If you own a home or rent an apartment, be sure to follow these low-cost, common sense measures to save money during the upcoming colder months.

## Easy energy-saving tips

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- Move furniture, drapes and carpets away from baseboard heaters.
- Shop for the ENERGY STAR® symbol for energy efficiency when you are in the market for a major appliance.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Stop drafts — install foam gaskets behind electric outlets and switch plates on outer walls.
- When you're done with the TV, computer, video game, radio or stereo, turn it off.
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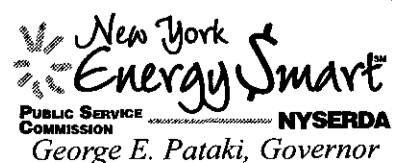
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# Airline donation will help renovate Ronald McDonald House

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Just as major interior improvements to Albany's Ronald McDonald House were being completed, the local chapter of the charity landed its largest contribution in history.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, state and local officials gathered at Albany International Airport to watch Southwest Airlines hand over a check for \$210,000 to the charity.

The money will help fund more and much-needed improvements to the building's exterior in addition to the charity's daily services.

Southwest Airlines of Texas has had a close relationship with Ronald McDonald House Charities since 1983, when it was named the airliner's primary charity.

"Southwest, since they came to Albany, has been a big part of our house," said Jeff Yule, executive

director of Ronald McDonald House charities of the Capital Region. "We have wonderful donors in the \$40 to \$50 range. We have thousands of them, but this donation blew us away."

Every year, Southwest raises money for select Ronald McDonald Houses across the country by hosting its Dallas LUV Classic golf tournament. This year, a foursome from Albany played in the tournament, but they had no idea theirs had been selected as one of the recipient homes, said Yule. It was simply luck of the draw.

At the conclusion of the annual golf tournament, a committee mulls over a list of Ronald McDonald Houses in the airline's service areas. The Albany house was chosen, along with others in Albuquerque, N.M., and Dallas, Texas, said Craig Keish, Southwest Airlines' Albany marketing manager.

"We are so happy to be making a donation of this caliber to the Albany Ronald McDonald House," said Keish. "Albany has

embraced Southwest, and we are glad we are able to give back to this great community."

In addition to financially supporting the charity, Southwest employees from Albany International Airport cook dinner for families staying at the Albany home twice a year, said Yule. The airline also provides promotional airfare for fundraising events as well as airline tickets to families traveling to receive medical treatment outside of the area.

Southwest began its charitable relationship with the Ronald McDonald House after company pilot Dick East lost his daughter to leukemia. East began working with other company employees to raise money before getting company administrators involved. As the airline grew through the 1980s, its involvement with Ronald McDonald charities grew. To date it has donated \$8 million to the organization.

In 2007, the Albany home will celebrate its 25th anniversary. It hopes to complete renovations by fall of next year for the charity's Block Party that takes place every five years, said Yule.

Soon the home will begin exterior renovations as part of a more than \$1 million comprehensive project. Already half of the funds went to cover the interior work to the two buildings that house the charity. Once weather permits, the buildings will receive new windows, siding, soffit and gutters, said Yule.

The charity typically breaks even as it reaches the end of its \$1 million annual operating budget, said Yule. If money is left over, those funds usually make their way into various improvement projects.

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Jane Conklin, laity coordinator for the church, said that this new program is being introduced to offer an alternative time and approach to the conventional Sunday morning worship. We want to really be comfortable as well as informal at the gathering, and as part of that we will meet as a group in our sanctuary or in our library.

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# Hospitals consider possible merger

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Following the recommendation of the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Ellis and St. Clare's hospitals have decided to examine how to best combine the operations of the two facilities.

The recommendation in the report said the two Schenectady County hospitals be joined under "single, unified governance structure" to restructure the hospitals, rationalize bed and clinical capacity, minimize duplicate services and capital investment and develop an integrated health care delivery system.

The commission further recommended that the resulting entity downsize between 168 and 288 beds, from the current total of 568 beds.

While the report noted that Ellis' financial situation is improved and it enjoys a positive operating margin, Ellis carried a debt load of approximately \$37.9 million in 2004.

St. Clare's, meanwhile, is described as "the main safety net provider in Schenectady" and 20 percent of its inpatients are either covered by Medicaid or are uninsured. The report lists St. Clare's estimated uncompensated care cost in 2004 to have cost the hospital \$7.6 million.

"Both Ellis and St. Clare's are underutilized," stated the report. "A consolidation of the two hospitals will reduce costly duplication of services and create efficiencies."

The report states the efficiencies to be derived by consolidating the expertise of St. Clare's in the delivery of high-volume, low reimbursement

services with Ellis' expertise in more specialized, high-reimbursement services would ensure the stability of essential services.

For example, the report stated that consolidation of the two hospitals would improve the heart and heart failure care at both facilities as well as improve the area's quality of geriatric care.

In a joint statement issued by Joseph Gersuk, chairman of the Ellis Hospital board of trustees, and James Carter, chairman of the St. Clare's Hospital board of trustees, the hospitals accept the recommendation of the Berger Commission.

"We are most gratified that the commission took note of the unique characteristics of services provided at both hospitals as well as our respective identities and missions," read the statement. "While we will face many challenges as we set about the rationalization and allocation of services at our hospitals, we are confident that the strong support both hospitals receive from our patients, our employees, our medical dental staffs and our community will help up make the best decisions for those we serve."

In the statement, the chairmen state that the challenge will be approached together by the hospitals with a shared commitment to ensuring the community continues to "receive the high quality of care they

expect and deserve."

According to the statement, the executive boards of both hospitals will meet promptly to begin discussion on the lengthy process of rationalizing services.

"We face a great deal of work ahead to determine how together, St. Clare's and Ellis can best deliver the full range of health care services out community expects."

The hospital boards chairmen acknowledge that they may ultimately need to look to the state for substantial financial assistance that the upcoming project will require.

