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# The Spotlight

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## Blizzard blankets businesses

By KRISTEN OLBY

Winter's first wave of snow struck more than two weeks before the official start of the season, dumping a record-setting blanket of snow.

Flurries began falling late Friday night and didn't cease until Sunday morning, with a total of 18 inches accumulating in Bethlehem, according to the National Weather Service. The storm broke an earlier daily snowfall record of 7.2 inches set on Dec. 6, 1984.

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Jim McCarroll

Slippery roads and stiff winds made driving hazardous and forced some events to be postponed.

Delmar's Four Corners holiday celebration was called off when it became clear that not many people would be driving Saturday in the face of so much snow. The event will be held this weekend instead.

Word of the impending storm sent crowds scurrying to local grocery stores in preparation for a weekend at home.

At McCarroll's The Village Butcher in Delmar, there was a steady stream of shoppers on Saturday, many traveling on foot instead of four wheels.

"It gave us a busy day," said owner Jim McCarroll as he shoveled a path for his customers. "It kept people close in town, a bad day to travel."

Just down the road, ice melter, car brushes and antifreeze were flying off the shelves at Phillips Hardware on Delaware Avenue.

"We had people waiting this morning at the door," manager Timothy Dickson said Saturday.

Shelves were stocked in preparation for the onset of customers, with truckloads of extra supplies shipped in

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## Snow fun



Enjoying the new snow at Elm Avenue Park Sunday are Jeff and Shane Fox and Mike and Sara Devoe.

Jim Franco

## Voters approve \$93M bond by 281 votes

By LINDA DeMATTIA

The tallying of the first voting machines at last week's school bond vote set nerves on edge. The first results showed only five more "yes" votes than "no," and when the second machine's total indicated 20 more negative than positive votes, a collective gasp swept the Bethlehem Central Middle School's gymnasium, which was filled with scores of bond supporters.

As more machine totals were read, and the "yes" votes outnumbered the "nos" by 2,987 to 2,676, supporters of the bond issue relaxed, then congratulated each other — with reservations.

"We are so appreciate of the community support," said Superintendent Les Loomis. "Bethlehem has always been there for the schools and thankfully, they have sought once again to support them."

The steady stream of voters throughout the day helped put the vote in district record books. Voter turnout, at more than 5,663, plus 180 absentee ballots, was also well above the average of 3,000 to 4,000 a regular budget vote receives, Loomis said.

The project itself, at close to \$93 million, was the biggest in district history.

The closeness of the final vote, 3,062 to 2,781 including absentee ballots, a 52.4 percent "yes" majority, sent a message, said Richard Svenson, school board member.

"It was no surprise it was close, there were concerns with the cost," he said. "I feel it was a cost-effective plan. These things need to be done, and it will be more costly in the future if it has to come out of the operating budget, and with changes in the interest rates and state aid. I think five or 10 years from now, people will look back and say it was a good decision."

The next step in the project is approval by the state Department of Education, project architect Richard Peckham of Collins & Scoville said.

"We will submit the final documents

to SED in June 2004, and it takes approximately six to eight months for them to review," he said. "We anticipate construction will begin at the high school in the spring of 2005 and be completed

by summer of 2007. Other projects will follow along the timeline."

The construction timeline calls for roof and masonry work to be done at Elsmere Elementary School in summer 2005; projects

at the district offices from April through September 2005 and middle school projects to be done from September 2005 through August 2007.

The new elementary school is slated to be built from October 2005 through April 2007. Work at the transportation and operations and maintenance centers will take place from October 2005 through September 2006. Work at Clarksville, Slingerlands and the Early Learning Center taking place from April 2006 through August 2007, followed by construction at Glenmont, Hamagrael and Elsmere elementary schools April 2007 through August 2008.

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## NiMo to hold meeting on Elsmere outages

By KRISTEN OLBY

A series of power outages in an Elsmere neighborhood has prompted a public meeting with Niagara Mohawk to get to the root of the problem.

Dozens of homes between Kenwood Avenue and Oakwood Drive are routinely caught in the dark when the power unexpectedly goes out, according to those who live in the area.

"We have had power outages sometimes related to storms, but many times unrelated to storms, for long periods of time," said Dorothy Farrell, who lives on Dumbarton Drive.

Outages can last anywhere from twenty minutes to 12 hours, according to

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# Wal-Mart developer to pay fine for pollution

By KRISTEN OLBY

The Albany developer who brought Bethlehem Town Center to Glenmont will pay a hefty fine for polluting water near the Route 9W construction site.

A local labor union had threatened to sue Nigro Cos., alleging the developer risked mudslides into wetlands and allowed unfiltered water to enter the town sewer system on at least five occasions.

The state has fined Nigro Cos. for violating an environmental statute, effectively ending the litigation.

The Department of Environmental Conservation ordered Nigro Cos. to pay a \$70,000 civil penalty and to buy an advertisement in *The Business Review*, publicizing the need to comply with storm water management regulations, according to DEC's Nov. 20 order.

If Nigro Cos. complies with the state ruling, the fine will be reduced by \$25,000. Under the agreement, signed by company president John Nigro, the developer admitted no wrongdoing.

The allegations stem from the actions of general contractor Bast Hatfield, responsible for constructing the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Peter Henner, an attorney representing Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2, filed the union's intent to sue in September. The union has found fault with Clifton Park-based Bast Hatfield in the past, criticizing its work and use of nonunion laborers.

"Developers must accept

responsibility for the hiring of low-ball contractors, like Bast Hatfield, that have no respect for the environment," said Al Catalano, president of Local 2.

Bast Hatfield contends the lawsuit is more about his company's use of nonunion labor than environmental violations.

"Everything was done in accordance with the (storm water) plan, we signed off on the plan," said Kit Bast, executive vice president of Bast Hatfield. "Nigro did everything they were supposed to do."

Nigro Cos. Vice President Steve Powers attributed the violation to changes in federal storm water management regulations enacted in January. Powers said the company has made the required changes and is now in compliance.

# Police charge teens with vandalism

By KRISTEN OLBY

Two more teenagers have now been charged by Bethlehem police in connection with a weekend vandalism spree that damaged homes near the Hamagrael Elementary School last month.

Two 15-year-old boys were charged Friday with felony criminal mischief and two counts of misdemeanor criminal mischief.

Police responded to a Jordan Boulevard home around 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 30, after a homeowner reported several items had been thrown through his window. Police said several mailboxes in the area were also damaged. Officers found four youths in a wooded area of the school property but two managed to run away.

Police nabbed 16-year-old Giles Chase and a 15-year-old boy, both of Delmar, that night. Each was charged with felony criminal mischief and misdemeanor charges.

The 15-year-olds names have not been released because their cases will be heard in Albany County Family Court.

Chase is due back in Town Court Dec. 16.

# Becker students collect mittens

Elementary students at A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk have begun a mitten collection drive in an effort to warm the hands of needy adults and children in the Capital District.

The drive marks the third collection for the needy in the past month conducted by roughly 500 students at the elementary school.

A food drive that started Nov. 15 has so far resulted in more than 700 items being collected and is ongoing through Dec. 12.

Additionally, a coat drive recently ended, with more than 80 coats being collected and distributed to needy families.

Denise Mulligan, who is heading up the mitten and glove drive, said the hand wear will be distributed to needy families locally, as well as patrons of an Albany homeless shelter.

# Santa arrives at Indian Ladder

Live reindeer will be joining Santa Claus and his elf at Indian Ladder Farms on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14.

Santa and his elf will arrive on a tractor-drawn hay wagon each day at noon. Young and old can sit in Santa's lap and confide their Christmas wishes both days from noon until 2 p.m.

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## Writing program yields ELA exam success

By LINDA DeMATTIA

A kindergarten through grade eight writing program long used by Bethlehem teachers is having a positive effect on students as they take the state-mandated grade four and eight English Language Arts (ELA) exams, according to John McGuire, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

At last week's school board meeting, writing project team leaders Aosta Edleman, Alice Pratt, Valorie Falco, Johanna Shogan, Thomas Reardon and Bonnie O'Shea explained how the program is implemented in their classrooms, and how its techniques are taught.

"The key to the New York state standards and the language arts tests is the writing process," McGuire said. "These teachers are at the cutting edge of what is going on in the literacy field. They have done such wonderful work preparing our students for the ELA four and eight tests. They are meeting not only state but national reading standards."

McGuire said teacher training and staff development began in the mid-1980s.

"We are trying to make staff development more inviting and user-friendly," McGuire said. "We have used a variety of teacher training (methods) but most significant is the Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. It is a well-respected program and an excellent approach to literacy. We think we've invested well."

McGuire said the district has not only sent more than 50 teachers to summer workshops and other training sessions, but brought some of the Columbia University researchers to the district to make presentations.

Falco, a teacher at Glenmont, praised the teacher training.

"We started this work in May of 1988," she said. "This is not new work. This is not a gimmick — this is best practice. When we look at staff development at Bethlehem, it is not just teachers going to conferences; it's teachers going into classrooms. As a strong district we test well, but we should be going beyond the test."

The program itself starts with the development of a curricular calendar for the year. Students and teachers have writers' notebooks to jot down good ideas to use in future writing assignments, such as overhearing

an unusual name to use in a story they are writing, punctuation use, descriptive language, or the similarities among different characters in different literary works.

Writing and discussion are key elements in what is a multifaceted approach to literacy, Shogan said.

"The Regents exams use different types of performance so teachers expose kids to the language and manner in which they will be tested," she said. "They chart their own thought process as they read and compare pieces of literature. They review the pieces and try to look at it from other people's points of view. The articulation of thought is essential in helping our students become good writers and readers."

Clarksville Elementary teacher O'Shea summed it up for board members. "Everything we do in education begins with reading and writing," she said. "The texts we use are more interesting. Because students are invested in the text, they've done a lot of excellent work. They see what real writers do and they want to do the same kind of work."

## Rubber hits the road



Students and staff at Clarksville Elementary School are participating in the town of Bethlehem's Sneaker Recycling Program, collecting old sneakers at the Elm Avenue Park and Ride lot. Nike will grind up the worn shoes and use them in playing surfaces of gymnasiums, playgrounds and outdoor tracks. Sneakers will be collected through the spring. Students in picture are, from left, Eric Levy, Jordan Crandall, Devin Van Praag, Kaylani Johnson and Morgan Albright.

## Delmar man publishes lifestyle magazine

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There's a new source of information about life in our area. Since July, *Capital Region Living* has been hitting the newsstands and the reaction has been positive.

Michael Gough, a 32-year-old Feura Bush resident, said he discovered a need for a lifestyle magazine after he started his Delmar company The Business Source two-and-a-half years ago.

"The Business Source is a direct mail marketing and advertising company," Gough said. "For instance, we did a postcard mailing for New Salem Saab, to their existing and potential customers."

The Bethlehem Business Source was another direct-mail product that Gough published, an advertising booklet printed on high-quality paper.

"We took the concept of the Bethlehem Business Source and expanded it," Gough said. "We wanted something of a little higher quality. We did a lot of research and uncovered a void for a lifestyle-type magazine in the Capital District."

Gough said the goal of *Capital Region Living* is to cater to the interests of those living in and around the Capital District.

"We're not a news magazine," he said. "We want to be an uplifting type of magazine and 99.9 percent of our articles and ads are local." Since the first issue came out in July, *Capital Region Living* has been a bi-monthly publication. The summer issue had a full listing of concerts, fairs and festivals.

The fall issue featured cornfields and hikes in the



Michael Gough

Adirondacks and Catskills. The November/December issue covers holiday events throughout the magazine's four-county area, Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. All the issues have included recipes and general interest articles. With the March 2004 issue, *Capital Region Living* will become a monthly publication.

*Capital Region Living* is currently distributed to 150 newsstands, where it costs \$2.95 per issue. Gough has also aimed to get a copy into every doctor's, dentist's, lawyer's office and new car dealership in the area. He's also mailed the magazine to his targeted demographic, 35- to 50-year-old suburban females with a comfortable income.

"Our goal is to maintain a print run of 30,000 magazines," Gough said.

The reaction has been positive, Gough said. "We're getting a lot of repeat advertisers from one issue to the next," he said, "and readers love the concept."

Gough said *Capital Region Living* seems to be the sort of

publication people keep around. "I got a few subscription cards today from the autumn issue of the magazine," he said. "That means people have kept it in their home for a couple of months. Yesterday, we got cards from the summer issue. For advertisers, that's great exposure." Gough explained that for every magazine that one person buys, research indicates that five other people see that same issue.

"Our original goal was to always have an 84-page magazine," Gough said. "Our January issue will be 100 pages long."

*Capital Region Living* is put out by a staff of nine people. Gough is the publisher, Mary Beth DeCecco is the managing editor and Peter Vincelette, who spent seven years working for *Hudson Valley* magazine, is the general sales manager. Two other sales reps, two designers and two interns round out the staff. Gough is looking to hire another sales rep immediately and a full-time

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writer after the holidays. The whole team works to come up with story ideas, which are planned out on a big board in the Business Source's Main Square office.

"We have different categories that we try to fill," DeCecco said, "like health and fitness, food and dining, sports and recreation or features. It's great seeing the magazine come to fruition."

Gough and DeCecco are also seeking to involve readers in the

magazine, as with the current issue's restaurant survey and an upcoming contest in the winter issue that will be a bridal issue. In that, readers will be invited to send in stories about how they proposed — or were proposed to — and the best story will receive a bridal bouquet worth \$150.

Before starting *The Business Source* — of which, Gough said, *Capital Region Living* currently takes up 98 percent of the business and 120 percent of his time — he worked selling corporate telecommunication services for a few different companies.

The Greenville native with a B.A. in business and political science from the University at Albany started his own business to be his own boss and to be able to create something with unlimited potential. He comes from a long line of entrepreneurs. His mother, Janet Gough, owns The Floral Garden in Delmar, and his two brothers have their own businesses. Gough's father recently retired after 30 years with the state, only to start Northeast Motor Car. Gough and his wife Amber have a 2-year-old daughter, Meghan.

Gough is a member of five chambers of commerce, and in addition to going to a monthly publication schedule next year, his to-do list for 2004 includes getting involved in area charity events.

"We have a great team here," he said. "I fully intend to share profits with all of the employees. If they're part of the success, they should be amply rewarded."

"This should be a magazine for everyone in the area," he said.

For more information about *Capital Region Living*, call 475-9250, or visit their Web site, [www.capitalregionliving.com](http://www.capitalregionliving.com).

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# A holiday prayer, let December bring us comfort and joy

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

I confessed my secret to *Parent Pages* editor Donna Bell last week. "I love Christmas," I said to her. "I love the lights, I love the trees everywhere, I love the Christmas songs that play nonstop."

"Me, too," she said, and hummed a little Christmas tune.

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## Mom's the Word



When another co-worker walked into the room, though, she stopped humming and we ended

our conversation.

It's always a little perplexing at this time of year that there's so much grumpiness. It's as if we see the impulses toward gladness and joy as commands and get our backs up.

Mothers especially get stretched to the breaking point, as it mostly falls to us to create the wonder we all want the season

to bring. It feels like fewer and fewer of us really love Christmas.

Mind you, it's easy to say in the first week of December that I love Christmas; by the 20th, I'll also be running on a sleep deficit and dreading all the wrapping still to go.

We've already joked in our family about the Calvin & Hobbes cartoon where Calvin's dad recommends leaving the just-dragged-home tree undecorated in the garage and if Calvin gets a present, he can carry it to the garage and look at the tree there.

I'd love to have a non-present Christmas one year, an idea that terrifies my children. I've had this idea of a gift-free Noel since I was a graduate student in Germany and spent Christmas vacation in Grainau, a tiny Bavarian town with four friends.

We went to midnight Mass on Christmas at the local church with a blue onion dome, and it felt like being in an episode of the *Waltons* to see everyone converging on the little house of worship, all of our boots crunching across the frozen snow.

Afterward, I walked around the village and ended up passing the graveyard, where the grave markers are a far cry from our gray headstones.

There are posts about four feet high to mark each grave. At the top of the posts is a religious picture with the person's name and the dates of their birth and death, and over the top of that is a small peaked roof.

