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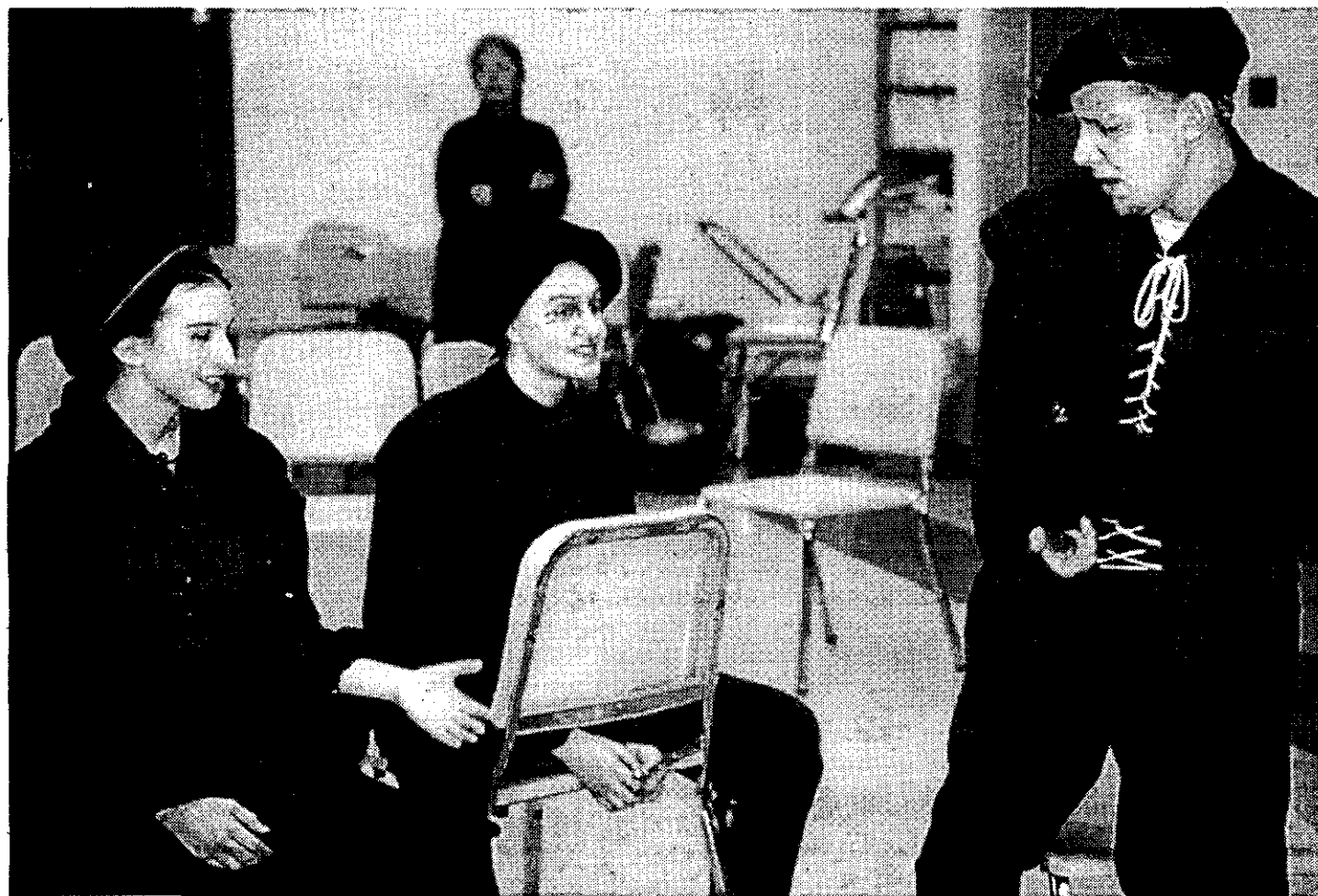
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Hamming it up



"Hamlet" cast members Rachel Moore, left, and Ashley Woodin watch Dan Peters ham it up before the production at Voorheesville high school last weekend.