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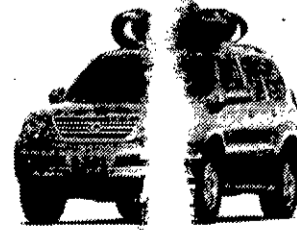
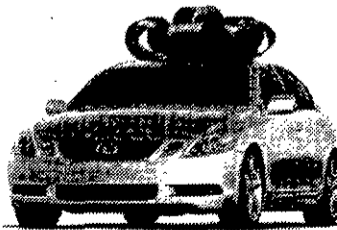
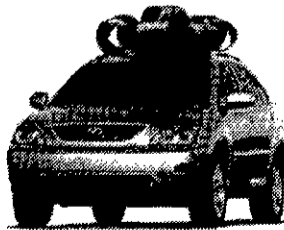
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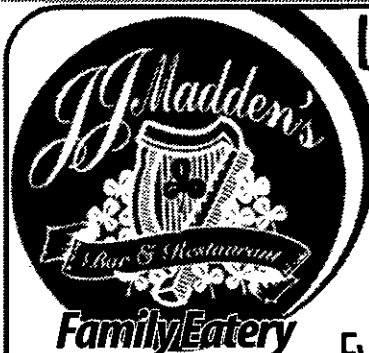
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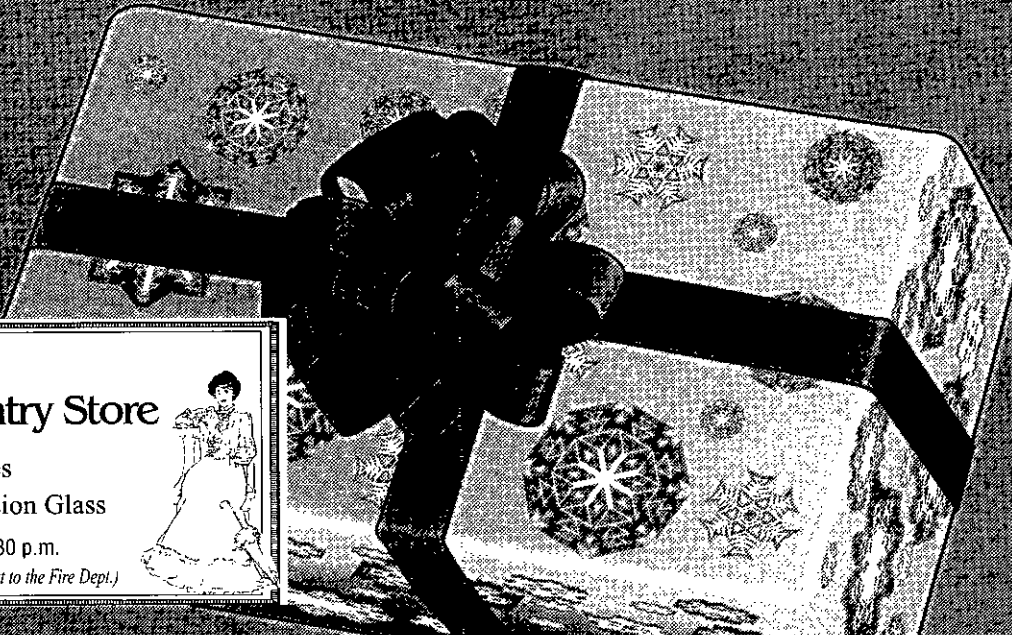
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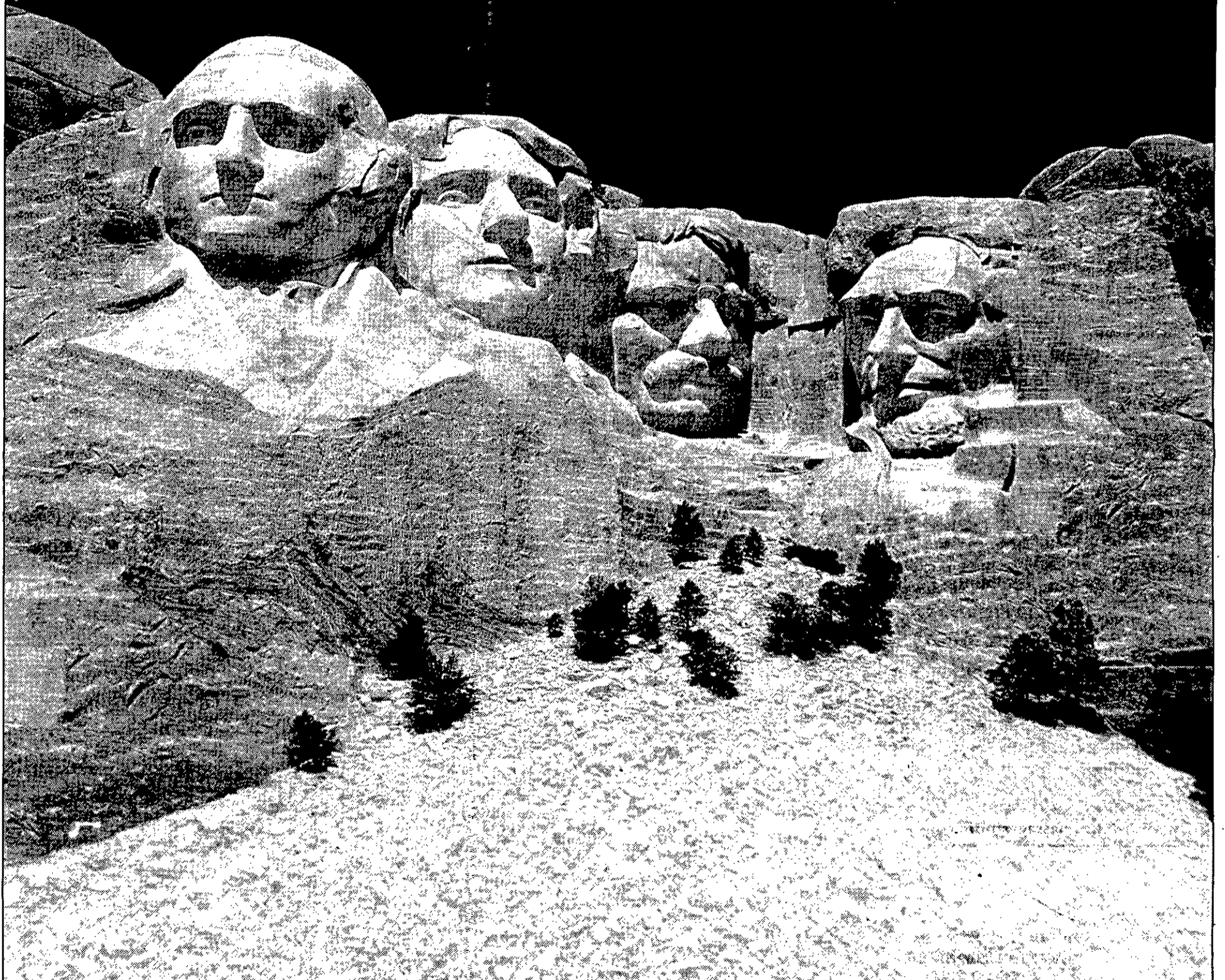
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# Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

## John Zibro

John Warren Zibro, 64, of Delmar, died on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Born in Troy, he attended St. Mary's School in Troy and graduated from LaSalle Institute with honors. He first attended Canisius College of Buffalo where he played Division I basketball. He then attended West Point and became a Vietnam combat veteran, serving a joint duty assignment with the Air

Force and Marine Corps in communications, intelligence and forward air control (FAC), based at the I Corps Headquarters, Da Nang. He completed his education at Union College and the Graduate Management Institute of Union University. While primarily at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and SUNY Institute at Utica/Rome, he also taught briefly at the University at Albany and in the MBA program, Sage Graduate

School, and the science division, Siena College, for 25 years. He was a past president of the Polish-American Club of Rensselaer County. He was also involved in youth leadership programs: the Troy Boys Girls Club, CYO Basketball, Cohoes Little League baseball where he was a manager and board member. He was a founding member, officer, team captain, and past-board member of the Colonie Senior (50+) Basketball League. He remained active with the CSBL as a scorekeeper and timekeeper and as contributing byline author to its weekly newsletter, "The Hoopster."

Survivors include his former wife, Martha Walsh Zibro of Waterford; two sons, Matthew Kenneth Zibro of Cohoes, Daniel Christopher of Waterford, a daughter, Christa Yvonne Zibro Dederick of Rensselaerville; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Philip J. Brendese Funeral Home, in Waterford. Contributions may be made to the Troy Boys and Girls Club in care of the funeral home

## Freda Tierney

Freda Tierney, 100, of Cleverdale, died Monday, Dec. 4 at her summer home on Lake George.

Born in Albany in 1907, she was a graduate of Our Lady Help of Christians School and Albany High School. She worked for Standard Oil of New York and later was treasurer of Smith and Tierney General Contractors. She was a longtime communicant of St. James Church where she was a member and past president of the altar rosary society. For many years, she served as a troop leader and neighborhood chairwoman of the Girl Scouts. She was also a member of the Tri-Cities Epilepsy League.

She was the widow of Joseph E. Tierney Sr.

Survivors include two sons; Joseph E. Tierney Jr. of Colonie, and William Tierney of Slingerlands, two daughters; Regina Conway of Delmar, Kathleen McDonnell of Cleverdale, 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home of Albany. Contributions may be made to St. James Church Memorial Fund, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany 12209 or High Peaks Hospice, 286 Glen St., Glens Falls 12801.

## Dr. Robert Randles


Dr. Robert Randles, 76, of Slingerlands, died Monday, Dec. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, he graduated from the former Milne School in 1948, Wesleyan University in 1952 and Albany Medical College in 1956, serving his residency in medicine and cardiology at Albany Medical Center from 1956 to 1960. From 1960 to 1962, he honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy,

discharged as lieutenant commander. Following his discharge from military service, he entered private practice, specializing in internal medicine and cardiology, from 1962 to 1975. He later served as medical director of St. Peter's Hospital from 1975 to 1996, medical director of St. Peter's Ambulatory Care from 1996 to 1998 and medical director of the Division of Physician Surveillance, N.Y.S. Dept. of Health from 1998 to 2000. He also served as assistant division physician for the N.Y. State Police from 1964 to 2000. Dr. Randles professional associations included the Albany County Medical Society, Medical Society of the State of New York, American Medical Association, American College of Cardiology, Alpha Omega Honorary Medical Society, New York State Public Health Council and the Medical review Committee of the N.Y. State Commission on Quality Assurance for the Mentally Disabled as well as hospital appointments at Albany Medical Center Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital and Child's Hospital. He was also a board member for the Community Foundation for the Capital Region. Dr. Randles was also a member of the Fort Orange Club, a 47 year member of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne F. Randles of Slingerlands; his children, Robert Randles Jr. of Plymouth, Mass., Karen Randles Kerbs of Sacramento, Calif., Nancy Randles Kelly of Bethel, Conn., Mark Randles of Waccabuc, N.Y. and Jeffrey Randles (Angela) of Slingerlands; and 10 grandchildren.

Service were held by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar. Contributions may be made to the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.



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## Nicolas Cruz

Nicolas Roldan Cruz, 72, of Altamont, died Saturday, Nov. 11, at his home.

Born in 1934 in San Juan, Puerto Rico he served in the Marine Corps.

He was a self-employed construction worker for many years. He enjoyed music and working on cars.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Cerezo; two daughters Nancy Santiago and Olga Cerezo, three sons; Enrique Cerezo, Steve Cerezo and Luis Cerezo; sisters, Guillermina, Enriqueta, Socorro and Cecilia; brother, Leopoldo; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home, Colonie. Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

many plays and shows produced by the Progress Club. She was the on air host of "Church Women Speak" on WABY radio.. She was a charter member of Hudson Valley Chapter, Steamship Society of America, past secretary of Mohawk Hudson Chapter of American Theater Organ Society, member of St. Rose College Alumni Association, Member of Tri-City Yacht Club and a member of Albany Oratorio Society. She was also accepted into Who's Who of American Women.

She was the widow of Arthur McDowell.

Survivors include a son, Walter S. McDowell of Miami, Fla; brother, Dr. William Pugliese of Cary, North Carolina and two grandchildren.

## Morris Ripps

Morris Ripps, 82, of Delmar, died Dec. 6. He was a graduate of Union College. He received his Masters Degree in History from the State University of New York at Albany. He was an educator and civil servant for New York state.

Survivors include his wife Rosemarie Zapp Ripps, a daughter; Corinna Schaming, a brother Harold Ripps, and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

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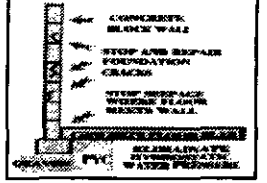
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## Bernice Gerasia

Bernice E. Gerasia, 84, of Voorheesville, died Sunday, Dec. 3.