Lit candles stood near many of the graves; tall candles in red glass containers, like the ones you find in churches. The flickering candles near the hillside grave markers made the snowy,

moonless night both eerie and awe-inspiring.

It was easy to see why so many legends pop up around Christmas and I looked around for Santa, talking animals or a traveling family holed up in a farm shed.

When I bring up the idea with my kids about maybe taking a special trip or celebrating Christmas without a lot of stuff, they shake their heads.

At 13, Christopher is willing to

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concede that perhaps one year he'd trade a haul of loot for a trip to Crookhaven, Ireland — his favorite place in the world.

For 11-year-old Cormac, home is the only place he ever wants to be on Christmas morning, where he knows he'll thunder down the stairs to the tiny white lights of the Christmas tree illuminating brightly wrapped packages. His eyes will widen, and his expansive grin will make my own heart swell with joy.

That moment, any parent will tell you, is why we work so very hard in December. It's why we return to the toy store over and over again for that one elusive toy whose existence we begin to doubt. It's why we put aside our doubts that maybe all this stuff isn't good for our kids and reveal instead in the fact that we can do this for them.

On Christmas morning, it's a worth it, but as we look down the increasingly narrow chute till Christmas, it would be nice if we could encounter and offer some of that Christmas morning feeling before then.



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Not everyone can share a fondness for hearing the Chipmunks sing Christmas carols in the stores — especially when this is the 235th time this season that you've heard their high-pitched tunes.

Here's where the Internet, the mixed blessing of our day and age, can be your best friend. If you still have to be in the stores, your teenager's Walkman could let you control all the hits, all the time.

It sure would help if merchants could reach out a little extra in the customer service area during the time of year that ups their profits.

Maybe they could teach their staff to smile, to say thank you, to say excuse me when they don't hear a customer correctly, maybe take a second to show us where something is.

Who knows? Maybe we'll be so impressed that we'll continue to patronize that business even when the holidays are over.

Some of us may choose to decorate and cook a little less. Television's Christmas images are relentless, all those big immaculate houses decked out in fresh greens and icicle lights. Whether it's in a commercial or on a show, there's always a thin, red-sweatered woman with the perfect haircut offering fresh-baked cookies to her guests.

We have a slew of Christmas decorations, too, but first I have to put away the box of Halloween decorations that are still on the front porch before I think of wreaths and red ribbons outside.

Until I get the box of nut-crackers up from the cellar, maybe I can stack the dust kitties in the corners and hang tiny red balls on them.

Soon enough, the calendar will catch up with me, and I'll be scrubbing out the spot behind the futon that Grandma will see when she pulls it out to sleep there on Christmas Eve.

I'll be wishing I'd hosted a cookie swap as the boys look at me with high hopes of Christmas goodies, and wondering yet again who the heck stole the good scissors when I need to wrap the last few presents.

For as long as possible, though, I'll think about the candles shining on a snowy hillside years ago and try to let the peace of that moment filter through to my family.

I'll hope with all my heart that when my kids are grown, they'll remember all of December as a joyful time.

### Nature center to hold workshop

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will offer a holiday craft workshop on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants can choose from several craft projects, including pine cone and terra-cotta bell swags, twig picture frames, Native American-style beaded necklaces or bracelets and Popsicle-stick reindeer and snowmen.

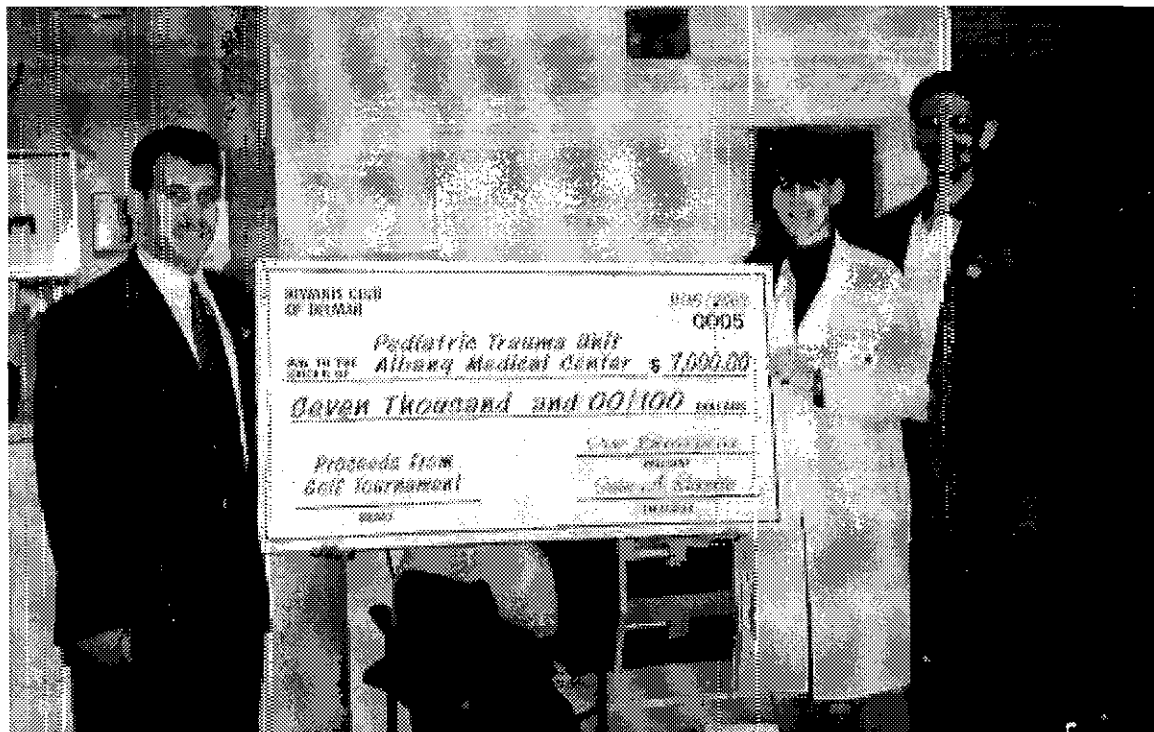
Participants who want to make frames should bring a favorite photo. There is a \$2 fee per craft to cover the cost of materials. Space in the workshop is limited to 20 participants. Call 872-1237 to register.

### BCHS choir performs on fund-raising CD

For the third year in a row, local high school choirs from the Capital District volunteered their talents to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center. Sponsored by FLY 92.3's morning team of Candy and Potter, the Bethlehem Central High School choir is featured singing holiday songs for the *Candy and Potter's 2003 Holiday CD*.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Pearl Harbor lessons

The 62nd anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was last weekend, on a Sunday, just as in 1941.

The sneak attack, which launched the United States into World War II, has been frequently compared to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Pearl Harbor attack was shocking and memorable like 9/11. But the comparison weakens after that.

First of all, on Dec. 7, 1941, we were attacked by a nation, not by a group of terrorists. That nation was a formidable opponent who had been waging war in China for almost a decade and, in the immediate aftermath of Pearl Harbor, overran a broad swath of southeast Asia and the Pacific, including Indochina, Malaya, Singapore and pretty much every island west of Hawaii and north of Australia and New Zealand.

We were clearly in for a long, bloody fight in the Pacific, in addition to joining the struggle against the Nazis on the other side of the world. And there was no guarantee that we would win.

Unlike wars since, this one was declared constitutionally and involved total mobilization. We had more than 12 million under arms and turned our then-substantial manufacturing base into the most productive arsenal ever. We had rationing of everything from gasoline to butter, grew vegetables in our Victory gardens and bought War Bonds.

Our more recent wars, whatever their geopolitical merits and demerits, have not called for the same level of sacrifice and commitment, except from those in our armed services and their families. Perhaps as a result, we have not been as successful in those wars.

The current war is a prime example, with national leaders encouraging shopping and giving out massive tax breaks and new entitlements, while manpower and equipment shortages have made the troops' occupation duties increasingly hazardous.

Dec. 7, like 9/11, will be forever remembered by those alive at the time. And how America met the challenge of the war that followed Pearl Harbor continues to provide lessons for our nation today.

## Bond benefits

Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District approved an unprecedented \$93 million bond issue that will prepare the district for the challenges of the future.

A majority saw the benefits of updating district facilities to deal with a steadily increasing student population.

While the cost is high, the cost of waiting would have been higher, not just because of the uncertainty about future state aid and interest rates, but also because of the impact on students being educated in inadequate facilities.

## Editorials

## Gay marriage is civil rights issue

By ADRIENNE LANCHANTIN

*The writer is a reporter for Spotlight Newspapers.*

When it comes to the civil rights issue of the 21st century, granting equal rights to gays and lesbians, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, won't look good in the history books.

Neither will Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Associate Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court and Democratic presidential candidates and Sens. Joe Lieberman, D-Connecticut, or John Kerry, D-Massachusetts.

All of these leaders have publicly expressed their opposition to same-sex marriage in one way or another, attempting to make an end-run around any decision that would grant marriage rights and benefits to gay and lesbian couples.

DeLay has put his considerable political power behind the "In Defense of Marriage Act," which defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman; the justices both voted, in the minority, to uphold a Texas law that criminalized gay sex; and both presidential candidates put their fingers to the wind and decided they do not support gay marriage.

Gay rights activists argue that civil unions, a half-hearted attempt at equal rights, are not good enough, as shown by the recent decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which declared that the state's marriage laws unconstitutionally discriminated against gays and lesbians who want to marry.

Chief Justice Margaret Marshall ruled that the traditional legal definition of marriage "deprives individuals of access to an institution of fundamental legal, personal, and social significance ... because of a single trait."

By that standard, will American's even remember former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and the historic civil unions law he signed? Hardly.

Fighting for same-sex marriages is also fighting for the integrity of this country, and those who hold back progress are

## Point of View

like Southern segregationists or Nazi book-burners, destined to be scorned by history.

Oppressed people will not stay oppressed forever. Those who are weak, tired, hungry, poor, those who are not allowed to eat at certain lunch counters or cast a vote, will fight for their rights and will eventually overcome.

**When issues of basic civil rights are ignored, they can easily be put off, while the people they affect the most continue to suffer as second-class citizens.**

We stand by this as a basic American value, part of the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" we believe is every citizen's birthright.

Except if you're gay.

If you're a gay U.S. citizen, you don't have all the freedoms and rights of heterosexual Americans. And the conventional wisdom, parroting polls that show a majority opposing gay marriage, is that gays and lesbians must be patient about gaining full civil rights.

After all, blacks had to wait more than a century after a war fought over slavery to receive their full civil rights.

One day, the final decision will be made, and the rights will be granted, have no doubt about that. But first, we will need a lot more politicians willing to stand up to the anti-gay demagogues.

Many politicians, such as Dean and his fellow Democratic presidential candidate Dick Gephardt, have said the decision to legalize gay marriage should be left up to the states.

As residents of one of the larger states in the nation, New Yorkers should be paying attention to what this issue means for us and what we can do about it.

Despite a substantial gay and lesbian population, New York has not been a leader on this issue.

For at least eight years, a bill to ban same-sex marriages in New York, drafted by Sen. Serphin Maltese, R-Queens, and Assemblyman Anthony Seminerio, D-Queens, has gone nowhere in either house.

And a bill drafted last year by Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, D-Manhattan, and Sen. Thomas Duane, D-Manhattan, to legalize same-sex marriage has likewise failed to garner enough support for passage, even in the Assembly.

In September, the Democratic State Committee voted to support the Gottfried-Duane bill. As yet, there are no prominent Republicans who have voiced support for full civil rights for gays and lesbians.

Indeed, our own Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, R-Brunswick, has said, "We're not focused on that."

I'm sure the New York State Senate has a lot on its plate, but that sounds like a complete cop-out to me.

But then Bruno also said, "I don't believe that people of the same sex need or ought to be legalized in marriage."

For someone who isn't focused, that sure sounds like a stance against gay marriage.

As the 2004 general election approaches, there are lots of important issues — the economy,

jobs, the war in Iraq, terrorism, the cost of health care, the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, etc.

For many, full civil rights for gays and lesbians, including marriage, does not rise to the level of these other issues. For some, it's only important because they oppose those rights vociferously and would

like to turn back the clock to the days when gays and lesbians were considered psychologically disturbed and/or criminal.

When issues of basic civil rights are ignored, they can easily be put off, while the people they affect the most continue to suffer as second-class citizens.

In 1960s, as the war in Vietnam raged on and the booming economy left many blacks behind, Martin Luther King Jr. never said, "We're not focused on our individual freedoms because we have other things to do."

Our society will never forget King and what he did for this country. Our society will never forget people like Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks or Jackie Robinson. No one will forget the decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and all of the decisions yet to come granting civil rights to gays and lesbians.

The Defense of Marriage Act and similar bills define marriage as the union between a man and a woman. These bills refuse to acknowledge civil unions from other states, such as Vermont and Hawaii, and make same-sex marriage illegal.

Currently, versions of the bill are awaiting review in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House, and have been passed in 37 states. Supporters of the bill have said it will protect the sanctity of marriage and strengthen the family unit.

First of all, there is nothing sacred about marriage as a civil institution. If churches don't want to perform or recognize gay marriages, that's their right. But the government should not discriminate against adult citizens who want to avail themselves of civil marriages.

And the family unit so beloved by anti-gay bigots has lately been compromised by divorce, adultery, domestic violence and child abuse. ("Pro-family" champion DeLay himself doesn't talk to his mother and three siblings and has called his presumably heterosexual family "dysfunctional.") Doesn't the American family unit have just as much of a chance of surviving with two moms or two dads?

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# Your Opinion Matters

## BC board president thanks bond supporters

These are questions we in New York should be asking ourselves, and we should be pushing our politicians in Albany to do the same.

Bruno might be unfocused, but as voters, as taxpayers, and as people, we should all be focused on this issue.

New York is known around the world for the Statue of Liberty, which welcomes immigrants to a land of freedom and opportunity.

On the issue of full civil rights for gays and lesbians, New York can also be known as a place where people who aren't afraid to talk about being gay, or about gays and lesbians raising children, having a joint bank account, avoiding probate and being able to visit their spouse in the hospital.

As we enter a new millennium, we shouldn't be afraid to have those conversations. We should be proud to fight, for as long and as hard as it takes, against the bigots who would keep gay and lesbian Americans from enjoying the full fruits of American citizenship.

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank everyone who voted on the bond issue on Dec. 2. As you may have heard in media reports, we had a record turnout for this vote — 1,000 more votes than for any other district bond or budget vote in the past 50 years! To me, that is

## Kudos to cops

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Gary Weinert  
The Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza

indicative of the importance BC residents place on the future of their schools and community.

Obviously, not everyone voted in favor of this proposal. But clearly, residents took the time to learn about the projects and

participate in the planning and discussion that occurred at many public meetings so that they could be informed voters.

On behalf of the board of education, I am grateful for the positive outcome. We will

continue to keep residents informed about the progress of the building projects, and we look forward to the groundbreaking!

Robin M. Storey  
President, Bethlehem Central Board of Education

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# Matters of Opinion

## Schools should do more than high-tech vocational training

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the proponents of the \$93 million school bond issue have won a convincing victory, it is time to sit back and consider where we go from here. The flood of pro-sentiment statements in the last *Spotlight* edition would suggest that the Bethlehem Central School District is, at least by implication, an intellectual island surrounded by a sea of the ordinary.

Newcomers to the Capital District find Bethlehem schools a distinct attraction in deciding on a residence. The district does have a high reputation in the area. Presumably, in accepting the plan our schools might well elevate their already impressive achievements.

Permit me to make a more philosophical statement. There is a strong thread running through the literature, namely, that the

schools' main function is to prepare our students for the high-tech job market. The better the education, the higher the achievements in the professional world. Success in school almost guarantees a successful career. I daresay this attitude pervades the general public as well. I regard this as a rather threadbare moral position, when taken alone.

Call me old-fashioned and out of the loop, but in my educational and teaching experience, I had been led to believe that public schools were established, and have been historically seen, as vehicles for cultural enrichment and community betterment. There is, or should be, a sense that civic responsibility is an educational ideal that should not be lost. In today's world, "community" has the broadest connotation. Like it or not, we are all world citizens.