Jim Franco

NiMo copes with storms

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Cleanup from the holiday winter storms continued in Bethlehem last week, as the town Highway Department struggled to clear debris and remove mounds of snow left behind by the twin blizzards of Christmas Day and Jan. 3 and 4, and officials of Niagara Mohawk sought to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the storms — and upgrade service reliability in anticipation of more rough weather ahead.

"We are trying to improve our service quality," said NiMo regional Vice President for Business Services Mike Hynes. "This is perverse, but the storms provided a supplemental opportunity to address these reliability issues in the area."

We had a lot of people calling in to town hall to ask if we could help shovel their driveways.

Sheila Fuller

'Tech Valley' projects before IDA

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Efforts to position Bethlehem to capture some of the high-tech business development anticipated in the wake of the Sematech research facility locating in the Capital District gained momentum last week. Two projects before the town's Industrial Development Agency (IDA) at its Jan. 8 meeting are specifically tied to that effort — as is the decision of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce last month to join a consortium to promote the region as "Tech Valley."

The IDA discussed the progress of negotiations with Milltown Partnership to build a technology business park on Wemple Road, and also conducted a public hearing on the application of New

Scotland Road LLC, an entity created by developer Picotte Companies, seeking a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement to support renovations to the former Blue Cross-Blue Shield building in Slingerlands.

Picotte plans a \$7 million overhaul of the 78,000-square-foot building into office space for the anticipated spin-off business ventures spawned by Sematech, which will be built less than two miles away on the outskirts of the University at Albany campus. Picotte, which purchased the New Scotland Road building five years ago, has already completed asbestos abatement work and gutted the building's interior, according to Picotte representative Joe Miller.

They intend to renovate the three-floor building into multi-tenant, class A office space. "With all the interest in the Capital Region in high tech, we are hoping to bring some of that business to this area," Miller said. Picotte's plans for leasing: "If we get one tenant to take a full floor plate, that gives us a good anchor tenant," Miller said. "Then we would break up the balance of the building as the market demands."

They projected that the space would be fully leased within a year of completion — and they would not limit their search for tenants to

□ IDA/page 12

Building roof collapses in Selkirk

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The holiday snowstorms of 2002-03 claimed a big casualty last week with the collapse of a roof on a building in the Bethlehem Industrial Park, just north of the Coymans town line on Route 9W in Selkirk — brought down by the weight of accumulated snow.

By the end of this week, the remnants of the damaged portion of Building 1A, about 5,000 square feet of leasable space, will be demolished to make room for

reconstruction in the coming months, according to Hank Digeser, vice president of Flach Industries, owner of the park.

"Maybe by the end of (Wednesday), we'll be completely gutted," he said yesterday. "It will be as if nothing was there."

The company that occupied 1A, Ayer Sales, a manufacturer of specialty plastic parts for industrial use, was able to salvage much of the equipment in the damaged section of the building and has temporarily relocated affected operations, Digeser said.

"The part that got damaged is about maybe a third of the total area they rented from us," he said. "We've moved them to another area we had available for now. Our primary concern right now is to get the stuff out of there, get it cleaned up, and get it back in business for them."

Fortunately, the collapse on Monday, Jan. 6, took place late at night. "Nobody was in there," Digeser said. "Thank God."

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Highway crews were at work throughout the week clearing sidewalks and "shelving" snow banks along roadsides — workers completed work along Kenwood Avenue on Thursday — but the cleanup of limbs and other tree debris brought down by the combined snow and ice of the past two weeks is still ahead.

"I know the highway department's been working on that," Fuller said — but the almost nightly inch or two of fresh snow throughout the week further slowed efforts to clear away the remnants of the bigger storms.

□ NiMo/page 24



Police make DWI arrest *BC planning group hears from architect*

An Albany man faces charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) following his arrest by Bethlehem police on Sunday, Jan. 12 — while four other individuals previously arrested on DWI charges pleaded guilty to reduced counts in Town Court last week.

William Daniel Cordero, 24, of Lark Street, Albany, was stopped Sunday shortly after 3:30 a.m. for a speeding by Officer James Rexford while southbound on Route 9W in Glenmont. After administering field sobriety tests, Rexford arrested Cordero for DWI. He is due in Town Court on Feb. 4.