Born in Burlington, Vt., she lived in the Capital District most of her life. She was a homemaker and a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

She was the widow of Peter S. Gerasia.

Survivors include two sons, Rosario A. Gerasia of Colonie; Peter A. Gerasia of Voorheesville, three daughters; Rosemary Grimmer of Clifton Park, Mary Clark of Voorheesville and Camille LaMountain of Colonie; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grand children.

Services were from the Lasak Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, P.O. Box 238, Voorheesville 12186.

## Ruth M. McDowell

Ruth M. McDowell, longtime resident of Delmar, 88, died Tuesday Dec. 5.

Born in Albany she was raised and educated in the Albany area and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from The College of Saint Rose. She later became an educator at St. John's High School in Albany as well as a freelance writer and published poet. She had many personal and professional accomplishments meriting her past president of Albany Deanery, Episcopal Women, past president of Women of St. Paul's Church and was chairman and playwright for Bethlehem Christmas Festival, known as "White Christmas" sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club which benefited needy families. She also held several offices and wrote

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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, Penn. 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.

Girl, Emily Kathryn Samyn, daughter of Sarah and Rudy Samyn, maternal granddaughter of Karen and Steven Bylsma of Glenmont, maternal great-granddaughter of Doris Aupperle

of Glenmont, Oct. 4.

Girl, Leah Autumn Behar, daughter of Jill and Adam Behar of Woodcliff Lake, N.J., paternal granddaughter of Ann and Paul Silk of Delmar, Oct. 31.

### 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.

Boy, Gavin James Mitchell, son of Kevin Mitchell and Jeanine Smith of Delmar, Nov. 9.

### Albany Medical Center

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 Dannielle 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 Marianna 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.

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.



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# Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

From Santa Claus art to the art of dance, downtown Schenectady is truly offering holiday entertainment for the whole family. The Electric City continues to strengthen its art and music scene and the holiday season is the perfect time to see all it has to offer.

**Santa's creator**  
Kathryn Weller of the Schenectady Historical Society said one great exhibit to check out this year is "Thomas Nast Creating Christmas." Nast's transition of what we know as Santa Claus was the first of its kind. Nast, who is of Dutch heritage, made the transition of St. Nicholas to the picture of Santa Claus that we know today. His art documented everything from the Civil War to the infamous "boss" William Marcy Tweed, but he is most remembered for his images of Santa Claus. The exhibit will highlight his illustrations in magazines such as *Harper's Weekly*.

"It's really a unique opportunity to see his work,"



## Christmas time in the Electric City

By JENNIFER FARNSWORTH

said Weller.

**More musical offerings**  
From Thursday, Dec. 14 to Sunday, Dec. 17, the

"Melodies of Christmas" concert at Proctor's Theater will also serve as the theme for the downtown Christmas festival. The festival will include fun activities, including performances by the puppet people, the Northeastern Ballet, and carolers. There will also be free rock climbing hosted by the Electric City Gym. Schenectady

County Chamber of Commerce Director Gail Kehn said there will be something for every age.

"There was a lot of thought going into the planning of this event. There will be horse drawn carriage rides, wood carvers, ice sculptures, art demos, eggnog, and, of course, Santa Claus," said Kehn.

**O Tannenbaum**

Bob Buccieri, executive director of the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, said on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Brian Stratton will assist in lighting the city Christmas tree at the corner of Lafayette and State streets. All of the activities will take place between there and Jay Street. Buccieri said

area businesses will collect donations for the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

"The festival is a great time for families and friends to get together and celebrate the season, and it's all free," said Buccieri.

For information, contact the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation at 377-9430 or the Schenectady Historical Society at

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- Strolling Carolers
- Santa Claus
- Wood Carvers & Artisan Demonstrations
- Dancers, Musicians, Holiday Treats
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Theater

### ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Play about a girl's trip through the looking glass, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Dec. 15-17, \$16 adults, \$11 children. Information, 587-4427.

### CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, through Dec. 17, \$12 adults, \$10 students. Information, 382-2081.

### FUNNY MONEY

Presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Jan. 6. Information, 877-7529.

### OLIVER!

Presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, through Dec. 20, \$20 adults, \$10 children. Information, 280-8076.

### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The Broadway musical based on the Von Trapp family, presented by Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through Dec. 17, \$20-\$30. Information, 237-5858.

### TRIPLE ESPRESSO

Comedy about three entertainers who get banned from show business, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 31, \$34-\$39 adults, \$10 children under 18. Information, 445-7469.

### A WONDERFUL LIFE

Holiday musical presented by the New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 16, \$20 adults, \$16 seniors and students, \$10 children age 12 and under. Information, 274-3256.

## Music

### JUDY COLLINS

Pop-folk singer teams up with Albany Pro Musica for a performance, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$25-\$38. Information, 273-0038.

### AIMEE MANN

Pop-rock songstress, Dec. 16, 8 p.m.,

The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

### "MOUNTAIN SNOW & MISTLETOE"

Annual holiday show featuring Christopher Shaw and Bridget Ball, Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$18. Information, 273-0038.

### CANADIAN BRASS

World-famous quintet performs holiday classics, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$20-\$32. Information, 273-0038.

### TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

Christmas classics get rock-and-roll treatment, Dec. 22, 4 p.m., Pepsi Arena, Albany, \$40-\$50. Information, 1-800-303-8368.

## Comedy

### ANDREW DICE CLAY

One of comedy's bad boys, with Louis C.K. opening, Dec. 28, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, \$25-\$55. Information, 465-4663.

## Dance

### SAVION GLOVER

Tap-dancing superstar, Dec. 29, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$17-\$34. 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

"Frank Stella's Moby Dick: The Waves 1985-89," through Dec. 31; "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.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Power House," through Dec. 31, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection high-lights and planetarium, Nolt Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

"Translations Lost and Found," works by Tara Fracalossi and Harold Lohner, through Dec. 16, Albany Public Library main branch, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Winter Sun," featuring works by Colonie Art League members, through Jan. 31,

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### EXPOSED

"Lens Gumbo," featuring works by 120 artists, plus "Doll House Revisited," works by Gail Nadeau, through Jan. 2, Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 475-1853.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

### NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"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.

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

### 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.

## Call for Artists

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**  
Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

### A CAPPELLA

New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

# Super Crossword

## PLACE NAMES

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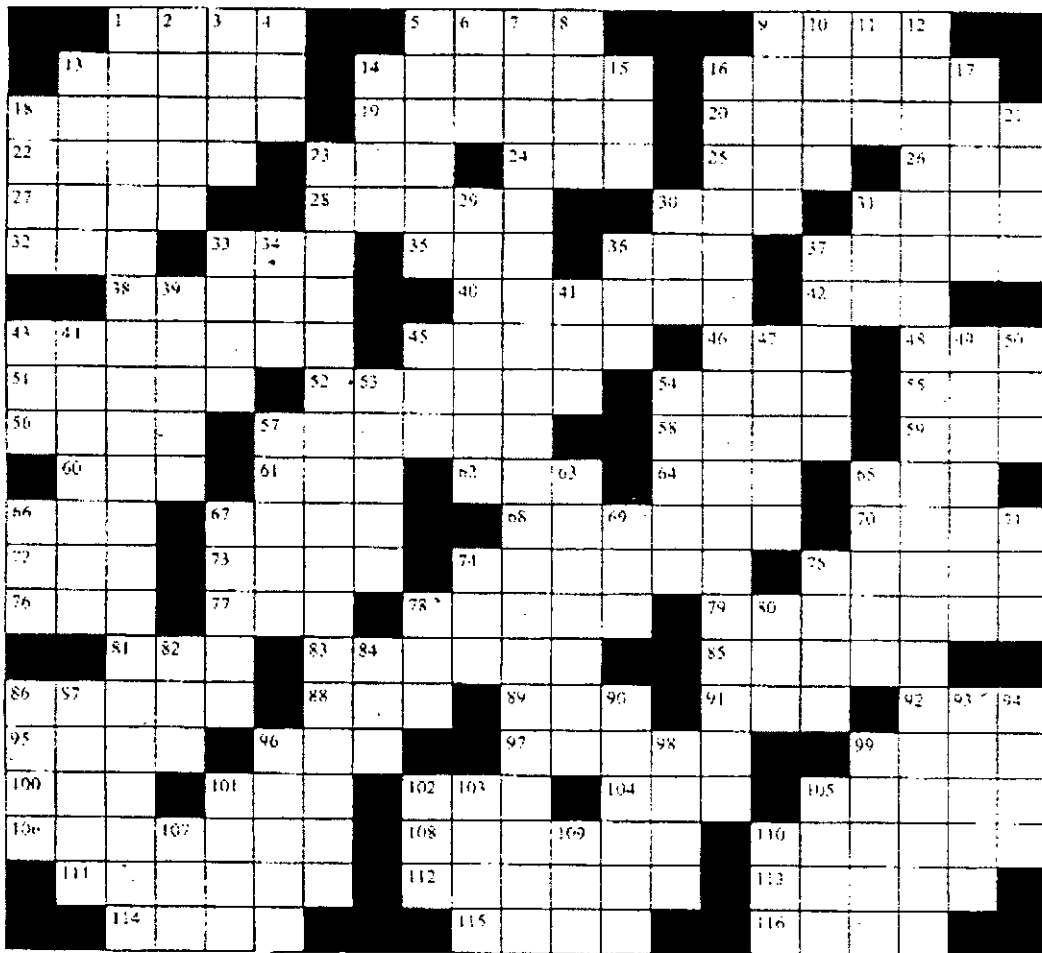
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- 5 Finest
- 9 Cabbage dish
- 13 Sea divider
- 14 \_\_\_ room
- 16 Pale and listless
- 18 Brings about
- 19 "...for \_\_, two, three strikes..."
- 20 Continuous
- 22 Sheet material
- 23 Extra bed
- 24 Word with bag or cart
- 25 Eur. nation
- 26 Accessory
- 27 Household pests
- 28 "Knock \_\_\_!"
- 30 Certain NCO
- 31 "\_\_\_ Wonderful Life"
- 32 For each
- 33 Huge corp.
- 35 To's opposite
- 36 Scratch
- 37 Amphibians
- 38 Like a smashed carton of eggs
- 40 Fleet
- 42 Material for a Spanish ring
- 43 Unfair attack
- 45 Chou \_\_\_
- 46 Colo.'s zone
- 48 Psychedelic drug, for short
- 51 Ram
- 52 Medicinal root
- 54 "\_\_\_ apple, B..."
- 55 Manipulate fraudulently
- 56 Butter portions
- 57 "\_\_\_ or never"
- 58 Unattached
- 59 Latin breakfast?
- 60 Article
- 61 Asian tea
- 62 Similar wd.
- 64 Savings acct.
- 65 Black cuckoo
- 66 Montana or Louis
- 67 Fuel, for some
- 68 Has an \_\_\_ music
- 70 Swallow hard
- 72 Wright Brother, to friends
- 73 Latin word on U.S. coins