What does this have to do with

the more mundane school financing question? We are told that Bethlehem Central can expect state aid will reimburse us some 52.9 percent of the proposed expenditure.

Given the dire position of state finances, does such a local largesse have implications for hard-pressed city and rural school districts? Simple justice convinces me that New Yorkers have a real stake in providing equal educational opportunities for all our children. There has been a substantial momentum toward equalizing school financing among the school districts. I see the day when a reformulation of

the state aid formula is going to be made, perhaps even putting all school finances in the hands of the state.

I well realize that this argument runs counter to the historical position of local control of the public schools, including its financing. But equal opportunity for all our children is a discernible thread also. We might remember that in future school referenda, we are New York state citizens, too.

*Thomas R. Collins*  
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Someone recently wrote a letter of criticism which I believe

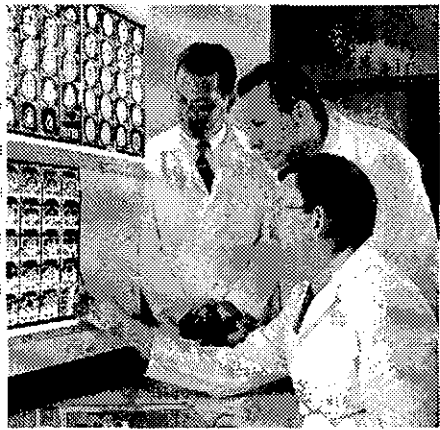
was unjustified.

There is not a mean animal in this carefully fenced lot, from Delta Dawn the donkey to the goose who likes to eat corn silks and all the others.

Two things are necessary for success with the animals, and both are non-negotiable. The child must be old enough. The parent must provide guidance.

*Carol Schlageter*  
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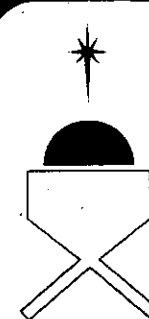
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your first day of school vacation? Come to the library for some holiday stories and crafts that will make lovely ornaments or gifts.

This program is for school-age children (parents welcome, too) on Monday, Dec. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Please sign up at the reference desk to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

Frosty the Snowman is visiting at the library for the holidays in the form of a snowscape created by the Helderview Garden Club. A decorated tree is adorned with handmade items including sleds and corn cob pipes. It was made and erected by Diane Biernacki, Mary Beth Portanova and Janet Willey.



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Hey, kids, what do you do on

## Feura Bush library sets story and craft program

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Library, behind Jerusalem Reformed Church on Route 32 in Feura Bush, will be having a story hour and craft program for children Saturday, Dec. 13.

The library is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and this program, led by Roberta Jeracka, will begin around 2:30 p.m.

Area children are invited to come and enjoy the program and the refreshments which will be served.

The library is also open on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and

Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

There are many books for both adults and children — both fiction and also nonfiction on many topics.

The library computer, which is connected to the Internet, is popular with library users.

The books have mainly been donated by people in the community.

The library is currently also building a collection of award-winning childrens books and adult books on local history with a grant from Selkirk Cogen.

an original poem to read to the group. The library will be closed on Thursday, Christmas Day, so the group will not meet again until Jan. 8.

The final "Light Up December" story time will be on Dec. 12 at 10:15 a.m. Regular story times resume on Jan. 5.

Paintings in the hall gallery this month are by Eleanor Bolduc,

an award-winning Delmar artist from the "en plein aire" school (painting directly from nature). Many of the landscapes on display are of local scenes.

Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of *On Green Dolphin Street* by Sebastian Faulkes to read for the January adult book discussion.

Nimblefingers will not meet on

Dec. 23.

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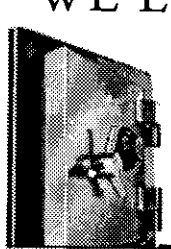
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*Memory Makers* is a craft magazine for the very popular new hobby of scrapbooking.

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covers electronic games on all major systems. Most of the magazine is devoted to game previews and reviews.

*Children's Software* and *New Media Review* was launched in 1993 by three elementary school teachers. Each issue contains more than 100 product reviews, plus articles with an academic focus.

### New databases

The library will acquire three new online reference tools through the Upper Hudson Library System.

World Book Online Reference Center is an award-winning reference resource containing the complete *World Book Encyclopedia*, thousands of additional articles, easy search capability and links to related articles and editor-approved Web sites. Pictures, maps, sound and animation add depth and interest. An intriguing feature is "Surf the Ages," imaginary Web sites from various historical periods.

Louise Grieco

## Solstice celebration set at nature center

On Saturday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will hold its third annual winter solstice celebration.

Winter solstice marks the longest night and shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere and signals the beginning of winter. As the sun starts its journey northward during the months of winter, the hours of light will lengthen a little each day.

To help get through the months of cold and dark to come, the solstice celebration welcomes winter with a puppet show, story and nature walk.

Nature center staff will help visitors make some natural treats to share with the birds and squirrels. Remember to dress warmly for the outdoor portion of the program.

The solstice celebration is appropriate for families and people of all ages and is free and open to the public.

The nature center is on Thompson's Lake in western Albany County.

For information or for directions to the center, call 872-0800.

## Student attends convention

Heather Gross of Slingerlands, a student of Sargent College at Boston University, was one of the two students selected to attend the recent ASHA Convention in Chicago.

She presented an informational seminar upon her return to students at the School of Rehabilitative Science at Boston University.

Gross, a junior at the university, is pursuing a degree in speech pathology.

## Santa to skate at BIG

Santa will be skating at the BIG Arena on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and all children are invited to attend. Children can also have their photo taken with Santa free of charge. The arena is at 900 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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# Honor society plans book drive

The Voorheesville chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a book drive through Dec. 17 to benefit students at Philip Schuyler Elementary School in Albany.

Children's books can be dropped off at the high school, elementary school or SuperValu Market.

## Dollars for Scholars sponsors fund-raiser

The Voorheesville chapter of Dollars for Scholars is sponsoring a gift-wrapping fund-raiser at Crossgates Mall on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The group is looking for teams of three to four people to sign up and work a shift together.

Donations of wrapping paper, tape and ribbon are needed and can be dropped off in the collection box in the foyer of the high school anytime before Dec. 20.

To help out, call Patty Miller at 765-4552.

## Snowshoe rentals available at Thacher

Thacher Nature Center will offer snowshoe rentals this winter along with guided walks.

Snowshoe rentals are \$10 per pair per day. The cost is \$5 if they are rented for less than four hours and the fee for the walks is \$1 per person.

Special rates are available for small groups and snowshoes are rented on a first-come, first-served basis and can also be reserved ahead of time.

For information on rentals and dates of guided walks, call Thacher Park at 872-1237.

## Nature center plans preschool program

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will host the last in the series of three monthly programs for preschool children on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at

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The program will feature a seasonal story, craft or activity and a discovery walk.

The entire program will last about an hour and is appropriate for ages 3 to 5 but kids must be accompanied by an adult.

For information, call 872-0800.

## Kiwanis holding annual tree sale

New Scotland Kiwanis Club is holding its annual Christmas tree sale in the SuperValu parking lot on Route 85A. The cost is between \$30 and \$40 depending upon the size of the tree.

Proceeds will be used to support Kiwanis youth service projects.

## Volunteers needed for fund-raiser

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at Crossgates Mall through Dec. 20 for the Ronald McDonald House Radio-thon raffle.

For information and to help out, call 438-2655 ext. 129, or e-mail elitz@nycap.rr.com.

## PTA to meet at elementary school

The next regular meeting of the PTA will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the elementary school.

## Snowball slated at high school

The annual Snowball dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the high school.

## Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of the senior class of 2004 will hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the commons at the high school.

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Shawn McGinn, left, Josh Miner and Zach Hiller of CJB Scout Pack 23 at Hamagrael School enjoy a visit from State Police Sgt. James Halvorsen.

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# Sports

## Eagles offense struggles at Girmindl Tournament

By ROB JONAS

Three games into the season, the Bethlehem boys basketball team is having trouble putting points on the scoreboard.

The Eagles dropped to 0-3 overall with a 52-37 loss to Shaker in the consolation finals of the Girmindl Tournament Sunday in Latham.

"The encouraging sign is that

we are getting the shots we want, and I think we can make them," Bethlehem coach **Jeremy Klugman** said. "We just haven't made them in game situations yet."

The Eagles led Shaker 18-17 at halftime, but the Blue Bison came back with a 16-point third quarter to grab a 33-25 lead.

"We scored six points, but we held them to two in the second quarter," Klugman said. "They had some foul trouble, so two of their big players were on the bench. We were looking to make some more hay than a one-point lead, but we didn't."

**Cameron Brown** scored 11 points, and **Marcus Kaplan** added 10 points off the bench for Bethlehem. **Brad Sheehan** —

Shaker's 6-foot, 8-inch sophomore center — led all scorers with 16 points.

The Eagles opened the Girmindl Tournament last Friday with a 56-36 loss to Christian Brothers Academy. Bethlehem had a 13-12 lead early in the second quarter on a driving layup by **John O'Brien-Carelli** before CBA (2-0) went on an 18-5 run to close the period.

"We tried the best we could," Klugman said. "We knew we were outsized (up front), so we had to double (team) down low. We just ran out of gas."

Brown and Kaplan each scored eight points for the Eagles, who trailed by as many as 28 points in the second half. **Brian Monahan** led three CBA players in double

figures with 13 points.

Bethlehem traveled to Averill Park Tuesday for its second Suburban Council game of the season. The Eagles host Guilderland Friday and play Utica Proctor Saturday in a non-league contest.

### Ravena upsets defending champs

In girls basketball action last Friday, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians improved their record to 3-1 with a 48-39 victory over defending Section II, Class CC champion Watervliet.

The Indians outscored the Cannoneers 15-8 in the second quarter to build an eight-point halftime lead and held on for the victory.

**Laura Persico** scored 17 points, and **Molly McGuire** added 13 points for RCS, which is unbeaten in three Colonial Council games. **Casey Prue** had 13 points for Watervliet.

The Voorheesville girls team pulled away for a 64-46 victory over Cobleskill-Richmondville last Friday. **Brittany Baron** scored 22 points for the Blackbirds.

Bethlehem held the first round of its annual tip-off tournament last Friday before last weekend's snowstorm pushed the second round back to Jan. 3. Colonie Central defeated Catholic Central of Troy 81-49 in the first game, while Guilderland knocked off Bethlehem 69-56 in the nightcap.

### Hughes leads RPI past Ithaca


Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Pat Hughes** came up big for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute football team in its 21-16 victory over Ithaca College in last Saturday's NCAA Division III quarterfinal game in Troy.

Hughes led all receivers with 12 catches for 144 yards, including the first touchdown of the game for the Engineers (12-1). He now has 77 receptions for 800 yards.

Hughes and the Engineers travel to Minnesota Saturday to play St. John's in the Division III semifinals. St. John's is currently ranked second in the nation with a 12-0 record.

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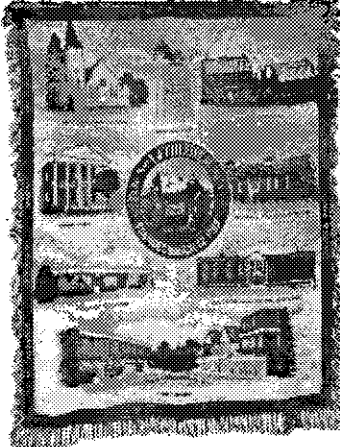
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## Tuesday, Dec. 2

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Burnt Hills 66, Bethlehem 54**

Bethlehem leaders: Josh Lewis 20 points, Luke Sullivan 10 points.

**Cohoes 60, RCS 58**

Ravena leaders: Ricky Rider 19 points, Victor Bermudez 11 points.

### BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem 21, Shen 11

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Burnt Hills 50, Bethlehem 29**

Bethlehem leader: Katie Rowan 9 points.

**RCS 29, Cohoes 20**

Ravena leader: Katelyn Matousek 10 points.

## Wednesday, Dec. 3

### BOYS BOWLING

Mechanicville 17, Ravena 15  
Watervliet 19, Voorheesville 13

### GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena 26, Mechanicville 6

## Thursday, Dec. 4

### BOYS SWIMMING

Schenectady 103, Guilderville 82

### WRESTLING

Ravena 55, Voorheesville 12

## Friday, Dec. 5

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Voorheesville 44, Cobleskill 42**

Voorheesville leaders: Mark Carson 20 points, Greg Delaney 9 points, Greg Klopfer 9 points.

**Watervliet 66, RCS 50**

Ravena leaders: Joe Fisk 14 points, Victor Bermudez 13 points, Ricky Rider 10 points.

### Jones repeats top NEC honor

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate **Gary Jones** was named the Northeast Conference offensive player of the year in football for the second consecutive season.

Jones, a senior tailback at the University at Albany, shattered his own NEC record for most yards in a season (1,524) and led the league in touchdowns (19).

Jones completed his collegiate career as UAlbany's all-time leading rusher with 3,033 yards, and he established school records in all-purpose yards (3,639) and touchdowns (42).

Jones is the second player in NEC history to win consecutive offensive player of the year honors.

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Bethlehem's Luke Sullivan goes in for a layup during last Friday's game against Christian Brothers Academy at the Girmindl Tournament at Shaker High School.

Jim Franco

### Girmindl Tournament at Shaker

**CBA 56, Bethlehem 36**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 8 points, Marcus Kaplan 8 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**RCS 48, Watervliet 39**

Ravena leaders: Laura Persico 17 points, Molly McGuire 13 points.

**Voorheesville 64, Cobleskill 46**

Voorheesville leader: Brittany Baron 22 points.

### Bethlehem Tournament

**Guilderland 69, Bethlehem 56**

Bethlehem leaders: Katie Rowan 23 points, Liz Casline 14 points.

### HOCKEY

**Glens Falls 8, Bethlehem 2**

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 1-0, Brent Fryer 1-0, David Farber 0-1, Andrew Stanton 0-1, Erik Russo 0-1, Zack Wallens 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 32, Tim Crowley 3.

## Sunday, Dec. 7

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Girmindl Tournament at Shaker**

**Consolation game**

**Shaker 52, Bethlehem 37**

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 11 points, Marcus Kaplan 10 points.

## Hudson Valley Little League 2004 Registration



Hudson Valley Little League will be holding registration for the 2004 season on December 6 and January 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the K of C, Main Street, Ravena.

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There are many things that we can do individually to ensure a good night's sleep without having to rely on sleep aids. Here are a few for you and your family:

Exercise Regularly. Exercising in

the morning is best, but if you must exercise in the evening, do so at least 2-3 hours before bedtime. Any later and it may interfere with your sleep.

Limit your intake of caffeinated beverages such as coffee, colas and tea. Try to avoid them altogether later in the day or near bedtime. In addition, for each cup of caffeinated beverage you drink each drink an equal amount of water.

If you have trouble sleeping or wake in the middle of the night and are thirsty, drink room temperature water as cold water may disturb your digestive system.

Eat an early dinner. Eating after 6:00 PM may interfere with sleep as your body works to digest the food you've eaten.

Go to bed at the same time each night and wake at the same time every morning. This routine will help your body know when it is time to rest.

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# Dolphins win medals at Ocean Blue Invitational

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club hosted the recent Ocean Blue Invitational at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

The 8-and-under girls were led by **Gabrielle Sprio**, who posted first-place finishes in the 100-yard individual medley, 50 freestyle, 25 backstroke and 25 breaststroke.

In the 8-and-under boys division, **Matt Futia** finished second in the 50 freestyle, 25 backstroke and 25 butterfly. **Tim Lenny** was third in the 50 freestyle, fourth in the 25 backstroke and 25 freestyle, and sixth in the 25 breaststroke. **Evan Ginsburg** finished

third in the 25 breaststroke, fifth in the 50 and 25 freestyle sprints, and sixth in the 25 backstroke.

Also posting personal bests in this age category were **Katie Nickles**, **Emily Ginsburg** and **Dawn Mirando**.