Appearing before Town Justice Frank Milano on Tuesday, Jan. 7, Carl Thomas Crawford, 33, of 410 Sherman St., Albany, charged last July with a felony DWI count, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor DWI charge and was fined \$500 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge. His license was

revoked for six months.

Crawford also pleaded guilty to a related charge of unlicensed operation of a vehicle, and was sentenced to 30 days in Albany County jail on that count.

Three other individuals in court the same day, charged with DWI, pleaded guilty to reduced charges of driving while ability impaired (DWAI). They included Angelique Elizabeth Andreassi, 24, of 13 Wellington Road, Delmar, arrested Oct. 18; Norman Ralph McConnell III, 34, of 148 Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, arrested Oct. 25; and William L. Wallace, 47, of 21 Erie Drive, Slingerlands, arrested on a felony DWI count on Aug. 14.

Each was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge, and had their license suspended for 90 days.

All four defendants were also ordered to undergo drinking-driver remediation and attend a Victim Impact panel.

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

At least 20 Bethlehem Central School District residents attended the most recent Facilities Planning Committee meeting on Jan. 6. The committee aims to be fully participative and focused on finding the best possible solutions to the problems of growth and aging district facilities.

At the beginning of the meeting, chaired by Superintendent Les Loomis, committee members introduced themselves and in turn, members of the public introduced themselves.

Audience members felt free to join in at various points of the meeting to offer suggestions or question an issue.

Faced with overcrowding, due to constant growth of the student population in recent years, which is projected to continue, and the need to upgrade aging facilities, the school board asked the group to present a range of options to address the situation.

The committee is aided in the process by the presence of assistant superintendents John McGuire and Steve O'Shea, facilities manager Gregg Nolte, plus architects from the firm of Collins & Scoville and construction managers from the firm of Sano Rubin.

The architects and district leaders had met with school staff and parent groups at PTA

meetings early in the process concerning improvements for each facility and provided the committee with the results of those meetings.

At the Jan. 6 meeting, the architects presented the committee with a matrix showing projects for each elementary facility, including the Early Learning Center at Slingerlands, middle and high school buildings, all grounds and athletic fields. Preliminary designs were also presented for each facility.

The projects were ranked in three categories, lower meaning items essential to continue existing programs, upper meaning those projects that would enhance existing programs, and middle ground between the upper and lower.

The committee discussed each elementary school and the high school. The middle school was scheduled to be discussed at the Jan. 13 meeting.

Cost estimates and updated designs will be available at meetings scheduled for Feb. 3 and 10.

While cost was on the minds of committee members, they were reminded by Loomis that funding the projects is the responsibility of the school board, and that the board wants the committee to present it with a range of options to solve crowding and other issues.

The architects and construction managers also gave the committee a timeline for the entire project.

Assuming approval of the bonding issue by taxpayers in October or November 2003, construction drawings, approved by the board, could be submitted to the state Education Department for approval, which is required to be eligible for state aid. The state approval process could take seven months.

If the above timetable is realized, project bidding could be completed by spring 2005 with construction beginning that summer and the first construction phase would be ready by fall 2006.

It was pointed out by construction managers that it is very difficult to have construction going on while school is open, and steps must be taken to ensure the safety of staff and students.

All add time to what would normally be required to complete similar work in an unoccupied facility.

After discussion of the matrix and drawings, the committee asked the architects to proceed with preliminary designs and cost estimates for the February meetings.

The project matrix is available to the public on the district Web site, and copies are available at the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

2 businesses burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating two attempted burglaries in Glenmont sometime after 10 p.m. on the night of Thursday, Jan. 2.

Employees arriving for work on Jan. 3 at Geist Brothers Auto Body Shop on Frontage Road in Glenmont found that the front metal door of the shop had been pried open — and the office ransacked. An unspecified amount of cash was taken from the garage,

and a tow truck vandalized on the premises.

One or more burglars also tried to break into a business on Feura Bush Road that police declined to identify — attempting to pry open a rear metal door on Jan. 2.