- 74 More skillful
- 75 Aunt in Armentières
- 76 Toodle-oo
- 77 Books-to-be: abbr.
- 78 State of India
- 79 Orange fruit
- 81 Batter's stat.
- 83 Furnishes
- 85 Singer López
- 86 Synthetic fabric
- 88 Journey
- 89 Syllables from the hard of hearing
- 91 George Burns' age at death
- 92 Early PM
- 95 1 of 7 Capital Sins
- 96 Gave victuals to
- 97 Proportion
- 99 Antares or Vega
- 100 From \_\_\_ Z
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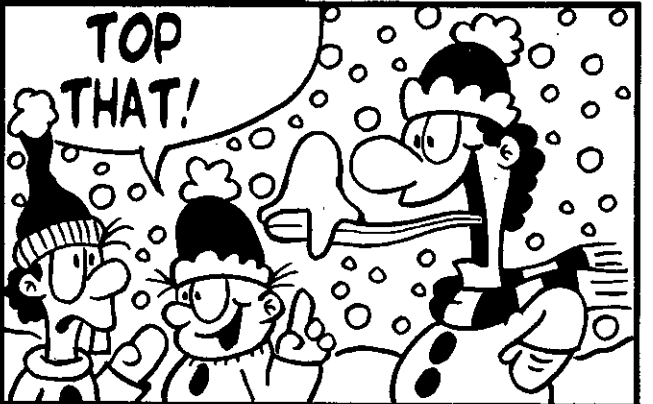
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  - 113 Condemns
  - 114 Whoppers
  - 115 Measured amts.
  - 116 Casa ladies: abbr.
- ### DOWN
- 1 Mozambique
  - 2 Pack animals
  - 3 Sharp
  - 4 Feminine ending
  - 5 \_\_\_ a joke; object of ridicule
  - 6 M & M
  - 7 Sioux City?
  - 8 Hummer's need
  - 9 Part of a pig's face
  - 10 Light ray focuser
  - 11 Rising times, for most: abbr.
  - 12 See 15 Down
  - 13 State
  - 14 Hilarious situation
  - 15 With 12 Down, Caribbean
  - 16 Ontario
  - 17 Win easily
  - 18 Show approval
  - 21 School carnival-plan-

- ning orgs.
- 23 Phoenix
- 29 Twentieth-century dictator
- Francisco and family
- 30 Dejected
- 31 Suffix for sand or oil
- 33 Troubles
- 34 Fight result, for short
- 36 With 107 Down, drink
- 37 Dame's forerunner
- 39 In need of Jenny Craig
- 41 Slicker
- 43 Once around the track
- 44 Small chapel
- 45 Poet's contraction
- 47 Detection apparatus
- 49 Be \_\_\_; treat politely
- 50 Golfing org.
- 53 One of David's works
- 54 "Get \_\_\_!"
- 57 Church artworks
- 63 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
- 65 Over

- 66 Task
- 67 Spice rack jar
- 69 Border
- 71 Guppy or puppy
- 74 "The Streets of Laredo" opener
- 75 Singing group
- 78 9/1 forerunner: abbr.
- 80 For
- 82 Junior
- 84 Latin abbr.
- 86 Sow's opposite
- 87 Staked
- 90 Tavern owner's purchases
- 93 Eats nothing
- 94 Linden, for one
- 96 Worth and Smith
- 98 Angers
- 99 Aquinas' "Theologica"
- 101 Give up
- 102 Network letters
- 103 Be an usher
- 105 Reverse, for one
- 107 See 36 Down
- 109 Ency. volume, perhaps
- 110 Dentist's ltrs.



## DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady



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# Calendar of Events in the Spotlight

## Wednesday, Dec. 13

### 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-care takers 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](mailto:info@drchurch.org).

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### SECOND MILERS (OCTOBER THRU JUNE)

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

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

#### TOWN BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### 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.

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

### FAITH TEMPLE

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

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

### AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 14

### VOORHEESVILLE

#### VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Every other Thursday night Poets Night at Voorheesville Public Library, ay 7 p.m. No signup

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

#### ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

#### BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

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

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

#### AA MEETINGS

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

## Friday, Dec. 15

### 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, Dec. 16

### BETHLEHEM HIGH SCHOOL

Bethlehem Central High School's Theatre Without a Net presents Twelfth Night this afternoon at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Studio 46 Theatre Space in the back of the high school. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$10 for all others.

### BETHLEHEM

### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, Dec. 17

### BETHLEHEM

### BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Bethlehem Central High School's Theatre Without a Net presents Twelfth Night this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Studio 46 Theatre Space in the back wing of Bethlehem High School. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors, \$10 for all others.

### VOORHEESVILLE

### VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Collecting Ephemera at Voorheesville Public Library at 2 p.m. Bring your items for evaluation. No signup necessary.

### BETHLEHEM

### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.

Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura-Bush Road, 439-0358.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.

Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.

Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.

Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.

King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.

KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.

Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.

Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.

St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.

St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.

Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

### NEW SCOTLAND

### WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY -

## Monday, Dec. 18

### 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

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m.

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

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## Tuesday, Dec. 19

### BETHLEHEM

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### PRAYER MEETING

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

### PLANNING BOARD

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

### BINGO

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

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### VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

## Wednesday, Dec. 20

### BETHLEHEM

### DELMAR ROTARY

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

### PLAYGROUP MEETING

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

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 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.

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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.

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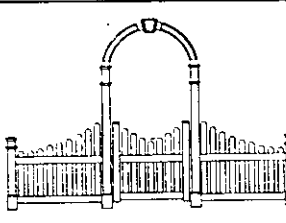
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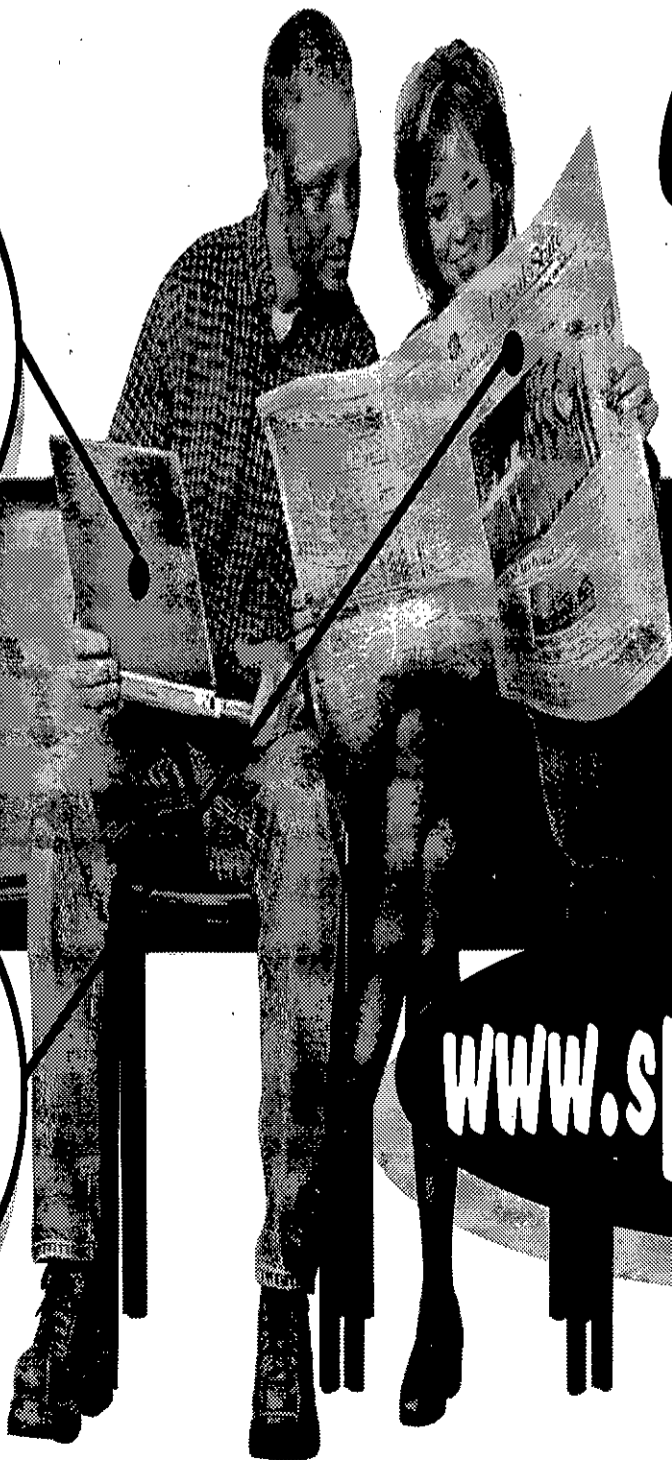
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Notice of Formation of Lacuna, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/06. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60 East 8th Street, Apt. 25J, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14527 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 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 (December 13, 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 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Apthorp 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 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 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 (December 13, 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 (December 13, 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 (December 13, 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

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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. LD-14556 (December 13, 2006)

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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, Loockerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14557 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 2006)

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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:

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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

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tion 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 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.