In the 10-and-under girls division, **Amber Jenkins** was first in the 100 I.M. and third in the 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle. **Lexi Zerillo** finished first in the 100 backstroke, second in the 50 backstroke, sixth in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 50 breaststroke.

**Brooke Longstaff** placed

third in the 100 backstroke, fourth in the 100 freestyle, fifth in the 50 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 I.M. **Melanie Melewski** was fifth in the 100 backstroke, seventh in the 100 I.M. and eighth in the 50 butterfly. **Karrah Dillman** finished fifth in the 50 backstroke, and **Tara O'Donnell** was sixth in the 100 backstroke and eighth in the 50 backstroke, while **Nicole Betts** posted an eighth-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

**Alex Keathly**, **Maggie Morrell**, **Sydney Walsh**, **Katie Betts**, **Bethany Powhida**, **Jenna Clark**, **Kaitlyn Scoons** and **Claudia Bozsik** also posted personal-best times in this division.

The 10-and-under boys were led by **Alex Lednev**, who posted first-place finishes in the 100 I.M., 100 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 100 backstroke. **Matt Weber** was first in the 50 backstroke, second in the 50 butterfly and 100 backstroke and seventh in the 50 freestyle.

**Eric Segerstrom** took sixth place in the 100 backstroke and seventh in the 50 breaststroke, while personal-best times were posted by **Liam Christensen**, **Ryan Cheu** and **Grant Dias Carlson**.

**Molly Howland** led the 11-12

girls group with first-place finishes in the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke and a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle. She also tied for first place with fellow Dolphin **Ashley Burns** in the open 500 freestyle.

**Rachel Bozsik** was third in the 100 backstroke, and **Mariah Kennedy** finished fourth in the 100 backstroke and sixth in the 50 backstroke. **Lilly Powell** posted a fifth-place finish in the 100 I.M., while **Stephanie Clement** was seventh in the same event. **Ariel Ricard** finished eighth in both the 50 and 100 backstrokes.

**Jennifer Walsh**, **Allison Walsh**, **Rachel Dias Carlson**, **Rebecca Lewis**, **Tori Grant** and **Kit Sombke** also competed in the 11-12 girls division.

In the 11-12 boys category, **Kevin Burns** finished first in the 100 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke. **Zachary Kundel** was first in the 50 freestyle, fourth in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the 50 breaststroke.

**Alex Walsh** was fifth in the 50 backstroke and seventh in the 100 I.M. **Kevin Jacobs** placed sixth in the 50 backstroke, while **Luke Peleggi** finished seventh. **Ryan Ference** and **Sam Stern** posted eighth-place finishes in the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke, respectively.

**Andy Edmundson** and **Alexander Anneling** also swam competitively in this division.

The open girls category was led by **Ashley Burns**, who won the 400 I.M. and placed third in the 100 butterfly and third with her tie for first with **Molly Howland** in the 500 freestyle.

**Michelle Sargent** finished first in the 100 breaststroke, while **Alyssa Hewitt** was first in the 100 freestyle, third in the 500 freestyle and fourth in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle. **Katie O'Donnell** posted second-place finishes in the 200 I.M. and 100 backstroke, as well as an eighth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

**Kristen Gloeckler** was fourth in the 200 and 400 I.M., and sixth in 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke. **Sarah Story** placed sixth in the 100 backstroke, while **Rachel Garbo** finished sixth in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 100 backstroke.

**Kelly Walsh** was seventh in the 100 breaststroke, with personal bests posted by **Emily Keneston**, **Jenna Melewski**, **Cheriel Rice** and **Caitlyn Edmundson**.

**Larry Gloeckler** led the open boys division team with a first-place finish in the 400 I.M., a second-place performance in the 500 freestyle and third-place finishes in the 200 I.M. and 100 butterfly. **Tim DeGroff** was second in the 100 backstroke and third in the 100 and 50 freestyles.

**Sean Kennedy** placed fourth in the 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly and fifth in the 50 freestyle, while **Vadim Yafeyev** took fourth place in the 100 breaststroke and 400 I.M., sixth place in the 200 I.M. and seventh place in the 100 backstroke. **Jacob Van Etten** finished fifth in the 100 backstroke, and **Paul Cafiero** posted seventh-place finishes in the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke and an eighth-place finish in the 100 backstroke.


**Gopu Kiron**, **Alex Conti**, **Drew Acquaviva** and **Ryan Long** swam personal bests in this division.

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It was Strait's second year of football. He started playing the sport last year with the Bethlehem varsity team.

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# Holiday Giftguide II

A Supplement to Spotlight Newspapers



# Planning your creative holiday parties

By LILLIAN VERNON

“You’re invited...” are always popular and welcome words around the holidays. If you’re like me,

you love to host a party. But if you’re a hostess with the “leastest” amount of time, a party is a lot of work.

Entertaining requires considerable planning and preparation because there are so many things to do. Think about the parties you’ve attended and what made them special. Was it the food, guests, laughs, decorations, ambience? The parties I liked best were the ones that touched me in a personal way.

A special party creates lasting memories for you and your guests. No matter who is on the guest list, the basics of organizing a party are almost always the same. What’s different is how you customize the details. Here are my tips to get you started:

- Make a master list of what



Lillian Vernon and her elegant Christmas table setting.

must be done a month, week and day in advance and don’t forget the day-after cleanup.

- Decide what kind of menu you want as far ahead as possible and whether you want a sit-down dinner or a buffet. Think about every course from hors d’oeuvres, to appetizers, salads and dressings, breads, entrees, vegetables, desserts and beverages. Always include some healthy and low-calorie selections. Prepare and freeze whatever you can, so you don’t have to do it all in one day. Home baked cookies and brownies can be stored in tins; roasts, cooked the day before, can be served cold. Nibbles like crudites can be chopped and stored in plastic bags in the

refrigerator. Order specialty items from the florist, butcher and bakery and extra chairs and tables in advance.

- Buffets are usually easier than sit-down dinners. Avoid anything that can spoil when left out for hours.

Utensils and napkins should be available everywhere there is food and drink.

Tie silverware and napkins together with festive ribbons and a candy cane. Buy paper napkins with fun and witty sayings or personalized with your name or initials on them. Decorate tabletops with spray-painted gold pinecones, holiday ornaments and candles.

- Make or buy plenty of ice cubes and place them in a large galvanized tin bucket decorated

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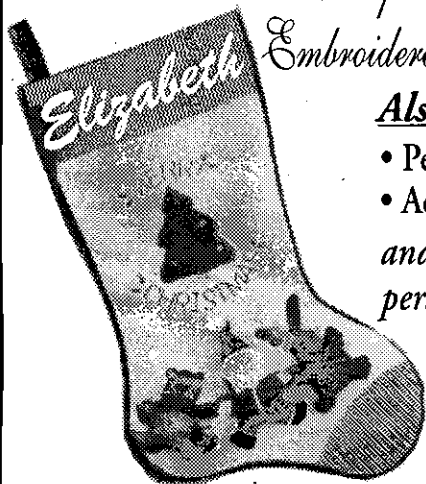
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# Consider the art of Japanese gift wrapping

In Japanese culture, the wrapping and presentation of a gift is often more important than the purchase. Christine Fritsch, gift-wrapping expert and previous winner of a national gift-wrapping contest, experienced this firsthand while living in Japan.

"Through the many symbolisms used when wrapping from how many folds are in the paper, to the color of the paper, I learned that wrapping the gift and the spirit in which it is done are just as important as the gift itself," Fritsch said.

What makes Japanese gift-wrapping so unique? Here's some basic information about the art of Japanese gift-wrapping, along with some tips from Fritsch on how you can incorporate these ideas into your holiday wrapping. The Japanese word for "wrapping" is TSUTSUMI, which means "to refrain" or "to be discreet or moderate." In essence, the Japanese style of gift-wrapping can be summarized, as "less is more."

Following are some ways you can achieve the "less is more" approach in your gift-wrapping:

Instead of wrapping paper with a festive design, consider using craft paper or solid-colored wrapping paper. Sometimes the simplest-wrapped package is the most visually appealing. In lieu of bows and lots of ribbon, accentuate the wrapped package with nature elements, such as pinecones or holly sprigs.

In Japanese gift-wrapping, pleats are made in the wrapping paper to symbolize the significance of the occasion. An odd number of pleats represent a happy occasion, while an even number of pleats signifies mourning or sadness.

Try this technique to add an odd number of pleats to your presents: Wrap the box as you would normally. From the same roll of wrapping paper cut a piece of paper that's roughly twice the size of what you needed to wrap the gift. Fold the sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Pleat the paper by folding the sheet "back and forth" along the longest edge, making each creased section approximately 12-inch wider than the crease before. (Pleating paper is just like making a paper fan when you were a child.) Wrap the strip of pleated paper around the box

and affix the two ends to the bottom with tape.

To learn more about Japanese gift-wrapping, visit [www.scotchtape.com](http://www.scotchtape.com). And if you want help wrapping your odd-shaped items

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# Local history books make great holiday gifts

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Eric Bryant's *Bogies and Billygoats: A History of the Albany Municipal Golf Course*, is a gift choice for those who like their golf reading mixed with some historical research. The city's municipal golf course, which was constructed during the depths of the Great Depression, quickly gained a reputation as a haven for duffers and top-flight amateurs alike. Its bar was a legendary hangout for the political bosses who controlled the city. Bryant takes readers on an anecdote-filled ride through interviews with golfers who played, worked and caddied at the course.

Golfers who never played "the old course" will appreciate the book's extensive history of

the sport in the Capital District, from the wintertime "kolf" of early Dutch settlers to the creation of public courses through the 1960s. One chapter is dedicated to the little known miniature golf craze that swept through the country during the early 1930s and died out as quickly as it arose.

Bryant, who works in the communications office at Hudson Valley Community College, spent three years interviewing golfers and researching news clippings to write

the book. *Bogies and Billygoats* is available directly through the author, who can be contacted at [bryaneri@hvcc.edu](mailto:bryaneri@hvcc.edu).

The city's earliest years are the subject of a well-researched but accessible book by historian Janny Venema. Published this September by the State University of New York Press, *Beverwijk: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664* follows the lives of several early denizens of Albany's earliest incarnation — the Dutch trading post Beverwijk.

Venema, who works at the State Library's New Netherland Project, is a Dutch native,

having emigrated to this country 20 years ago. Her research for a doctoral dissertation in history from the Free University in Amsterdam was the basis for the work, which brings new insight into the everyday lives of the city's first European inhabitants. Fur traders, bakers, brewers and farmers mixed with native people during the first decades of the new frontier village.

Using primary source material, Venema profiles several early residents of the colony and gives an in depth look at the lives they led. Her position at the downtown-state library kept her mind on those who walked the same streets three centuries earlier.

*Beverwijk: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664* is available at bookstores throughout the area.

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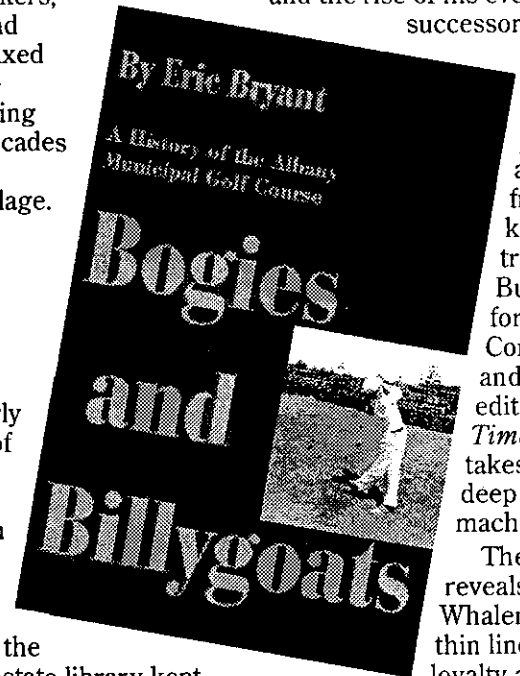
Albany's near past and you'll find yourself in the subject area of Daniel Button's *Take City Hall!*, which was published at the tail end of 2002.

Button's volume provides an equally in-depth view of the last grinding gears of Erastus Corning's Democratic machine and the rise of his eventual successor, Mayor Thomas Whalen. With first-person accounts from those key to the transition, Button, a former Congressman and executive editor at the *Times Union*, takes readers deep inside the machinations.

The book reveals how Whalen walked a thin line of loyalty and independence as he distanced himself from the more questionable elements of city government. The book also highlights just how deep-seeded some of those elements were. Part inside scoop and part "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," *Take City Hall!* is a good read for those who follow Albany politics like the sport it once was.

Button spent more than a decade compiling, researching and writing the book, and it shows in the depth of the narrative. Sadly, its protagonist — Mayor Whalen — died just months before it was released.

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# How to avoid holiday teen gift faux pas

As the holidays go by year after year, trendy gifts come and go. A few years ago we witnessed the truly engaging battery-operated, wall-mounted singing fish. Rewind to the decade prior and we find the puzzling Rubik's Cube, as well as a dozen theory books on how to solve it.

But holiday seasons throughout time have shared one common truth. It's a constant struggle to find that perfect gift for teens, especially one that adults can feel good about. This should come as no surprise. Most parents and grandparents, not having been constantly glued to MTV or regular cruisers of the local high school's hallways, feel hopelessly out-of-touch with what's cool for teens this and every holiday season.

In addition, teens have high demands and a fickle sense of style, making it hard for even the hippest parents to stay on top of the latest trends. Still, according to published reports, the National Retail Federation is expecting the best holiday sales in four years in 2003 with an expected 5.7 percent spending increase over the previous holiday season.

So the question remains: will adult shoppers be in touch with the cool barometer for teens? To clear the air and avoid perplexing shopping situations, here are a few fundamentals that teenagers tend to look for in gifts. These factors hold steady for technology, fashion, games and most any kind of teen gift.

• Coolness — Teens want the latest, greatest thing out there. It has to be pleasing to the eye and in tune with what's fashionable these days.

• Customizable — While teens usually want what everyone else has, they also want to be able to put their own twist or stamp on it for self-expression.

• Multi-functional — The more ways to use it and still look cool, the better; in social capacities, for entertainment, for organization or for school.

There are guidelines that savvy gift-buyers can follow to make this holiday season fun and functional for teens. These tips revolve around ways to ensure you hit the hot buttons for teens this season.

First, stick to fashion seen in today's teen magazines and on TV. Editors and on-air personalities with these outlets are usually trustworthy when it comes to what's cool to the younger crew. They often publish or broadcast on-air gift guides a month or so before the holidays.

Secondly, the latest technology provides a sure bet for coolness. When it comes to technology, consider a product that delivers what kids crave in terms of speed, coolness and fun, while also delivering what parents crave in terms of longevity and educational value.

Third, in the wake of rising homeland security issues, today's teens are developing a deeper sense of social responsibility. For

teens in this category, a donation to a favorite charity in his or her name can be a welcome and heart-warming gift.

Furthermore, there are certain items that will likely never be cool gifts to teens. The following are prime examples of gift-giving faux pas often

*Holiday Gift Guide* committed by unwitting parents and grandparents.

• Socks and underwear — Never cool. Few teens are capable of opening this type of present without some degree of embarrassment, no matter how multifunctional or customizable they may seem.

• Footed or flannel pajamas — While these might have made a

comeback in some isolated species of teen in the Galapagos islands, footed PJs just aren't what teens in North America want to show off to their friends. And, beyond being mildly entertaining to other family members, they don't have any redeeming qualities from a functionality perspective.

• Portable cassette tape players — Yikes. It's hard enough to stay on top of the hottest music for teens without having to work with an outdated mode of playback.

And lastly, Santa made a list — so should your teen. Identifying the scope of your holiday shopping smorgasbord ahead of time will shorten time spent in long lines at the mall and free up time for family and friends. It might also save some embarrassment for both you and your teen.



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# Create a family heirloom with a cookbook



Almost every family has a treasured recipe, handed down through generations, that is not only beloved because it's delicious, but because it evokes memories of favorite family get-togethers, a holiday, or a treasured family

member. A perfect gift for family and friends, a family heirloom recipe book is a wonderful way to combine favorite dishes and family folklore.