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Police said both incidents remain under investigation.

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New Scotland board thanks highway crew

By MICHELE FLYNN

At its Jan. 8 meeting, the New Scotland town board sent kudos to the highway department for its rapid and thorough cleanup of the Christmas snowstorm.

"Our guys didn't get to stay with their families on Christmas Day, but the morale was great. The equipment held up. It was an enjoyable experience," said Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan.

"Tell them thank you. They did a great job," said Town Supervisor Ed Clark.

In a related matter, board member Richard Reilly said that, because of the ample snowfall, "We are

planning a town snow celebration to held sometime in February." Details were not immediately available.

It was announced that New Scotland will offer an enhanced benefit plan to its employees in 2003, including a flexible spending plan, short term disability insurance and cancer protection policy. Board member Cathy Connors said that meetings are planned to explain the benefits to staff.

Town Engineer Mark Dempf then reported on the status of the Heldervale Sewer District extension project. "We are trying to understand what the costs are in a realistic manner. It's not cheap," he said.

Clark said, "The cost is borne entirely by the users. A major concern is keeping the cost down."

The board expressed interest in adding other areas to the service area, but Dempf said, "Capacity is the problem here." He added that the decision to add

certain areas and not others was driven by how much water is available.

In a workshop meeting held before the regular town board meeting, Deputy Supervisor Kevin Jobin-Davis reported on the General Code Publishers Critique (GCPC).

He explained the purpose of the GCPC. "It's not rewriting the zoning law. It's just clarifying it. Are the enforcement mechanisms

in there and do they work?" he asked.

Building Inspector Paul Cantlin talked about the age of some of the zoning laws. "The law we have is from '93 and some of it is even older than that. Some of

the stuff in there was out of date in two years," Cantlin said.

The GCPC has provided recommendations to fine-tune New Scotland's building codes. "There have been changes here and there, and the codes have been disassembled. The critique makes it readable, understandable and rational and helps us to avoid duplications (in the law)," Clark said.

New Scotland also received good news in the form of a library grant to improve patron access to technology or improve library technology.

The next town board meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 12. At that time, the recipient of the New Scotland 2002 Citizen of the Year will be announced.

Clark requested that New Scotland residents recommend individuals who have dedicated themselves and their time to make New Scotland a great place to live. Nominations will be accepted at the supervisor's office at town hall.

in town government. It can be an exceptionally good neighbor," said Town Supervisor Ed Clark.

This annual honor began in 1952, with the award going to Lil Smith, mother of the owner of Smitty's tavern, for her work in contact with the armed services throughout World War II. The American Legion holds an archive of her correspondence with the soldiers.

Past recipients include schoolteacher Lucinda Wright, town photographer Stanley Hemmett and volunteers from fire and ambulance squads.

Last year, Marion and Bob Parmenter jointly received the award. The citizen of the year will be chosen before the Feb. 12 town board meeting. Nominations can be submitted to the town supervisor's office at New Scotland town hall on Route 85.

Six longtime BC faculty to retire

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Bethlehem Central school board accepted the retirements of six faculty members at its Jan. 9 meeting. Taken together, their leaving represents a loss of 168 years of experience and talent.

These retiring include longtime Elsmere Elementary School Principal Dorothy Whitney, who has 29 years of service in the district.

Peter Fish, a district technology teacher with 17 years service; Robert J. Peters, a district technology teacher for 33 years; Diane Wallace, a resource room teacher for 29 years; June Dehart, a teacher at Hamagrael for 25 years; and Sandra J. Westfall, a 33-year math teacher at the high school, will also retire.

All retirements are effective June 30, except Peters, who will leave Jan. 31.

The resignation of Glenmont Principal Teresa Snyder was also accepted. Snyder, with eight years of service in the district, will become superintendent of the Brittonkill School District and is leaving on Jan. 24.

The board accepted the retirement resignations with regret and asked Superintendent Les Loomis to write each expressing appreciation for so many years of dedicated service to the young people of the community.