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Wait & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for LLC 90 North Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 LD-14567 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Publication ACOMETIC LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/06/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14591 (December 13, 2006)

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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 upon whom process against it 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 (December 13, 2006)

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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 (December 13, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: HELDEBERG-MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC Articles 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, Nw York 12059. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LD-14589 (December 13, 2006)

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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 upon whom process against it 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 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Publication G.M.P. GENERAL MATERIAL PROCUREMENT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/03/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14603 (December 13, 2006)

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was filed with SSNY on 12/01/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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-14594 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication CLYBANE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/09/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14595 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication CLARENCE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/04/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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-14596 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication CEFIN TRADE & CONSULTANCY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/11/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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-14597 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication CALICO LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/10/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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-14598 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication BUTTONEE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/23/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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-14599 (December 13, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication G.M.P. GENERAL MATERIAL PROCUREMENT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/03/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14603 (December 13, 2006)





**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: TPL PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 27, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 100 Dedham Post Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LD-14676 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Welcome Parking Limited Liability Company. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/31/06. Fictitious name in NY State: Welcome Parking System Limited Liability Company. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 1/28/06. 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. NJ address/principal business location of LLC: 451 Richmond Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08625. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14697 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of REGAL NAILS, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/30/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Louisiana (LA) on 6/5/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mr. Quy Ton, 11488 S. Choctaw Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. LA address of LLC: The LLC, 11488 S. Choctaw Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. Arts. of Org. filed with LA Secy. of State, P.O. Box 94125, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-14698 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of REGAL NAILS, SALON & SPA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/1/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 5/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 11456 South Choctaw Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-14699 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication LOGO MEDIA LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/10/06. 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. LD-14700 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 121 EVERETT ROAD REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of

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New York (SSNY) on 07/21/06. 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 Paulsen Management, Inc., 5 Palisades Drive, Albany, New York 12225. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14703 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication BENBURY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/05/04. 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. LD-14705 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication ELLENDALE-LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/13/03. 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-14706 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication ELLISFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/19/05. 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-14707 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication HEREFORD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/21/02. 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-14708 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication GLENMEAD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/02. 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-14709 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication BRANSCOMBE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/03. 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-14710 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Logibio, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/8/06. 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: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14713 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication LYNBRIDGE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/19/05. 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-14713 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication LARCAM LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/06/04. 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-14716 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication H & D LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/03. 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-14718 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of RGLHI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/06. 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, attn: Richard Lorenzo, 106 Norfolk Street #6, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14719 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is VAN RENSSLAER OF ALBANY LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law, on November 15, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1222 Troy-Schenectady Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. LD-14727 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication BROMPTON VENTURES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2006. Office location: Albany

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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-14728 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication PRESS DESIGN HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14729 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication WEDGE MANAGEMENT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14730 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication DELIZ LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/02. 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-14731 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication CRUZ DEL SUR LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/15/02. 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-14732 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication TALENT STUDIOS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/12/05. 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-14733 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication HALSBROOK LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/03. 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-14734 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication HYDEFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/25/02. 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-14735 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication HATCHCROFT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/03. 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-14736 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication BERKELEY REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/13/06. 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-14737 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication KELMORE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/19/02. 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-14738 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication GRANDBASE SECURITIES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14740 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication WEST PLACE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14741 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication KEY INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14742 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Publication CROME CONSULTANTS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2006. 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-14743 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication DELFIN HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14744 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Publication PORTSHIP SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14745 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Publication WINDLE TECHNOLOGIES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/06. 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-14746 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication BARROWLEE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/04. 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. LD-14761 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication CEWILL 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. LD-14762 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication DACEMAN LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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-14763 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication DALLEMBURT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/04. 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. LD-14674 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication PYLTON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/29/06. 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-14765 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication UNIVERSAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/29/04. 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. LD-14767 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication WORKINGEO LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/04. 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. LD-14768 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication D.T.C. INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/11/00. 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-14769 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Historic Teunis Properties, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on Sept 11, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Teunis St, Albany, NY 12202 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14772 (December 13, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Livingston Arbor Hill, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec

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203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 5, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14773 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of First Arbor Hill, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 5, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14774 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of First South End, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 5, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14775 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Second South End, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 5, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14776 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**FINE STROKES PAINTING & HANDYMAN SERVICES, LLC** Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of **FINE STROKES PAINTING & HANDYMAN SERVICES, LLC ("LLC")** were filed with the Department of State of New York ("DSNY") on November 13, 2006. Office location: Rensselaer County. DSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. DSNY shall mail a copy of a process to Fine Strokes Painting & Handyman Services, LLC, 45 Old Red Mill Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: John E. Zurawski Address: 45 Old Red Mill Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144 LD-14778 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Novum Structures LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/06. Office Location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/1/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal business location of the LLC: W126N8585 Westbrook Crossing, Menomonee Falls, WI. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14785 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SHESH PARTNERS LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been

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designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 750 Columbus Avenue, Apartment 3H, New York, New York 10025. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14790 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Westerford LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/08/06. 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, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14795 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Braintrade International LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/08/06. 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, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14803 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Ashmead Place LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/15/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/06. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to the principal business address of the LLC: c/o Rational Public Relations, 816 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Patrick Dorton. DE address of LLC: National Registered Agent, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Suite 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14803 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication **TURNBRIDGE 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 it 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-14804 (December 13, 2006)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication **SOWER LLC** Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/02/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it 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-14805 (December 13, 2006)

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# Sports *in the* Spotlight

## Brothers take advantage of Eagles' defensive slip

**CBA scores three goals to start second period**

By ROB JONAS  
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The Bethlehem hockey team played even with Christian Brothers Academy, with the exception of a three-minute span of the second period.

In that three-minute span, the Brothers scored three goals to take a 4-1 lead on their way to a 5-2 victory over the Eagles in Friday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"I thought the effort was outstanding," said first-year Bethle-

hem coach Richard Hughes. "We had a letdown at the beginning of the second period. Other than that, I thought we played well."

"We've got a lot of work to do," said CBA coach Ron Kuhl. "We have to work on the little things to play a complete game."

The Eagles stunned CBA by getting the first goal. Alex Amirault took a pass from Andrew Vincent and put the puck past Andrew Ragozzino 6:22 into the first period to give Bethlehem a 1-0 lead. Amirault's goal led Kuhl to pull Ragozzino for Shane Hans, and the freshman responded by stopping 11 of the 12 shots he faced.

The Brothers pulled even later in the first period on Zack Robinson's and took control at the

start of the second period. Marc Meybaum tallied off a Robinson assist 40 seconds into the second period, and Tristan Newkirk scored a short time later to give CBA a 3-1 lead. Brad Medici ended the Brothers' spurt with a goal at 2:58 that chased Bethlehem goaltender T.J. Caswell.

"I thought we got off to a bit of a slow start, but we put in a couple to get ourselves going," said Kuhl.

John Rimmel replaced Caswell, and the junior played well. Rimmel stopped 17 of the 18 shots he faced over the final 27:02.

"When we made the goalie change, Rimmel was the one who kept us in the game," said Hughes.

Matt Bub gave Bethlehem

some hope for a comeback when he scored at 5:46 of the second period, but Hans made several key saves to prevent the Eagles from making the score any closer.

"I can't say enough about Dick Hughes' program. His kids worked hard tonight. They had some great scoring opportunities," said Kuhl.

Newkirk added a power play goal late in the third period for CBA, which is trying to follow up a 2005-06 season in which it placed second in the Section II playoffs and reached the state tournament.

"We have some terrific leadership and some experience — even with the younger kids," said Kuhl.

Bethlehem's record fell to 1-2,

but Hughes is encouraged by his team's attitude — one that's been forged out of the program's fight to stay alive after the school district was forced to cut the team's funding when the original budget was defeated by voters.

"We're a no quit team. That's the way this team is going to be," said Hughes. "We've just got to pick up on the mistakes we made (against CBA) and work on them for our tournament next week."