According to Cheryl Wolf, a performance artist and graphic design instructor at The New England Institute of Art, "Family recipes are a valuable resource for a family history. I have built an entire performance around my family's recipes and the stories they evoke! "Breaking bread" together is life-affirming. What better way to reach back and bring personal history to the present?" Wolf added, "A family recipe is also a family history, and can be a wonderful work of folk art."

For example, she said, take the opportunity to not only write down family recipes for generations to come, but include famous family stories (every family has them), photos and memorabilia as well. But how to turn family culinary gems into actual recipes?

Chef Peter Adams of the Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago has a few tips: "Start with a family letter, asking everyone to send back one or more of their 'specialties' by a particular date. Ask those that can to reply by email so you can cut and paste recipes right into your final document."

If you have a relative that never writes down recipes (it seems like all the best recipes are never written down), but rather cooks by "a dash of this, a little bit

of that," consider having someone in your family be the "helper," and prepare the dish along with them. Adams suggests the "helper" can measure, guesstimate, and generally keep track of how the dish is prepared, including cooking times and temperatures. The "helper" should also be sure to ask about consistency, color, texture and doneness.

According to Adams, "This last bit of information is always the most important part of passing along a recipe."

Once you have a written recipe, prepare it again according to the directions and adjust the recipe as necessary to get as close as possible to the original. When you're asking for recipes, provide everyone with a similar format. For example, ask family members to list the ingredients to be used in order, together with the quantities. Lay out the steps that are needed in order to make the item, and always add little comments about what to look for as the dish is prepared, and when it is done.

It can be a lot of work, especially with recipes that were never written down. But, said Adams, ultimately it's worth it because you'll be saving an important — and delicious bit of your family's history.

Once you have the recipes,



you'll want to create a look for your cookbook that reflects your family. A simple way to do this, says Meryl Epstein of The Art Institute of Phoenix, is include family mementos or old photos, along with the recipes.

A simple way to share one-of-a-kind memorabilia is to take them to a local copy center and make color copies.

"You can use the color copies you make as background, and print a recipe over the photo, or have the recipe on one page, and a photo on the facing page. You can also create a collage using items such as blue ribbons (won for a cooking), tickets stubs or airplane tickets from a favorite trip that produced a great recipe," said Epstein.

For text, use simple fonts like Times Roman or Arial so that they are easy to read for all ages. Save decorative fonts for recipe titles or chapter headings. Consider creating a box — with shading and borders — for the recipe itself so that there is enough contrast between the recipe and any background artwork you use. Epstein suggests writing an introduction about the cookbook, its organization and how family responded to the project. Make sure to date the book and have a table of contents so family and friends can easily find a favorite recipe.

Here are a few of her suggestions for organizing recipes:

- by category, for example, appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts
- by family, for example, grandmother, aunt and uncle, or cousin recipes
- by holiday, for example, favorite dishes for the 4th of July, Thanksgiving or Labor Day.

To keep recipes easy to read and clean, consider putting them in plastic sleeves (available in craft and office supply stores) and then in three-ring binders.

Said Epstein, "This way, you can add a new recipe every year."

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**D**id you know that holiday lighting can add more than \$100 dollars to your electric bill in less than 30 days?

It's the same each year; place a few candelabras in the windows, string a hundred bulbs inside the home and several hundred outside, plug them in and

watch your electric meter spin. Standard holiday lights use between 4 and 7 watts of electricity per bulb. Its festive, but, not very efficient. The New York Energy Smart<sup>SM</sup> Program suggests trying something new such as LED (light emitting

diodes), compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, mini-lights and fiber

will provide the same level of holiday cheer, at a significantly lower energy cost.

LEDs have been around for years. They provide high quality, durable, and safe lighting with low energy

consumption, using 0.04 watts. They come in a wide

variety of colors, can be strung in long lengths and when one bulb burns out, the entire strand keeps working, making replacement easy.

New in many retail stores, is an artificial tree outfitted with fiber optic lighting in the branches. With one small light bulb and optional color wheel, beautiful light is transmitted through the fibers with none of the heat. Many trees have rotating bases and come in sizes from two to eight feet. Set it up, place your favorite decorations on and you are done.

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

Information about holiday lighting, and other energy-saving tips for your home and business can be found by visiting the New York Energy Smart<sup>SM</sup> website, [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org).

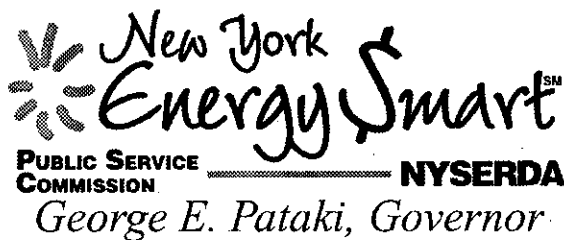
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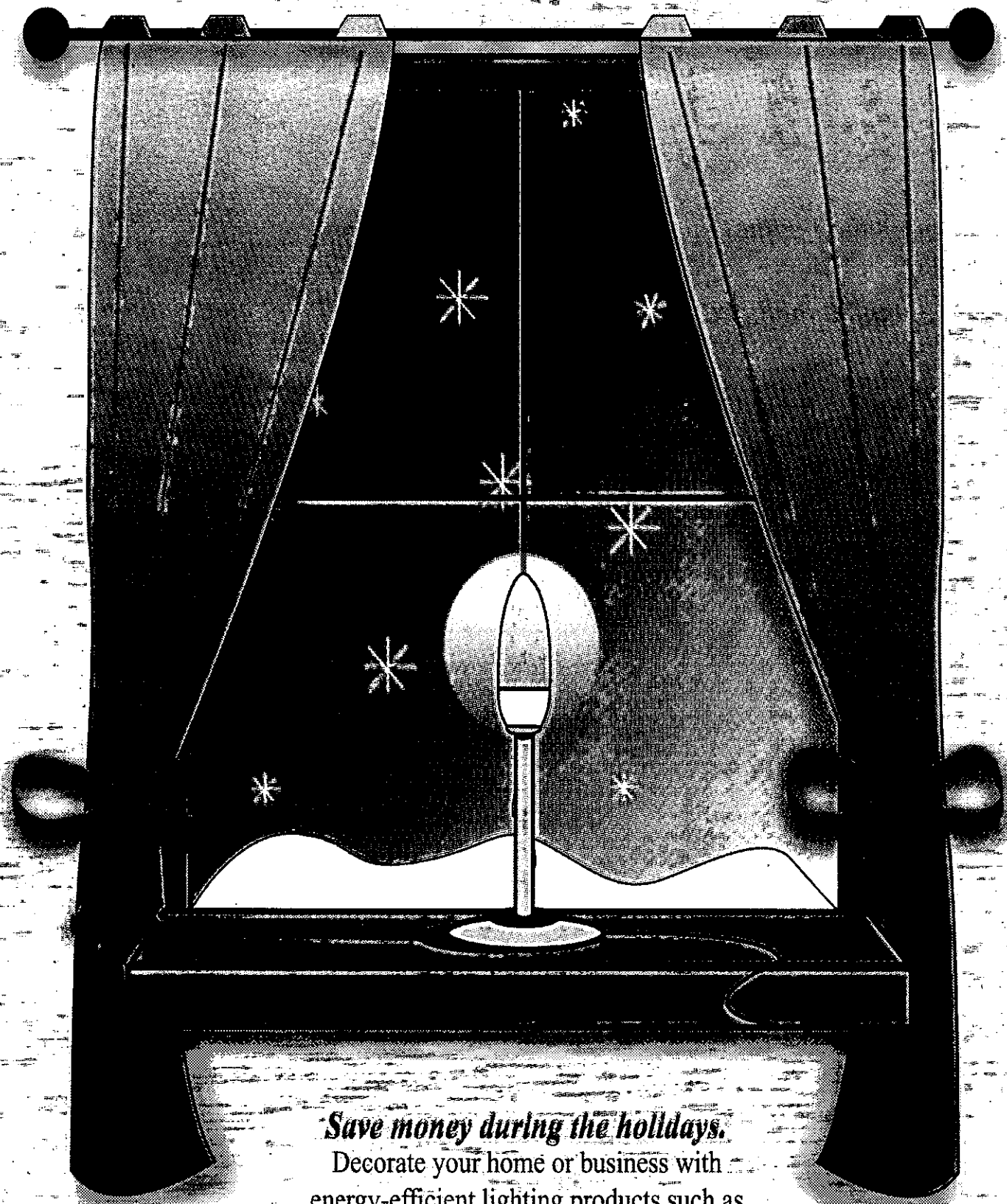
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New York Energy Smart<sup>SM</sup> programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, and industrial) who pay into the SBC.

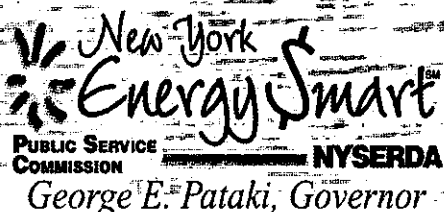


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# Make that left over cold turkey tasty



According to the National Turkey Federation, the five most popular ways to serve leftover turkey are sandwiches, soups or stews, salads, casseroles and stirfries.

High in protein and low in fat, leftover cooked turkey can aid in meal preparations for several

days. American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. has collected the following easy-to-prepare recipes—most using common ingredients—to spice up the days after the big day.

All recipes and photo courtesy of the National Turkey Federation. Visit them online at [www.eatfurkey.com](http://www.eatfurkey.com).



## Turkey Spaghetti Pie

Yield: 6 servings

### Ingredients

- 6 ounces spaghetti, cooked and drained
- 1 egg white, beaten
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2-1/2 tablespoons butter, melted, divided
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables thawed and well drained
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey

**Directions:** In medium-size bowl, combine spaghetti, egg white, cheese, and 1 tablespoon butter. In well-greased 9-inch pie plate, press pasta mixture over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Grease 10x12-inch piece of aluminum foil. Press foil, greased side, down, next to pasta shell. Bake at 350°F for 25 to 30 minutes or until pie shell is

set and slightly browned on edges.

In medium-size saucepan, over medium-high heat, saute onion and garlic in remaining butter 2 to 3 minutes or until onion is translucent. Fold in vegetables and cook for 1 minute. Sprinkle flour, poultry seasoning, and pepper over mixture, stirring to combine. Remove pan from heat. Slowly pour milk over vegetable mixture, stirring constantly.

Return saucepan to medium heat; cook and stir until mixture is thickened. Add turkey, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 5 minutes or until heated throughout. Pour mixture into cooked pasta shell. To serve, cut spaghetti pie into six wedges.

## Colorful turkey pasta bake

Yield: 4 servings

### Ingredients

- 2 cups uncooked mixed vegetable rotini pasta
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/3 cups skim milk
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- vegetable cooking spray

**Directions:** Cook pasta according to package directions; drain, set aside. In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper. Blend in milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Add turkey, 3/4 cup cheese and pasta to sauce. Pour mixture into an 8 x 8-inch baking dish sprayed with non-stick vegetable spray. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until cheese is bubbly. To serve, cut into squares.

## Turkey Tortilla Pie

Yield: 6 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 cups Monterey Jack cheese divided
- salt and pepper to taste
- 6 6-inch tortillas, divided
- 3 cups mild salsa, divided
- 6 ounces thinly sliced cooked turkey breast, divided
- 3/4 cup corn niblets, drained
- 6 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly grease a 9-inch round baking dish. In a small bowl, combine ricotta, 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, salt and pepper. Place 2 tortillas in the bottom of the baking dish. Spread 1 cup of the salsa over tortillas, layer the following in the order as listed: 2 ounces of turkey slices, top with 1/4 cup corn, 2/3 cup of the cheese mixture and 2 tablespoons cilantro. Repeat 2 more times for a total of 3 layers. Top with the remaining 1 cup of Monterey Jack cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 12 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 8 to 10 minutes or until the cheese is bubbly and slightly browned. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.



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# Lots of festivities in the Capital District

By DONNA J. BELL

Whether it's the bright lights, the joy of the season or just the opportunity to see Santa and perhaps sit on his lap, it seems everyone wants to be out and about enjoying the holiday festivities. Luckily for us there is plenty to do in the Capital District this month. Here are just a few ideas of places for your family to enjoy.

Live reindeer will be joining Santa Claus and his elf this holiday season at Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14. The reindeer will be at Indian Ladder all weekend and Santa will arrive on a tractor-drawn hay wagon each day at noon.

Young and old can sit on Santa's lap and confide their Christmas wishes both days from noon until 2 p.m. Rudolph will also be there to entertain the children. The farm's Yellow Rock Cafe will feature a holiday menu and live Christmas music, while the farm market will offer trees, greens, and holiday gifts.

The Capital Holiday Lights, one of my family's holiday traditions, is now up and running in Albany's Washington Park. Now in its seventh year, families can enjoy "A Jolly Holiday."

Running through Dec. 31, and sponsored by the Albany Police Athletic League (PAL) and the city of Albany, there are more than 50 illuminated displays and scenes.

A rainbow arch of lights will welcome one and all and throughout the mile-and-a-half drive where snow boys are playing, elves are working and guests will be treated to a beautiful array of Victorian scenes. A new display for this year, practically guaranteed to bring out the smiles, is the North Pole Train Station, with a giant holiday train. The Lakehouse in the park is also decorated for Christmas, where Santa will visit with children most evenings through Dec. 23.

There are also refreshments and crafts, and if you are lucky

you may catch Rudolph and Frosty when they stop by. Every once in a while, there have even been real reindeer sightings.

Admission to the drive-through is \$10 per car, \$15 per limousine or 15-passenger van and \$50 per bus.

All proceeds benefit PAL's juvenile crime-prevention programs. PAL is in its 16th year in Albany, with policemen and citizens volunteering their time to provide supervised recreational, educational and social activities for more than 3,000 Albany kids in fifth through eighth grades. For information about Capital Holiday Lights in the Park, call 446-4000, ext. 8400.

Anyone who has ever read the award-winning book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg will want to take a magical ride on the Adirondack Railroad's Polar Express.

Trains will depart from Utica's restored Union Station for a two-hour trip to the North Pole where Santa and his elves will board with silver bells and candy canes for the little ones. Later everyone will settle in for a reading of the classic book — the kids are even invited to wear their pajamas on the train, just like the children do in the book. When the riders depart at the Utica station there will be refreshments including creamy hot chocolate for everyone.

"The train ride is a good time for families to do something special with the kids," said Thomas Trencansky, the railroad's publicity director.

Trains will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings Dec. 11 through 13, at 4:30 and 8 p.m., and because there are limited seatings, reservations must be made in advance. The tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17

for seniors 65 or older and \$14 for children. For information and tickets, call 315-724-0700 or visit [www.Adirondack.com](http://www.Adirondack.com).

The holiday season isn't over until Father Time welcomes in the Baby New Year of 2004. Ring out the old year and ring in the new this year at Albany's First Night celebration. As a special attraction for families, First Night will start in the afternoon Dec. 31 with special activities for children.

"We've been doing First Night for 17 years," said Susan Cleary, public relations coordinator for Albany's Office of Special Events. "It's a family event. For the past few years, we've done fireworks at 6:15," Cleary said. "Now, a family can end or begin First Night with fireworks."

The fun starts early with a 2 p.m. Kids' Jingle Jog, a fun run in Academy Park for kids ages 5 to 11. A special afternoon celebration jam-packed with activities for families with children including Radio

Disney staff. The event will also feature the "Last Run," with a post-race party complete with prizes, food, and awards for the top finishers. As evening approaches, there will be an ice cream extravaganza, a visit to the Capital Holiday Lights in the Park with special shuttles and horse-drawn carriage rides along North Pearl Street. There will also be a carillon concert, a conga line in front of city hall and a brilliant fireworks show will be presented at midnight to usher in the New Year with a bang.

You can also enjoy lots of featured entertainers such as the Von Trapp Children — great-grandchildren from the "Sound of Music," Alex Torres & the Latin Kings, the New York Klezmer Orchestra, the Upstate Swing Band, Tango Albany and Mad Science to name just a few.