The Eagles host their annual holiday tournament Friday and Saturday. Bethlehem plays Newburgh Free Academy Friday at 6:25 p.m., with Norwood/Norfolk facing Plattsburgh at 8:40 p.m. The championship and consolation games are Saturday.

## Massie leads Indians at Northeast Duals

Heavyweight Chris Massie won all four of his matches to lead the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team at Saturday's Northeast Duals at Shenendehowa High School.

Massie pinned two of his opponents and earned a 9-4 decision against Waverly's Jacob Mosier during their 215-pound bout during the round robin tournament. Massie also received a forfeit among his four victories.

Emmanuel Hernandez (119 pounds) and Nate Graham (171) compiled 3-1 records in the tournament. Graham recorded two pins, and Hernandez added a pin.

R-C-S finished with a 1-3 record at the Northeast Duals. The Indians defeated John Jay 39-30 and lost to Mahopac, Delaware Valley (Pa.) and Waverly.

### Blackbirds place eighth at Matmania

In other weekend wrestling action, the Voorheesville Blackbirds placed eighth at the Glens Falls Matmania tournament Saturday.

Tyler Treadgold led Voorheesville with a second-place finish in the 112-pound division. Treadgold lost to Broadalbin-Perth's Aaron Wroble 5-1 in the finals.

Andrew Clark and Alex Zvinovski placed third in their weight classes for the Blackbirds. Clark pinned Cambridge's Josiah Scully in the 130-pound consolation bout, while Zvinovsky pinned Catskill's James Crowe to take third place at 189 pounds.

Voorheesville finished with 56 points in the 10-team field.

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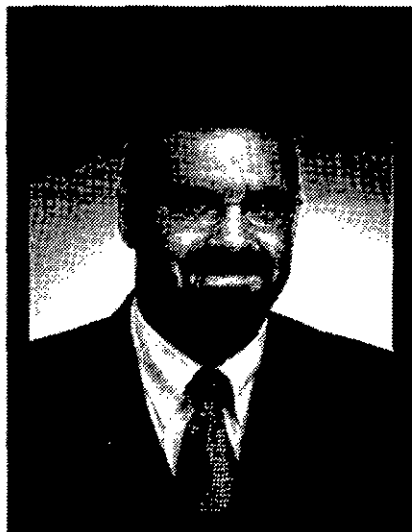
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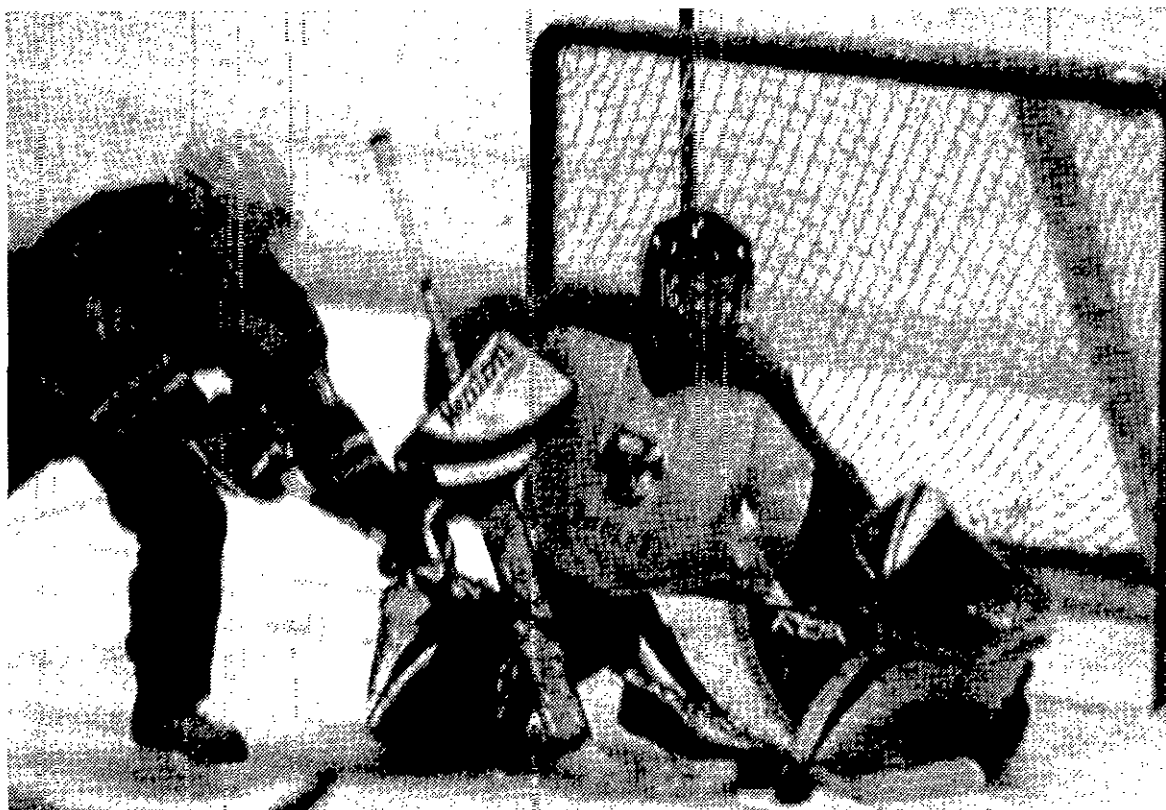
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## Denied



Bethlehem goaltender John Remmel blocks Kyle Boland's shot during Friday's game against CBA at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. See page 47 for details.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Eagles

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### Blackbirds edge Knights

The Voorheesville boys basketball team broke into the win column for the first time this season with a 50-48 Colonial Council victory over Lansingburgh Friday.

The Blackbirds (1-1, 1-3) built a 39-30 lead through the first three quarters and then fended off a Lansingburgh comeback to edge the Knights.

Justin Arico scored 18 points, and Evan Christner added 16 points for Voorheesville, which was coming off a 60-36 loss at Albany Academy last Tuesday. Jon Ryan led Lansingburgh (2-1, 3-1) with 16 points.

The Blackbirds hosted Mechanicville Tuesday.

In other Colonial Council action last Friday, Albany Academy used two big quarters to defeat Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 69-31.

The Cadets (2-1, 4-1) jumped out to a 20-8 lead after the first quarter and then sealed the victory by outscoring the Indians 27-2 in the fourth quarter.

Tyler Foster had 30 points, and Jamel Fields contributed 17 points for Albany Academy. Tyler Landy and Zach Deering each scored eight points for R-C-S (0-2, 0-3).

The Indians traveled to Cohoes Tuesday.

### Lady Eagles earn non-league win

The Bethlehem girls basketball team improved its overall record to 3-2 with a 38-36 victory at Troy Saturday.

The Lady Eagles outscored the Flying Horses 12-8 in the fourth quarter to pull out the two-point win.

Kiersten Swete and Sarah Thompson each scored 11 points to lead Bethlehem. Mollie Danahy had 11 points for Troy.

Bethlehem entered the non-league game off its first Suburban Council victory of the season — a 47-32 win against Niskayuna Friday. Alex McCullough's 14 points paced the Lady Eagles.

In other weekend girls basketball action, Voorheesville won its first game by beating Lansingburgh 54-43 Friday, but then lost both of its games at the Albany Tournament by scores of 47-38 against Albany Saturday and 64-39 against Colonial Council rival Academy of Holy Names Sunday.

## Super

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show is the highlight, and as we've seen in recent years, the halftime show is nothing more than a bad oldies rock show. (Are the Rolling Stones really the best that the NFL can do?)

What about the all-important TV ratings for such a Super Bowl? Fuhgetaboutit. The Super Bowl is ratings gold, no matter who is playing. Millions of people would watch this game even if the matchup was the Arizona Cardinals and the Cleveland Browns. It's the Super Bowl, not the World Series or the NBA finals where the teams involved dictate who watches.

But the best part about a San Diego-New Orleans Super Bowl is that these are arguably the two best teams in the NFL. The Chargers are so complete, there is no way that Schottenheimer can mess this up (and speaking as a Browns fan, I know how Schottenheimer can mess up a team). And Tomlinson deserves the Super Bowl stage to showcase his talent — something no AFC opponent will ever contain.

Meanwhile, the Saints have the fewest weaknesses in the NFC — a conference full of weaknesses. Plus, they have a proven winner at quarterback in Brees. That's something neither Chicago nor Dallas can claim (and Cowboys fans, before you say anything about Tony Romo, remember that he's still technically a rookie and thus susceptible to rookie mistakes).

For all these reasons, we need a San Diego-New Orleans Super Bowl. No other match-up will do. Not Dallas-San Diego. Not Chicago-San Diego. Not Dallas-New England. And definitely not Chicago-New England — unless William "the Refrigerator" Perry is allowed to come back and score a rushing touchdown.

Please don't mess this up, Marty Schottenheimer.



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# High school varsity sports results for Dec. 4-10

## Tuesday, Dec. 5

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Albany Academy 60, Voorheesville 36**

Voorheesville leader: Justin Arico 8 points

**Columbia 50, Bethlehem 38**

Bethlehem leaders: Kevin Stempsey 11 points, Joe Kane 10 points

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Holy Names 65, Voorheesville 44**

Voorheesville leader: Kate Prendergast 12 points

**Columbia 33, Bethlehem 27**

Bethlehem leader: Alex McCullough 8 points

### BOYS BOWLING

**Saratoga 23.5, Bethlehem 8.5**

Bethlehem leader: Jason Burger 243 game, 691 series

### GIRLS BOWLING

**Saratoga 22, Bethlehem 10**

Bethlehem leader: Meaghan McGurn 214 game, 578 series

### BOYS SWIMMING

**Saratoga 99, Guilderville 73**

Guilderville individual winners: Sean Molloy (diving), Vadim Yafayev (100-yard butterfly, 100 backstroke), David Cerutti (500 freestyle)

**Bethlehem 162, Schenectady 144**

Bethlehem individual winners: Nate Foley (200-yard freestyle, 100 butterfly), Paul Cafiero (200 individual medley), Larry Gloeckler (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Drew Acquaviva (100 backstroke)

## Wednesday, Dec. 6

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Berkshire 65, R-C-S 43**

R-C-S leader: Jared Fortier 18 points

### BOYS BOWLING

**R-C-S 4, Voorheesville 0**

R-C-S leader: Dan Irwin 257 game, 689 series

Voorheesville leader: Anthony Scaccia 224 game, 574 series

### WRESTLING

**Saratoga 57, Bethlehem 9**

Bethlehem winners: Tyler Kessler (96 pounds), Neil Robertson (125), Kevin Kolbay (215)

## Thursday, Dec. 7

### BOYS SWIMMING

**Albany Academy 100, R-C-S 65**

R-C-S individual winners: Kevin Burns (200-yard individual medley, 500 freestyle), Jacob VanEtten (100 butterfly, 100 backstroke)

### WRESTLING

**R-C-S 69, Voorheesville 6**

R-C-S winners: Andy Lyman (112 pounds), Emmanuel Hernandez (119), Jordan Lane (125), Wes

Hotaling (135), David Winne (140), Greg Roth (145), Cody Legg (152), Jake Hyer (160), Ricky Connell (171), Nate Graham (189), Chris Massie (215), Donny McBride (275)

Voorheesville winners: Colton Parrott (96 pounds), Andrew Clark (130)

## Friday, Dec. 8

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Voorheesville 50, Lansingburgh 48**

Voorheesville leaders: Justin Arico 18 points, Evan Christner 16 points

**Bethlehem 58, Niskayuna 43**

Bethlehem leader: Kevin Stempsey 31 points

**Albany Academy 69, R-C-S 31**

R-C-S leaders: Tyler Landy 8 points, Zach Deering 8 points

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Voorheesville 54, Lansingburgh 43**

Voorheesville leaders: Casey Beccera 18 points, Courtney Bourque 15 points

**Holy Names 58, R-C-S 46**

R-C-S leaders: Alivia Richter 17 points, Jessica Byerwalters 11 points

**Bethlehem 47, Niskayuna 32**

Bethlehem leader: Alex McCullough 14 points

### HOCKEY

**CBA 5, Bethlehem 2**

Bethlehem scoring: Alex Amirault

1-0, Matt Bub 1-0, Andrew Vincent 0-1, Tom Dolfi 0-1, Harrison Lane 0-1

Bethlehem saves: T.J. Caswell 4, John Rimmel 17

### BOYS SWIMMING

**Bethlehem 98, Shaker 86**

Bethlehem individual winners: Nate Foley (200-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle), Paul Cafiero (200 individual medley), Larry Gloeckler (100 butterfly), Drew Acquaviva (100 backstroke)

**Shen 104, Guilderville 74**

Guilderville individual winners: Vadim Yafayev (200-yard individual medley, 100 butterfly), Sean Molloy (diving), Colin Masterson (100 breaststroke)

## Saturday, Dec. 9

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Albany Tournament

**Albany 47, Voorheesville 38**

Voorheesville leaders: Courtney Bourque 6 points, Brittany Vogel 6 points, Alyssa Schultz 6 points

### WRESTLING

#### Northeast Duals

**Mahopac 36, R-C-S 30**

R-C-S winners: Emmanuel Hernandez (119 pounds), Greg Roth (145), Jake Hyer (160), Nate Graham (171), Ricky Connell (189), Chris Massie (215)

**Delaware Valley 46, R-C-S 22**

R-C-S winners: Andy Lyman (112

pounds), Kenny Bogardus (130), Wes Hotaling (135), Cody Legg (152), Nate Graham (171), Chris Massie (215)

**Waverly 48, R-C-S 22**

R-C-S winners: Andy Lyman (112 pounds), Emmanuel Hernandez (119), Jordan Lane (125), Cody Legg (152), Chris Massie (215), Don McBride (275)

**R-C-S 39, John Jay 30**

R-C-S winners: Emmanuel Hernandez (119 pounds), Kenny Bogardus (130), Wes Hotaling (135), Dave Winne (140), Nate Graham (171), Chris Massie (215), Don McBride (275)

#### Glens Falls Matmania

Team scores: Corinth 202, Glens Falls 182.5, Schuylerville 153.5, Watervliet 97.5, Catskill 83, Hadley-Luzerne 74, Broadalbin-Perth 65, Voorheesville 56, Cambridge 49, Waterford 44

Voorheesville place finishers: Tyler Treadgold (second, 112 pounds), Andrew Clark (third, 130), Alex Zvinovsky (third, 189)

## Sunday, Dec. 10

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Albany Tournament

##### Consolation game

**Holy Names 64, Voorheesville 39**

Voorheesville leaders: Brittany Vogel 12 points, Casey Beccera 11 points

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# Sports *in the* Spotlight

## Varsity schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 13

### BOWLING

Cobleskill at R-C-S, 4 p.m.  
Shaker at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Waterford, 4 p.m.

### GYMNASTICS

Shaker at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

### BOYS SWIMMING

R-C-S at Fonda/Johnstown, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14

### WRESTLING

Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.  
R-C-S at Watervliet, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ballston Spa at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Bethlehem Holiday Tournament, 6:25 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16

### GYMNASTICS

Bethlehem at Shaker Invitational, 10 a.m.

### HOCKEY

Bethlehem Holiday Tournament, 3:25 p.m.

### INDOOR TRACK

Bethlehem at New York City Armory, 9 a.m.

### WRESTLING

R-C-S at Lee Van Slyke Tournament, 8 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

### BOYS BASKETBALL

R-C-S at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Watervliet at R-C-S, 7:30 p.m.

### BOWLING

Mohonasen girls at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.  
Watervliet at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

### INDOOR TRACK

Bethlehem at league meet 2, Hudson Valley Community College, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Averill Park at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.  
Schalmont at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.



Bethlehem's Matt Branigan (52) fights with Niskayuna's Will Burkey for position on a rebound during Friday's Suburban Council game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Eagles enter win column

### Stempsey scores 31 points against Niskayuna

By ROB JONAS  
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Six days made a world of difference.

Kevin Stempsey scored 31 points, and Bethlehem's defense forced numerous Niskayuna turnovers in a 58-43 Suburban Council boys basketball victory last Friday.

The game was a far cry from the first time the two teams met at the Niskayuna Invitational Dec.

2, when Niskayuna won a defensive struggle 48-45 to take third place at its own tournament.

"We shot 34 percent from the floor last week, and we shot 52 percent tonight," said Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman. "That was the difference."

Niskayuna's offense never found a comfortable groove against Bethlehem's full-court press in the rematch. When the Silver Warriors (0-2 league, 1-3 overall) weren't turning the ball over, they were heaving up shots in traffic that didn't fall.

"I think they did a much better job on the defensive end pressuring our guards, and our guys

didn't take care of the ball," said Niskayuna coach Mike Black.

Stempsey had no such problems at the offensive end. The senior guard drained five three-pointers and drove through Niskayuna's defense for layups to lead Bethlehem's offense.

"He's a great player," Black said of Stempsey. "Once he gets going, he's a handful."

Stempsey received some much-needed help from his teammates. Gleason Judd contributed a season-high nine points, and Dan Lanchantin added six points for the Eagles (1-1, 1-3).

"Our shot selection has been mediocre so far to say the least,

so our effort tonight was much better," said Klugman.

Will Burkey scored 11 points, and Alex Olbrych contributed nine points for Niskayuna, which is recovering from the graduation of most of last year's team.

"I'm pleased with our effort," said Black. "It's a process for us. We've just got to get better and better each night, and with the exception of tonight, I've felt we've done that."

Bethlehem traveled to undefeated Shenendehowa for a Suburban Council game Tuesday, while Niskayuna hosted Averill Park.

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## A heavenly Super Bowl match-up

Given everything that has happened in the National Football League this season, there is only one logical Super Bowl match-up.

San Diego vs. New Orleans.

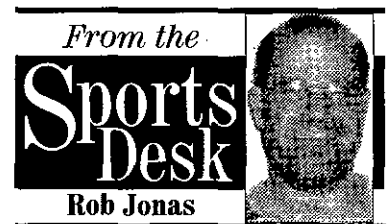
Why? For one thing, think of all the great story lines that will keep football fans talking through the two-week hypefest that leads up to Super Bowl XLI in Miami:

LaDainian Tomlinson — greatest running back of all time?

Marty Schottenheimer getting his first "schott" at that elusive Super Bowl ring.

Phillip Rivers proving to be the right quarterback for San Diego, instead of Eli Manning.

Drew Brees playing against his former team for a championship.



From the Sports Desk  
Rob Jonas

Sean Payton — the next Bill Parcells disciple to coach in the Super Bowl.

Reggie Bush and Deuce McAllister proving that two talented running backs can co-exist on the same team.

The Saints giving Katrina-ravaged New Orleans something positive to cheer for.