Admission to all the events is with a First Night Albany button. Buttons are being sold at area Price Choppers, Stewart's and Albany city hall. You can buy them online at [www.albanyevents.org](http://www.albanyevents.org), or on Dec. 31 at city hall, the Palace.

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# Which web sites are naughty or nice

Whether you're looking for a toy, a trinket or a travel deal, doing your holiday shopping on the Internet can be fun, easy and practical. At the same time, viewing a product on the screen can present different challenges than seeing it in the store.

When you're buying from an online retailer or an auction Web site, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) — the nation's consumer protection agency — wants you to keep these shopping tips in mind:

**Know who you're dealing with.**

Confirm the online seller's physical address and phone

number so you can contact them if you have questions or problems. If you've never heard of the seller, check its reputation with the Better Business Bureau or the state attorney general where the company is located, or one of a number of consumer rating sites.

**Know exactly what you're buying.**

Read the seller's description of the product closely, especially the fine print. Words like "vintage," "refurbished," "close out," "discontinued," or "off-brand" may indicate that a product is in less-than-mint condition. Some name-brand items with "too good to be true" prices may even be counterfeits.

**Comparison-shop.**

Check out Web sites that offer price comparisons on similar items from different manufacturers or different Web sites. Some price comparison sites favor their advertisers' products, so it's a good idea to look at more than one. And remember to compare "apples to apples."

**Check the privacy policy.**

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policy should let you know what personal information they are collecting, why, and how it's going to be used.

**Pay with a credit card.**

It offers you the most protection as a consumer. Don't send cash. Use a secure browser. Look for an unbroken key or padlock at the bottom of your Web browser window to ensure that your transmission is protected. Buy only from Web vendors that protect your financial information.

**Consider shipping and handling costs.**

Factor these into the cost of the order and choose the delivery option

that best meets your needs and budget.

**Print records of your online transactions.**

Save the product description and price, the online receipt and copies of every e-mail you send or receive from the seller.

**Understand the return policy before you buy.**

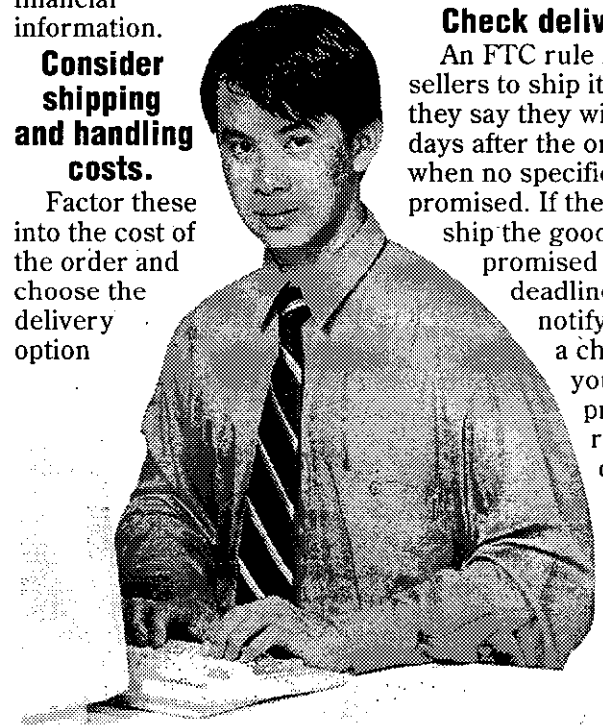
Can you return the item for a full refund if you're not satisfied with it? If you return it, are you required to pay shipping costs or a restocking fee?

**Check delivery dates.**

An FTC rule requires sellers to ship items when they say they will or within 30 days after the order date, when no specific date is promised. If the vendor can't ship the goods within the promised or 30-day deadline, it must

notify you, give you a chance to cancel your order and provide a full refund if you've chosen to cancel.

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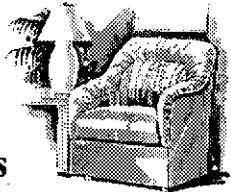


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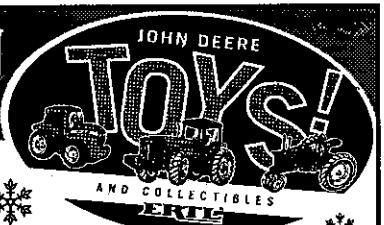
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# Parties

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with a big red ribbon. Using food coloring, make festive red and green ice cubes. To cut down on misplaced glasses and wasted beverages, buy holiday wine charms for every glass. For coffee or tea, use colored sugars or rock sugar stirrers instead of regular sugar.

- Before the party starts, place cloves, cinnamon and orange peels on a baking sheet in the oven. Set on a low temperature for an hour; the heavenly aroma will fill your house for hours. Mull spiced cider in a large pot on your stove for a warm winter drink with a holiday fragrance.

- Make your guests feel welcome from the instant they arrive. Line the driveway with

luminarias and decorate the front of your house and lawn to set a celebratory mood. Place a guest book at the front door for expressing sentiments.

## Family parties

Ask guests to bring a family photo to make a personalized ornament for your tree.

Childhood photos make great place cards for a sit-down dinner. Begin a family album, highlighting favorite recipes, anecdotes, pictures, and memorabilia. Include a family tree with small pictures.

## Parties for neighbors

Enlist at least two outgoing guests to help you make introductions. Instead of gifts, organize a future neighborhood activity where everyone can pitch in such as a spring planting, a summer block party, an Easter egg hunt, or autumn leaf raking. Give gift certificates of time to each other, offering to shovel

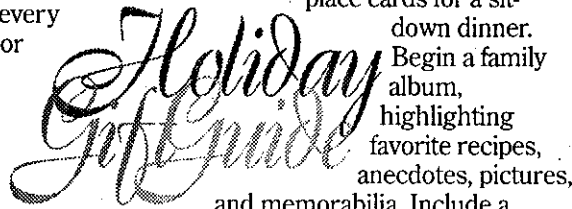
snow in the winter, take care of pets while someone is vacationing, or baby-sit a newborn so parents can have a night out.

## Parties for co-workers

Organize a "Secret Santa" giveaway or ask your guests to bring funny gifts for a grab bag. Holidays are a good opportunity to meet the families of co-workers. Plan activities that allow everyone to mingle and learn more about each other. Ask

guests with special talents to entertain. An aspiring magician can perform magic, someone who has a great voice can read "A Christmas Carol," and someone who likes to sing can lead the caroling.

The goal of a holiday party is to put everyone in a festive mood and set the tone for the coming year. With advance planning and preparation, the host will be relaxed and everyone will have a good time!



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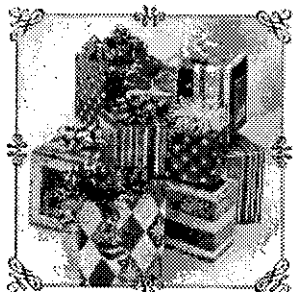
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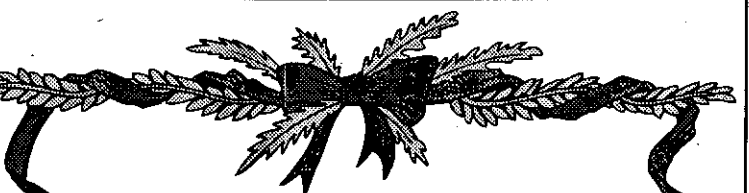
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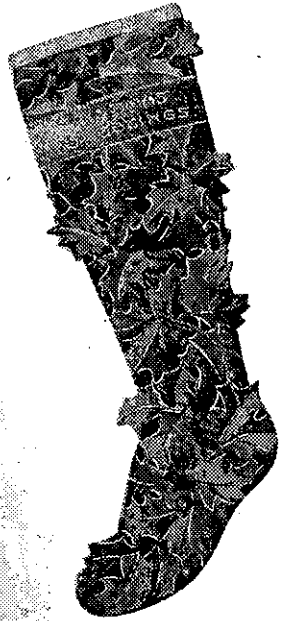
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# Holiday decorating can cast a warm glow

By JAIMA BROWN



**T**he psychology of holiday decorating has changed dramatically, beginning in the fall of 2001," according to Pam Danziger, president of Unity Marketing, a consulting firm based in Stevens, Penn., that specializes in trend forecasting. "Following 9/11, we saw how powerful decorating can be in communicating personal values and feelings," she said. "Today, more and more households are creating new decorating traditions,

connecting family traditions from the past and bringing them into the present."

This return to traditional values is seen not only in choices of holiday decorations, but also in home decorating and what we choose to surround us. It's not by accident that red, the color of Christmas, has risen to the top of the home

*Holiday Gift Guide*  
fashion palette. It is the warmest color in the spectrum and it casts a rosy glow on

everything — and everyone — in its path.

The December holidays — Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa — are an ideal time to redecorate. They are when daily routines stop and friends and family pause to gather together to celebrate tradition. They also mark the end of one year and the beginning of another. Resolutions to spend more time with family, to relax more frequently and to carry the holiday spirit into the coming year, are what Danziger said are on people's minds as these seasons approach.

Why not set the stage for success in these resolves? No decorative element warms that stage more completely, more easily or for less of an overall investment than wallpaper —

especially if it is grounded in red. Using just such a pattern of gilded scroll designs on a red background, we added immeasurable richness to a traditionally styled living room that has an expansive fireplace and mantel. The companion border adds just a touch more gilding near the ceiling.

To top it off with the perfect traditional accent, we added crown molding, which can be purchased to the exact measurements of a room. at most home decorating stores or a local lumberyard. We painted it to match the mantel and painted a round, flea-market table in the same cream color.

A diminutive Christmas tree placed on the table, is set against a fireplace screen that is wallpapered in a different pattern. It features blooming roses against the same red background. We wrapped votive candleholders in leftover scraps of the wallpaper, and we also cut squares of the rose pattern to insert into the cover of a CD featuring our favorite songs of Christmas. We give one to each guest. It's a gift that will join their own future Christmas traditions and also re-connect them with the current season.

For a less formal living room, we chose three complementary patterns. Broad, alternating stripes of two shades of red reach up to a pattern of floral bouquets above the chair rail. As a finishing detail, like beading on a beautiful dress, we added a coordinating bouquet border along the ceiling. The stripe pattern is also used to



While welcoming friends and family home for the holidays, wallpaper patterns also carry the warm glow of the season into the year ahead.

wallpaper the panels of a room screen.

A screen is a wonderful way of hiding a gift-wrapping area in a room. Everything is accessible, but out of sight. Not incidentally, leftover scraps of any of these red wallpapers are ideal for wrapping gifts. Screens are both functional and decorative. When a fireplace screen or a room screen are wallpapered, they integrate the walls with the room and become part of the interior furnishings. They can be moved from room to room, like a work of art. And, they can easily be re-wallpapered to give any décor a quick pick-up.

Because holidays are a time for pleasant reminiscence, hang some photographs of past seasonal celebrations on the screen. Later, when the tree comes down, store the old photographs away along with the decorations, ready to carry on the tradition the following year. Meanwhile, all year long, curl up by the fire and bask in the glow of your warm and wonderful new red room.

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Collection boxes have been placed in Clarksville Elementary School, New Scotland Pres-

byterian Church, United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Mountainview Evangelical Church, Grace Baptist Church on Route 155, SuverValu grocery, the Mobil station in Voorheesville, and New Scotland town hall.

Coin cans are in Voorheesville at Stewart's, the liquor store in SuperValu plaza, SuperValu and the Mobil station.

Suggested items for donation

are reading materials, playing cards, puzzle books, games, waterless soap, tuna in a pouch, lip balm, energy bars and powder drinks.

A detailed list is available by calling Stanton at 768-2586 or e-mailing Annie Wilson at awilson5@nycap.rr.com.

Donations can also be mailed to Stanton at P.O. Box 13, Clarksville 12041.

# Obituaries

## Beth Scarcella

Beth Obad Scarcella, of Durham, N.C., and formerly of Selkirk, died Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Survivors include her husband, Mohammed Ali Obad Yakdani; three sons, Nicholas Scarcella of Selkirk and Damian Perez and Andres Perez, both of Rensselaer; her parents, Frank

and Elizabeth Therrien Scarcella of Selkirk; four brothers, Michael Scarcella and John Scarcella, both of Selkirk, Paul Scarcella of Menands and Kevin Scarcella of New Baltimore; and a sister, Laurie Conlin of Rensselaer.

Services were private. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements were by Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

289 ONTARIO ST LLC  
Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on August 8, 2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, PO Box 325 Albany NY, 12201. No registered agent. Purpose: For all legal purposes. LCD-9126 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF WORCESTER PARTNERS, L.P. UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "WORCESTER PARTNERS, L.P."  
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.  
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.  
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:

Shopping Center Development Co., L.L.C.  
596 New Loudon Road  
Latham, New York 12110

5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is June 30, 2103.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 20th day of June 2003, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

WORCESTER PARTNERS, L.P.  
by: Shopping Center Development Co., L.L.C.  
By: Kenneth B. Segel, Member  
LCD-9085  
(December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

LIBERTY WAY, LLC  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9146 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

MM ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9241 (December 11, 2003)

### LEGAL NOTICE

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MM FAMILY ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9243 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NM ELMIRA, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9242 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2004 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Copies of the Agency Plan and all supporting documentation are available for review by the public at either of the following locations:  
Town of Bethlehem  
445 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar, NY 12054  
(518) 439-4955  
242 Union Street  
Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc.  
Schenectady, NY 12305  
(518) 372-4739 Ext. 26.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact Nan Lanahan at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 12, 2003  
LD-9240  
(December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Conversion of Aero Drive Limited Partnership, to Aero Drive, LLC. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Prentice Hall Corporation Systems, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9237 (December 11, 2003)

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ELF SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/28/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 550 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-9230 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HATF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/21/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9228 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Axis Point LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9227 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
Articles of Organization for 1648 WESTERN AVENUE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 4, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 1648 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-9229 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
Articles of Organization of Free Stick Productions, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 25, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, One Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LD-9223 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
Elmira Apartments LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 16, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom pro-

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cess may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Elmira Apartment LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9077 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
TOC, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 15, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to TOC, LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-9075 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE PURSUANT TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW 206  
(1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: MPM PROPERTIES, LLC  
(2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 2003.  
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.  
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her:

PMB: 175  
1971 Western Avenue  
Albany, New York 12203  
(5) The character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in Real Estate Management. LD-9066 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elixir Columbus Circle, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9210 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elixir Church Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-I, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9211 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: Black River House, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/03. Office location: Al-

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-9217 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)  
The name of the L.P. is TUPPER LAKE OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 20, 2003. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-9208 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of All American Homes of Ohio, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 12/19/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LexisNexis Document Solutions, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. OH address of LLC: 4005 All American Way, Zanesville, OH 43701. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, P.O. Box 670, Columbus, OH 43216. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9204 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication  
EAST HARLEM DEVELOPERS, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 47 LEE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9207 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication  
DURYEA PLACE REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 119-15 257TH AVENUE, FLUSHING, NY 11354 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9206 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NAMCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Fictitious name in NY State: NAMCO (DE), LLC. Office Location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn: Eric J. George, Esq. Principal office of LLC: 100 Sanrico Dr., Manchester, CT 06040. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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LD-9200  
(December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAXANCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 234 Hudson Ave., #3036, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9202 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Barbera Associates, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9201 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SERENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12241. Term: until 4/1/2103. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9195 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Core Wealth Management, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/28/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 740 State St., Ste. 202, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9193 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HAF Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9192 (December 11, 2003)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MNR REAL ESTATE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9190 (December 11, 2003)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: KIRBY BURNT HILLS REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/03. 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, 66 Madison Avenue, Apartment 5J, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9189 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of ACS IT Solutions, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/25/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Name/address of each genl. pr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purposes. LD-9186 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Chat LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 3724 Carmen Rd., Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9183 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Paypoint Electronic Payment Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/15/1994. 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: Mailstop M23A6 12500 E. Mt. Belford Ave., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9182 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication DIPLOMATIC INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 STATE STREET, 3RD FLR, ALBANY, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA CORPORATE SERVICES INC. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9181 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of TexPar Energy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 10/3/03. 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. WI address of LLC: 920 10th Ave. North, P.O. Box 189, Onalaska, WI 54650. Arts. of Org. filed with WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, P.O. Box 7846, Madison WI 53707. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9175 (December 11, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of ACS

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Business Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2828 N. Haskell, Bldg. 1, Ft.-10, Dallas TX, 75204. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-9172 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Articles of Organization of Home Run Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 13, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 34 Princess Taylor Lane, North Bethlehem, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-9160 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Pet Wellness Clinic, LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/2/03. Office location: Albany County. PLLC formed in Ohio on 9/13/01. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Susan Sanders, 1 Bay Club Dr., #1400, Bayside, NY 11360, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: practice the profession of veterinary medicine. LD-9155 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of CH Realty II/Amboy, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/17/03 as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9152 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 98 Fourth Street, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/9/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Bernard Dillenberger, 320 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: to deal in real estate and any other lawful purpose. LCD-9151 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of James M. Gaughan, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/3/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Box 102, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9150 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Westminster Holdings, L.L.C. Fictitious name in NY State: Westminster Holdings Realty. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/7/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/10/03. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Office address of LLC in jurisdiction of organization: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, Div. of Rev., 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9144 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law New Scotland Florist, LLC (LLC) articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2003. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 263 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. LCD-9143 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: ALBANY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/03. 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, 23 Glenda Drive, Deer Park, New York 11729. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9141 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: TECH VALLEY REAL ESTATE L.L.C. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/03. 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 Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9140 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: TECH VALLEY PARTNERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/18/03. 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 Sheldon Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9139 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: AZAD-JESMIN HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/09/03. The latest date of dissolution is 09/01/2102. 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, 9 Ternan Avenue, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9125 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Risk Based Lender, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/17/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 26 Locust Dr.,

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Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9123 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Nelick's Home Furnishings of Rochester, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/03/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1440 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9121 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is RED OAKS RESIDENCES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-9105 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REGISTERED LLP** Budd, Tribble & Von Ahn, CPAs, LLP, filed a Certificate of Registration with the New York Secretary of State on October 29, 2003. Its principal office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any such process shall be mailed to P.O. Box 687, Fonda New York 12068. Its business is to engage in the practice of certified public accountancy and any other lawful activity for which limited liability partnerships may be organized under Section 121-1500(a) of the New York Partnership Law. LCD-9103 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC** Notice of Formation of Z-LAND ACRES, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on 10/21/03. NY office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon Sandra Zabarsky, One Mann Drive, Apt. 6, Castleton, NY 12033. The Purpose of LLC is real estate investments. LCD-9101 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of AIMCO 311/313 EAST 73RD STREET, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 4582 South Ulster Street Parkway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80237. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 32 Loockerman Sq., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9100 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Albany Systems LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/8/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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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: Promenade II, 1230 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 1938, Atlanta, GA 30309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9098 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of AMB FUND III NEW YORK II, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/21/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/16/03. 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: Pier 1, Bay 1, San Francisco, CA 94111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corporations Division, Loockerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9092 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of AMB FUND III NEW YORK, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/21/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/16/03. 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: Pier 1, Bay 1, San Francisco, CA 94111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corporations Division, Loockerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9090 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): Name: Golden Knights Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Golden Knights Associates, LLC, 23 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: real estate holding company and any other lawful purpose. LD-9087 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: WOODRIDGE BUSINESS PARK, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State on October 9, 2003. Office Location: Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYS Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 462 Route 9W, Box 25, Glenmont, NY, 12077. LD-9086 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

PINETREE Mgmt., LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9147 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Real Property Options, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/09/2003. Office location, County of Albany, Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.C., 45

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John Street, Suite 711, NY, NY 10038 has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: The LLC, P.O. Box 1251, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful act. LCD-9135 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ROCKMORE, LLC** Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9148 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SELLNOW REALTY, LLC** Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/23/2003. Office location, Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: the LLC, P.O. Box 11-600, Albany, New York 12211-0600. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-9149 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SOBE PROPERTIES, LLC.** Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/5/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copies of any process against it to SOBE PROPERTIES, LLC, 420 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LCD-9120 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the application of Murat S. Kasparian and Arjanti Kasparoglu for approval of a three (3) lot subdivision located at Weisheit Road and Wemple Road, as shown on map entitled: "PROPOSED SUBDIVISION, 'HEDGEFIELD', WEISHEIT ROAD & WEMPLE ROAD, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY, dated February 13, 2003, and made by Paul E. Hite, Licensed Land Surveyor, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Douglas Hasbrouck

Chairman, Planning Board NOTE: Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested. LD-9235 (December 11, 2003)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of LADP New York LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/03. 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: c/o LA Digital Post, Inc., 11311 Camarillo St., Toluca Lake, CA 91602. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9219 (December 11, 2003)



# Blizzard Outages

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from the company's Albany store. "It's been extremely busy, we've already had a record-breaking day," said Dickson, who estimated 17 snowblowers had been sold by Saturday afternoon.

The hardware store planned to stay open late to accommodate the crowd.

Sales were not as brisk at Delmar's Peter Harris clothing store, where the need for clothing was apparently not as large as the need for food and snow-removal equipment.

"It's been a lot slower than it would usually be but still, we've had a lot of people in," said manager Linda Tozer.

Mittens, hats, boots and sweaters were the apparel items of choice, she noted.

The store closed an hour-and-a-half early to allow employees to get home safely.

At least two shoppers braved the hazardous conditions for some stress-free shopping. Donna Frinks and a friend seized the opportunity to start buying Christmas presents.

"We figured everybody would be staying in, so we decided to come out," said Frinks, as she trekked through the snow. "It's been great, no lines and no crowds."

Meteorologist Steve Pertgen of the National Weather Service predicts a warm-up by mid-week, with temperatures expected to hover around 40 degrees.

Snow is "not in the immediate future, so it looks like we're good until next weekend anyway" said Pertgen.

"That's your next day off, right?" he joked.

Indeed, Mother Nature's timing is a bit off this winter.

## Four Corners slates holiday celebration

The fifth annual old-fashioned Four Corners holiday celebration weekend, postponed due to last weekend's snowstorm, is set for Dec. 12 to 14.

On Friday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. the Christmas tree and menorah will be lit and there will be caroling.

Santa will be on hand to meet and greet children, and there will be complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. The shops will be open until 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be free open carriage rides to view the holiday decorations.

Pick-up points are Evergreen Bank, the municipal parking lot, and Delmar Reformed Church.

## V'ville Legion sponsors buffet breakfast on Dec. 21

The Voorheesville American Legion Post will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes made-to-order eggs, bacon, sausage, french toast, home fries, toast, coffee, tea and juice.

The post is located at 31 Voorheesville Ave.

residents, with the most recent outage occurring over Thanksgiving weekend.

In the last two months, Farrell said she's been without power six times.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller acknowledges the neighborhood seems to be a magnet for power problems, with her office routinely fielding calls from homeowners.

"It seems every time we lose power anywhere in town, that area is affected," she said.

NiMo representatives will meet with residents to discuss the problem on Thursday, Dec. 11, at

town hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"We will be discussing service reliability, including the causes of recent interruptions, tree trimming activities for the neighborhood and what future steps might be practical for that neighborhood," said NiMo spokesman Alberto Bianchetti.

Bianchetti added that a community meeting is common when homeowners are experiencing power outages.

The meeting is exclusively for the neighborhood between Kenwood and Oakwood Drive;

Bianchetti emphasized that service problems in other areas of town will not be discussed.

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Registrations are still being accepted from children grades K to 12.  
 No penalty if received by December 15, 2003.

A \$25 late fee will be charged for registrations received after that date.

Registration forms available at:

- www.bethlehtomboys.com
- The community bulletin board in the Bethlehem Public Library
- or by calling 439-0904

Forms should be mailed to: **64 Journey Lane, Glenmont, NY**

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For information on submitting a Point of View, contact Dev Tobin at 439-4949.

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# Obituaries

## Gino Pietropaoli

Gino P. Pietropaoli, 77, of Feura Bush, died Monday, Dec. 1, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Utica, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He retired as a clerk with Conrail after 46 years.

He was a member of the Guilderland Elks Club, the Cotillion Dance Club and a member and past president of the L'Allegro Dance Club.

He was husband of the late

Marcelline Rosselli Pietropaoli.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Becker Pietropaoli; three daughters, Maryann Burke of Latham, Gina McCarthy of Delmar and Cathie Treadgold of Slingerlands; a son, Tony Pietropaoli of Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County; three stepdaughters, Stephanie Dash of Fairport, Montgomery County, Michelle Perry of Virginia Beach, Va., and Jennifer Becker of Richmond, Va.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel

Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Guildersham, 6655 Route 158, Altamont 12009.

## Ethan Eisenstein

Ethan Eisenstein, 67, of Delmar, died Saturday, Nov. 29.

Mr. Eisenstein attended day treatment at New Vision/A.R.C. of Albany for the last 10 years.

Survivors include two sisters, Miriam Eisenstein of Maryland and Ann Eisenstein of Brooklyn; and a nephew, Aaron Johnson of Massachusetts.

Services were from the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Charles Krantz

Charles "Al" Krantz, 76, of Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 1.

He was an Army veteran of

World War II, serving with a pack artillery unit in Europe.

Mr. Krantz was a 1952 graduate of Rutgers University where he received his B.A. in history.

Mr. Krantz worked for Black & Decker's industrial division for six years and for Troy Belting Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar, where he served for 12 years on the vestry and 10 years as an office volunteer.

He was a member of the Golfers Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Dee Alexander Krantz; three daughters, Gretchen Miller of Preble, Lisa Raymond of East Berne and Tyna VanDemark of Schuylerville; two brother, Julius Krantz and Richard Krantz; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to

the church memorial fund.

## Barbara Smith

Barbara Edythe Smith, 62, of Glenmont, died Monday, Dec. 1.

Born in Kingston, she was a graduate of Saratoga Springs High School and had an associate's degree from Green Mountain College, a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College, a master's degree from Union College and a doctoral degree from the University at Albany.

She taught in schools and colleges for 17 years, was employed by the State for 10 years and founded two companies: BJ Smith Associates and the Hudson River Center for Program Development.

Survivors include her longtime companion, James Weiler of Glenmont; a son, Garrett Scott Smith; a sister, Bee Roblee of Barkhamsted, Conn.; and a brother, Odell Johnston of Proctor, Vt.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Caring Together, 167 Winne Road, Delmar 12054 or Glens Falls Hospital Foundation/Cindy's Retreat Pruyn Pavilion, 102 Park St., Glens Falls 12801.

## Susan Wright

Susan B. Wright, 60, of Delmar, died Saturday, Nov. 29, at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Providence, R.I., she was an honors graduate of Pembroke College of Brown University and also earned a master's in communications from the University at Albany.

She began her career in state government in 1969, after working at Legal Aid and the Albany Home for Children. She retired as director of health promotions and communications for the state Department of Health in 1999.

At the Health Department, she produced numerous award-winning health education media campaigns, such as AIDS Does Not Discriminate and Healthy Child, Healthy Baby.

She enjoyed traveling in Europe and Africa, pets, literature, music, nature and entertaining friends.

She also maintained a lifelong interest in social justice.

Survivors include her husband, James Raymond Wright; her father, Armen Baligian of Providence; a sister, Loretta Eade of San Diego; four stepsons, James Raymond Wright, Michael Wright, Christopher Wright and K. Mojavi Wright; and seven step-grandchildren.

Services were private. Arrangements were by New Comer Cannon Family Funeral Home in Colonie.

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Patricia Poli and William Keller

## Poli, Keller engaged

Patricia A. Poli, daughter of Alice and Horst Wimmer of Delmar, and William J. Keller, son of Martha H. Keller of Berne and the late Christopher Keller, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

She owns Trish's Cleaning Service in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate

of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School and the Chrysler Automotive Academy at Hudson Valley Community College.

He is an automotive technician at Armory Garage in Albany.

The couple plans an Aug. 7 wedding.

Jill Marie Sala, daughter of Joseph and Diane Sala of Glenmont, and Scott Michael Gréaux, son of Alfred and Roberta Gréaux of Holland, Pa., were married May 2 at the Ancient Spanish Monastery in North Miami Beach, Fla. A reception followed in the monastery's cloister.

The matron of honor was Staci DeLorenzo, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Molli Shufelt Alicanti and Mirissa Conley Casey.

Karly DeLorenzo, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

The best man was Todd Gréaux, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Dennis Barnes and Edward Edmeston.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville and Arizona State University.

She is a benefits manager for Andrx Pharmaceutical Corp. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The groom is a graduate of Penn State University.

He is a senior systems architect for Edits.com in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

After a wedding trip to St. Bart's in the Caribbean, the couple lives in Pompano Beach, Fla.



Jill and Scott Gréaux

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## Births

### Bellevue Woman's Hospital

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Girl, Makayla Patricia Alfred, to Kelly and Rick Alfred of Slingerlands, Nov. 25.

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Girl, Kacey Marie Ward, to Karen Marie and Kris Ward of Delmar, Aug. 17.

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# Family ENTERTAINMENT CALENDARS ♦ ARTS

## A busy weekend for ASO and David Alan Miller

### Three performances crowded into three days

By DEV TOBIN

For David Alan Miller, music director and conductor of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, this weekend will be a busy one.

The orchestra's fourth concert of the 2003-04 season will be performed Thursday in Saratoga Springs and Friday in Troy, then Miller will don his Cowboy Dave duds Sunday for the seasonal debut of Sunday Symphony for Families.

The concert will feature Haydn's Symphony No. 89, Handel's Harp Concerto, J.S. Bach's 4th Orchestral Suite and two modern works for the flute, Todd Levin's Alone Yet Together in Love and Griffes' Poem for Flute and Orchestra.

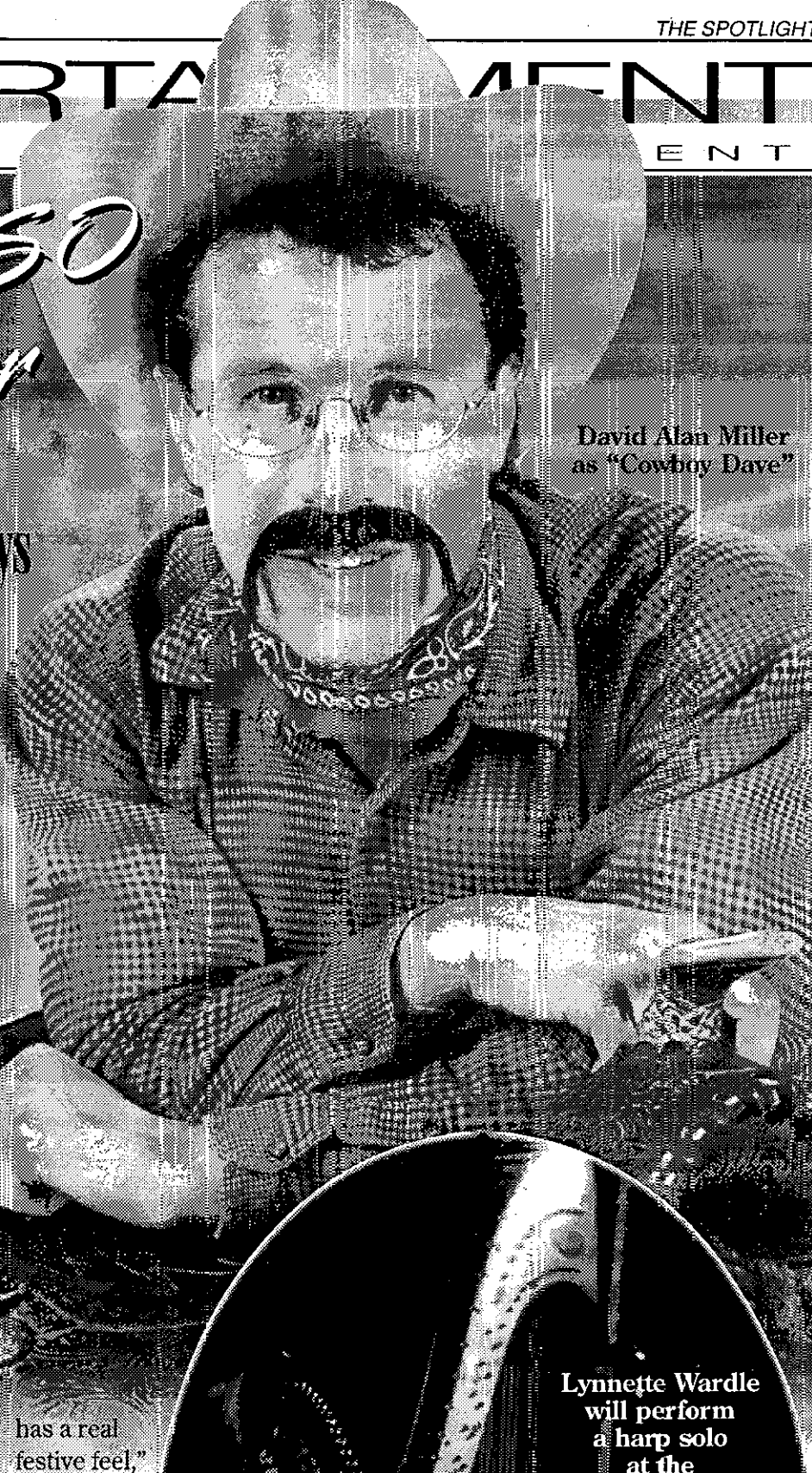
Miller said the concert was "designed to reflect the season,"

while not presenting exclusively holiday works.