You want more positives? How about:

No Terrell Owens yapping his mouth. Or Chad Johnson, for that matter.

No Manning-vs.-Manning storylines to deal with, which would undoubtedly bring out the most annoying Manning — Archie Manning.

No questions about who will start at quarterback for the Chicago Bears (Rex Grossman, Brian Griese or door No. 3).

No talk of a Pittsburgh dynasty. No talk about Bill Belichick being a coaching genius.

No televised Mike Holmgren interviews (I swear, Holmgren and Craig "the Walrus" Stadler were separated at birth).

And the game would live up to

the hype. Think of all the offensive fireworks we'd see. Tomlinson would cap a methodical San Diego drive with a 5-yard touchdown run, then Brees would turn around and connect with Bush or Marques Colton on a 65-yard touchdown pass. Tomlinson scores again, only to watch as Brees finds Devery Henderson for a 37-yard touchdown pass.

The final score probably would read 42-35. Advantage? Who knows? That's the beauty of it.

I know the saying that defense wins championships. But I'm tired of seeing Super Bowls that end 24-21 or 21-10. Those are the type of Super Bowls where the halftime

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# Can we get job satisfaction?

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY  
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Are you satisfied with your job?

Interestingly, most people are, said Wendy Becker, Ph.D., assistant professor of management at the University at Albany and an industrial/organizational psychologist.

"Research shows that job satisfaction doesn't change much over the years," Becker said. "There are more than 5,000 studies about job satisfaction. They're really technical, and they're really quality research."

So what's the job satisfaction rate?

"Eighty-five percent of the population is satisfied with their jobs," Becker said, adding a big qualifier: "generally."

There are five elements com-

monly used in job satisfaction surveys: the job itself; pay; co-workers; the boss; and promotional opportunities.

"Job satisfaction is so important to us," Becker said. "We strive to be satisfied in our jobs, and we try to get our kids to find jobs that will satisfy them."

Delmar resident Gene Lewis is a retired art teacher who also coached several sports teams. He loved his job, and looking at the five measures, Lewis said he was satisfied with most of them.

Lewis moved around the different school levels, working 10 years in Bethlehem Central School District's elementary schools; 16 in the junior high school, which became the middle school; and eight in the high school.

"I liked the change," Lewis, 71,

said. "It brought new challenges, and it was nice to watch the kids grow up. My colleagues were exceptional, and the quality of the students was excellent. At the end of the day, coaching was fun, too, because the participants really wanted to be there and excel at what they wanted to be in."

Lewis said when he began work, after graduating from Buffalo State Teachers College in 1957, he earned one of the best salaries among his classmates — \$4,200 per year. Lewis was already married to his wife, Faye, and they eventually had five children.

"You have the responsibility of caring for your family, and you think about making more money," he said. "But every time I looked at doing other jobs, I'd ask myself, 'Is this what I really

want to do?' I thought about guidance, administration, and once I even thought about buying a store. But what for? I really enjoyed teaching."

Becker said that finding a job that pays well and is satisfying can be a challenge.

"People change careers a lot," she said. "In the search for a passion, we can find ourselves in jobs that pay the rent, but that we're not happy in."

Jobs that allow change can lead to job satisfaction without requiring career moves.

"I can't think of anything that doesn't change," Becker said. "You should be acquiring new skills every six months. Continuous improvement can become a lifelong quest, and you don't want to remain static."

Charles Estey is a retired engineer in Delmar who said he learned new things throughout his career as an engineer.

"I graduated from RPI as a mechanical engineer in 1941," the 88-year-old native of Brooklyn said. "I went there because I was fond of automobiles, and thought I'd do something with that. My first job was with Bendix in Elmira."

Estey served in the Army during World War II, and when it ended, returned to Troy to work on the design of the heating system at RPI.

"I had a couple of buddies who worked in heating sales, and I got a job as a sales engineer with Trane," Estey said.

Becker noted that social networking is a great way to find new jobs.

"Have power talks with family, professors, alumni," she said. "Invite them for a 10-minute cup of coffee and talk to them about their work."

Estey eventually returned to more engineering than sales, getting his professional engineer license and joining up with two

architects to form the firm of Harthammer, Bender and Estey, located on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. For the last 10 years of his career, Estey worked as an engineer at the University at Albany.

"All my jobs were interesting," he said. "They all had challenges. In sales, I did a lot of traveling and met a lot of people. In my own business, I worked on a lot of schools. The people I knew in that business enjoyed what they did. It was creative, and we designed things that lasted. I was in a bank in Troy recently, and I had done some of the work in it."

Estey's final working years at the University at Albany let him strengthen his retirement fund and participate in a health care plan that continues to serve him. That makes up for one of the risks he encountered while out on his own — having to give up the retirement fund he'd created when the state stopped funding school repairs in the 1970s.

Still, he thinks people who are able to work on their own are happier, "especially if they can do something creative."

His advice to people seeking job satisfaction is to find something creative, which uses their natural strengths. For him, engineering was the right fit.

"I like to think about why things don't work and how we can make them work," he said.

Lewis acknowledged that it can be hard to sacrifice money for the right job when there are the responsibilities of a family and a house.

"But there are a lot of opportunities today," he said. "If you're fortunate enough to have a supportive spouse, you should bite the bullet and do what you like. If you stay in a job you don't like, you're not doing yourself — or your boss — any favors."

"Being satisfied with your job means you're satisfied with life," Becker said.

## Path

(From Page 1)

Over the past 20 years, the way high schools have sent their graduates on a course to college and career has changed. It had to. The work force has diversified, "Students are being encouraged to participate in activities that are the result of their interests, in and out of school, and religious institutions, etc.," said Gracon.

It is a course that many students will continue on as they move through their first year of college.

Many schools don't require students to choose a study major in their first year, Gracon said. So much of that first year is spent crystallizing their interests through research, job shadowing and internships. That year of reflection serves most students well enough in their selection of a career path, said Gracon. However, even though the ebb and flow of four — sometimes five — years of education and working with an adviser can lead to a job, the simple fact remains that every person has a multitude of interests. It's not as simple as setting aside one to carry on another, said Gracon.

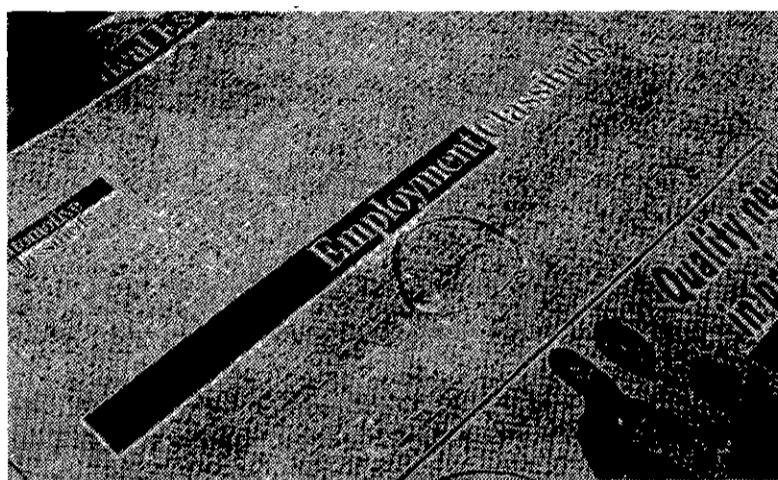
"Some come in that are clear on what they want to do. Some come in and may have been an accountant for 10 years, and are good at their job, but they don't want to do it anymore," said Elaine Handley, associate professor of English at Empire State College's Saratoga Campus.

Empire State College operates 35 learning institutions across the state that offer a variety of degrees to adults looking to continue their education, complete a degree, or those looking for a change.

Handley, like all of the college's professors, acts as professor and mentor to the students, and the tools of the trade are not unlike those of high school counselors.

The reasons students call on Empire College vary. They may be unhappy in their fields, may have not completed a degree, or are looking to land the credentials to boost their careers.

Many come and simply don't know what they want to do. For those students, it is back to the basic formula: What are your



interests?

"We have many conversations about them, what they want to do. We form a relationship with the person," Handley said. "It's like doing a puzzle. It's putting the pieces of their life back together."

At the college, students attend an educational planning course that helps them choose, or at least whittle down, their prospective career choices. They are then sent off to interview people in several fields of work, or shadow workers to gauge their interest in various careers.

A recent Empire College student quit her work as an accountant to focus on working with people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, said Handley. It was an interest she had always had.

Handley said the trend in recent years is an increase in the population of younger students at the college, which has traditionally served older students. For whatever reason, whether they had "too good of a time" their first year of college or simply weren't ready for work life, former college students and graduates are coming to colleges like Empire to refocus their efforts and interests

after gathering life experiences that may have altered their career paths.

At 18 years old, there just isn't that much life experience, Hadley said.

"People need work and non-work (hobbies) to satisfy their diverse needs and interests. We try to encourage students to explore as many of their interests and strengths as possible," said Gracon.

It is as simple as following their dreams, but those dreams change after one, three or 20 years, said Gracon.

Student guidance is more personalized now, and is more than just moving students into fields they might like. There are strengths, abilities, academic success, activity success and enjoyment that need to be taken into consideration.

Many of these decisions can't be made, and are often not designed to be made, in post-graduate work. It is there where interests and abilities may converge, she said, although for some it happens earlier. Handley calls it the "aha moment."

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