"The beautiful Bach orchestral suite and the gorgeous Handel concerto evoke the spirit of the season," Miller said.

The Handel concerto is the first time the ASO has done a harp solo piece, Miller added. Lynnette Wardle, the ASO's principal harpist for the past six years, will perform the concerto.

"The harp is a fascinating instrument in folk and Irish music and this piece



David Alan Miller as "Cowboy Dave"



Lynnette Wardle will perform a harp solo at the Sunday Symphony

has a real festive feel," Miller said.

In keeping with the ASO's tradition of commissioning and performing modern American music, Miller said the ASO commissioned Levin's new work, which, as the title suggests, explores the flute's relationship to the rest of the orchestra.

Floyd Herbert, the ASO's principal flutist for 19 years, will play the two flute pieces.

The Sunday Symphony for Families program features Miller in the role of Cowboy Dave leading part of the orchestra and the audience in "How Music Saved the Holidays."

Miller said his family programs try to make classical music relevant for young people by engaging them in a fun way.

"But it's not just goofy and fun, it's also an enriching experience and I always try to involve the audience," Miller noted.

This week's Sunday Symphony is sold out, but tickets are available for future shows "Elvis Goes to Music School" on March 7 and "Percussion Party" on April 18. All Sunday Symphony shows are at 3 p.m. in the Palace Theatre in Albany.

Tickets for the Saratoga Springs concert, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Canfield Casino, are \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. For information or reservations, call 465-4755.

Tickets for the Troy concert, Friday at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, are \$37.50, \$29.50 and \$19. For information or reservations, call 273-0033.

## It's real!



Susan (Jessie Kate Tobin) pulls the beard of Kris Kringle (John Romeo) in the holiday classic "Miracle on 34th Street" at the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy. The play runs through Dec. 14. For information, call 274-3256.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

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holiday comedy, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Dec. 14, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET**  
New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 18, \$20, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 274-3286.

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## Music

**TONY KENNY'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND**  
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 432-6598.

**JUDY COLLINS**  
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**AMY GRANT AND VINCE GILL**  
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playing works by Bach, Haydn, Handel, Levin and Griffes, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., \$19, \$29.50 and \$37.50. Information, 273-0038.

**JOHNNY CUNNINGHAM AND SUSAN MCKEOWN**  
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 473-1845.

**ALBANY PRO MUSICA**  
international Christmas concert, First Reformed Church of Scotia, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., St. James Church in Albany, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m., \$20, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students. Information, 438-6548.

**MIKE MARSHALL AND CHRIS THILE**  
The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

**JIM BRICKMAN**  
pianist and friends, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$36.50 and \$46.50. Information, 463-4663.

**BOSTON CAMERATA**  
medieval Christmas program, Memoria Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

## Dance

**THE NUTCRACKER**  
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**HOW MUSIC SAVED THE HOLIDAYS**  
Albany Symphony Orchestra family program, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., \$12, \$6 for children. Information, 463-4663.

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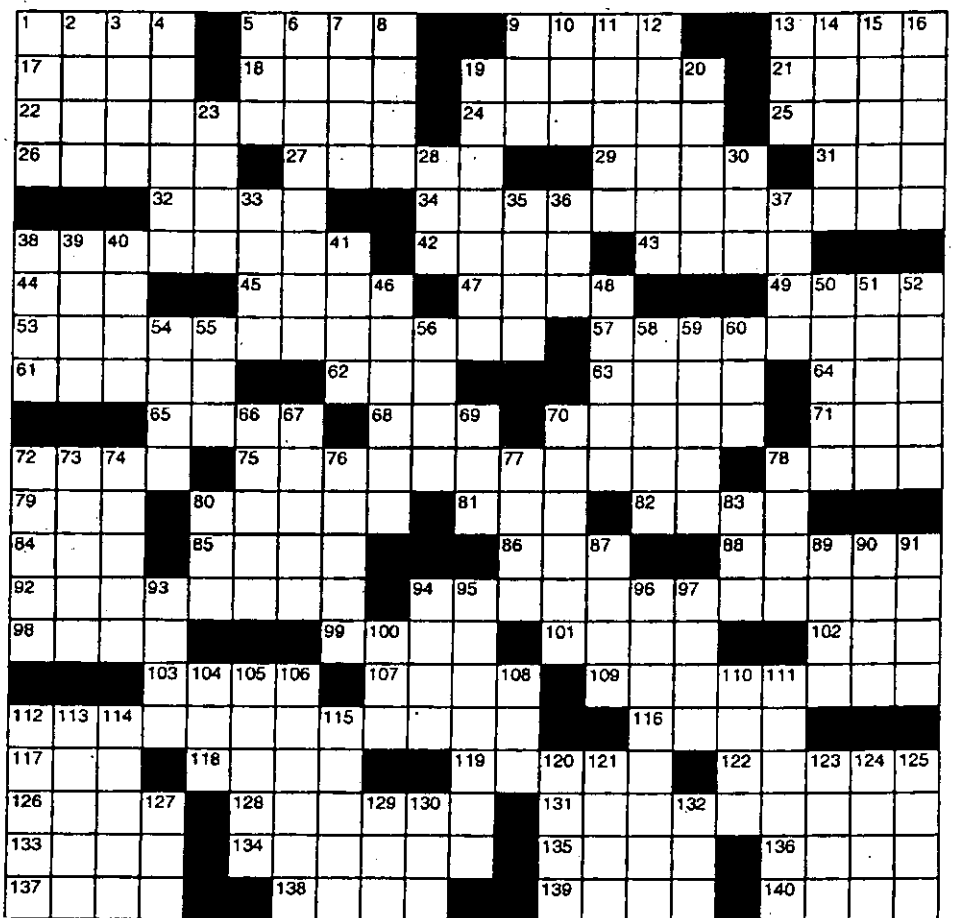
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| <b>ACROSS</b> | 1 Stevenson scoundrel | 5 Epps of "The Program" | 9 One of "The Three Sisters" | 13 Monstrous dance? | 17 Deserve a check | 18 Possess | 19 Obscures | 21 Flu symptom | 22 Mr. Asner's gift? | 24 Esteem | 25 Pal | 26 Smooth transition | 27 River reptiles | 29 Sup in style | 31 Olsen of vaudeville | 32 Fury | 34 Ms. Rivers' gift? | 38 Lee and Bradley | 42 Wheels of fortune? | 43 Yule | 44 Frehley of Kiss | 45 — market | 47 Green land | 49 "Nabucco" number | 53 Mr. Reynolds' gift? | 57 Noblewoman | 61 Like opposites | 62 — relief | 63 English poet | 64 James Herriot, for one | 65 Abbreviated address | 68 Plopped down | 70 Spartacus, e.g. | 71 Swiss canton | 72 David's instrument | 75 Mr. Myers' gift? | 78 Sharp | 79 Palindromic dictator | 80 Largest antelope | 81 Court | 82 In addition | 84 Gun the engine | 85 Note | 86 Letters of desperation? | 88 Reunion attendee | 92 Word with eel or eye | 94 Mr. Von Sydow's gift? | 98 Dickens' Pecksniff | 99 High-flying toy | 101 Summer- | 102 — de France | 103 Novelist Paton | 107 Beloved | 109 Dangers | 112 Mr. Griffith's gift? | 116 Director David | 117 "Tobacco Road" character | 118 To be, in Toulouse | 119 Steen stand | 122 Forum figure | 126 Way change artist? | 131 Ms. Conn's gift? | 133 "Mila 18" author | 134 Kitchen implements | 135 Obligation | 136 Merry abandon | 137 Break suddenly | 138 Doe's darling | 139 Yam | 140 Unspecified amount | <b>DOWN</b> | 1 Musical Myra | 2 Big name in locks | 3 Smidgen | 4 Tolerate | 5 Triumphant | 6 "La Boheme" role | 7 Maintain | 8 Change the decor | 9 Vintage | 10 Actor Herbert | 11 Lead through the wilderness | 12 Directionless | 13 Singer Davis | 14 Blessed sound? | 15 Coach Don | 16 Bruisers | 18 Quick change artist? | 20 Murcia mister | 23 Dread | 28 NCO | 30 Poetic preposition | 33 Fisherman's need | 35 Fail to mention | 36 Postman's Creed word | 37 Patou or Piaget | 38 Sound of shock | 39 Return address? | 40 Astronaut | 41 Belgrade denizen | 46 Took down a peg | 48 Levi's | "Christ Stopped at —" | 50 Variety show | 51 Grenoble's river | 52 John of "The Addams Family" | 54 Inclined plane | 55 —la-la | 56 Lofty initials? | 58 Vigilant | 59 Party hearty | 60 "— Fine Day" ('63 tune) | 66 More proficient | 67 Biscayne Bay city | 69 Haul a heap | 70 Buss | 72 Takes on | 73 "Jane Eyre" character | 74 Fasten firmly | 76 Criticize | 77 Painter | 78 Bonheur | 78 Actor Dullea | 80 CPR provider | 83 —Cat (winter wheels) | 87 Exclude | 89 Nolle or Jennings | 90 Holler | 91 Former spouses | 93 Actor | Everett | 94 British gun | 95 Downspouts | 96 Adept | 97 Holy day | 100 Mrs. Eddie Cantor | 104 Caustic stuff | 105 In search of | 106 "McTeague" author | 108 Rug type | 110 "The Gong Show" panelist | 111 Negative terminals | 112 "The Plague" novelist | 113 Decorate | 114 Gymnast Comaneci | 115 Do a double take, perhaps | 120 James Herriot, for one | 121 — May Oliver | 123 Actor O'Shea | 124 TV's "— 12" | 125 Workday start | 127 Kreskin's letters | 129 Cousteau's milieu | 130 Unit of work | 132 Sugary suffix |
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## Wed., Dec. 10

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### TOWN BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW**  
Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

#### AA MEETINGS

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

## Fri., Dec. 12

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PIONEER CLUBS

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

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

## Sat., Dec. 13

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

#### HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

At the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center, 10 a.m. to noon, \$2 materials fee per craft, space is limited, call 872-1237 for information and to register.

## Thurs., Dec. 11

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

#### DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

#### ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

## Sun., Dec. 14

### BETHLEHEM

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school 10 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., coffee/fellowship following worship. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices. Bible class for developmentally disabled, second and fourth Sundays of each month. Information, 439-4328.

#### DELMAR REFORMED

Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m., with child care, Sunday school through grade 7, T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 6, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929 or INFO@DRCHURCH.ORG.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Worship service 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday school through grade 5 provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

#### DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

#### FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information 767-2243.

#### FAMILY OF GOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church of the Nazarene; Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

#### FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school 9:30. Worship service 9:30 & 11 a.m. (in chapel); adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

#### MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

#### KING'S CHAPEL

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m.; 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

#### BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

Worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

Worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

#### GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

#### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road, Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information 439-5710.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information 765-2805. FIRST UNITED METHODIST Early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school

classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information 765-2895.

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information 475-9086.

#### UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information 439-5001.

#### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information 768-2916.

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided. Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

#### ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

Worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 768-2133.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

#### NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

#### JERUSALEM REFORMED

Worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

#### FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

#### NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

## Mon., Dec. 15

### BETHLEHEM

#### PEACE VIGIL

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

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

#### EXPLORER POST 157

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

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

LIBRARY BOARD  
Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

#### SELKIRK

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

## Tues., Dec. 16

### BETHLEHEM

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### 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.

#### ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&M

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

#### VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

## Wed., Dec. 17

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 535 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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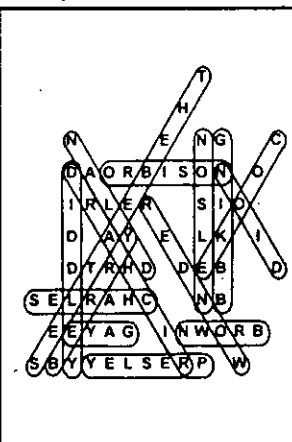
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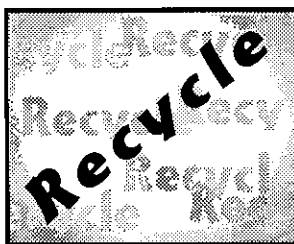
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## Keys to winter driving

As the winter season approaches, many of us will get out our cold-weather clothes to protect ourselves from the cold and wet. Your car also needs a winter wardrobe to maintain handling and control on icy or wet roads. The change in seasons affects how your tires grip the road's surface in several ways. Winter temperatures affect your tire pressure. Excess water on the road means sufficient tread depth is important to help avoid hydroplaning. Furthermore, a tire's compound and tread design can improve your traction in wet or snowy conditions.

"Winter weather driving is a concern for everyone," says Mark Richter, Yokohama Tire Corporation performance marketing manager. "Stopping on a wet road can take up to four times the expected braking distance than on a dry road, making rain, sleet and snow treacherous hazards, especially if your tires aren't matched for the weather."

It is important to check your tire pressure once a month and before any long trips. This includes checking the spare tire as well. Keep in mind that winter temperatures can cause tires to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) of pressure for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature drop. In any season, check air pressure when tires are still cold (before you've driven a mile) to make sure that your tire pressure is accurate. As the seasons change, you may need to add air to keep the tire at its optimum pressure.

Some people incorrectly believe reducing tire pressure can increase traction in snow, ice or mud. Under inflating tires can severely damage the tire. Instead, choose a well-designed all-season or snow tire that will resist hydroplaning, improve wet, ice and snow traction and enhance dry road stability.

All-season and snow tires that are worn close to treadwear indicators have significantly reduced traction and should not be used on winter roads. To check your tires for treadwear, look for "wear bars," which look like narrow strips of smooth rubber across the tread. These bars appear when a tire needs replacing.

"When tires are worn, these grooves don't handle as much water," says Richter, "which reduces a tire's ability to evacuate water out from under a tire."

When buying new or replacement winter tires, look for those marked, "MS," "M+S," or "M+S" on the sidewall, like Yokohama's Guardex tire line or the Geolandar I/T. For tires designed to handle severe snow conditions consider only those marked by an "M+S" plus a mountain and snowflake symbol, like the Guardex 721 whose application is for performance vehicles like the 3 series BMW, and models of the Audi, Mercedes and Volvo lines. The shelled micro-bubble compound in the Guardex 721 and the serrated block edges deliver increased control and grip. Plus the dual "N" shaped

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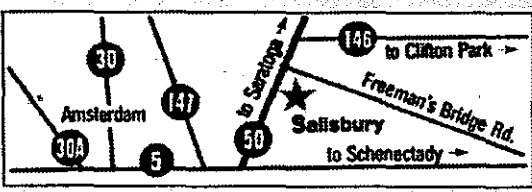
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