"The retirements are a function of two factors," Loomis said. "First, there is a provision in the teachers' contract requiring retirement with a certain period to receive pay for unused sick days. Second is the fact that we have a very senior staff reaching

retirement age. We had some last year, and we expect greater numbers in the next two years."

The board then heard a presentation by high school social studies teacher Dave Rounds, who is also extramural lacrosse coach for seventh- and eighth-grade girls lacrosse teams. Rounds was seeking approval of the board to convert the teams' status from extramural to interscholastic to compete with local district teams at their age level.

"The problem is there are no extramural teams left for the Bethlehem girls to play. The cost of enrolling the two teams in leagues will be minimal," said Rounds.

The teams are already fully equipped and pay for refereeing now. Rounds maintained the only additional cost to the district will be an estimated \$1,200 to \$1,600 per year in coaching salaries. "The parents' booster clubs for both teams have agreed to be responsible for the extra salary costs for three years," added Rounds.

Board member Jon Bartow commented that the request should have been presented to the board in the form of a budget request by the district athletic director.

Loomis said, "The athletic director has approved the request, and I've made it very clear to everyone in the district that no new program budgets can be added because of a very difficult budget year looming for New York state and the possible implications for reductions in state aid to school districts."

The governor's budget will be made public later this month.

"We have always encouraged athletic and physical education programs to help students develop life long fitness habits, and I propose that we approve this for this year and review it again next year," Loomis added.

The board approved the conversion of the two teams to interscholastic leagues for one year by unanimous vote.

"Jon Bartow has been active in the hockey booster club for years and knows how hard it is for parents to raise money, and of course we would prefer to fully fund all sports," Loomis later said.

Loomis then commented on the Jan. 6 meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee. The board had attended the meeting as observers.

Board President Warren Stoker said, "I was surprised at the number of public attendees and their level of participation."

"I was impressed with the different perspectives the committee members had," added board member Richard Svenson.

Lynne Lenhardt commented on the scope of the projects and said she was impressed with the depth of the thinking involved.

Loomis concluded the meeting with the observation that despite a probable tough budget year, the facilities planning should continue. The cost of a bonding issue will not be felt by the district for several years and by bonding, the financial impact of whatever building projects we get approved will be spread over 10 to 20 years.

"We will be watching the state budget process closely to determine if the governor proposes changing the ratios to reduce aid for school building projects," Loomis said.

Planners approve use application

Ponds are for private use

By MICHELE FLYNN

The New Scotland planning board approved a special use application for construction of a half-acre trout pond on William Cade's Hilton Road property at its Jan. 7 meeting. It also approved a second 1.25-acre pond already in use.

The ponds, which have been approved by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), will need to meet certain conditions, said planning board chairman Robert Stapf.

"The application is approved on the condition that the ponds not be dammed and that they are terraced and that the area around the ponds be rippedraped," Stapf said.

Ripraping is the placement of large rocks to form a channel for water to run through, preventing soil erosion. In addition, planning board member Cynthia Elliott requested pictures of the site in advance of the work. Cade agreed to the pictures, and said, by creating the pond on his land, "I can help keep the area as it was."

The ponds are for his own use and are not commercial, Cade

said.

The planning board also approved construction of a water tank and associated lines and structures for the village of Voorheesville. The new tank will hold .5 million gallons, which will allow the town to remove the current 1 million gallon tank for refurbishing, according to Voorheesville Mayor Jack Stevens. Work on the old tank should take 45 to 60 days.

Previously, the planning board had requested that Voorheesville form a water district, but the DEC designated Voorheesville a permissive use area. At the Jan. 7 meeting, Voorheesville provided a list of outside water users. Of the 1,111 users, 1,000 are in Voorheesville and 111 are in the town of New Scotland.

"Anyone who is not on the system now, and we need an easement from you (for this project), you can get a water tap. We are asking if you would like to join the system," said Stevens.

Chairman Stapf asked that the village, "consider offering water service to the existing homes along (but not necessarily on) the new water line. If they want it, they should be allowed to be hooked up to it."

"We are interested in providing water to existing dwellings where the water ran past them," said

Building Inspector Paul Cantlin.

However, Voorheesville resident Earl McMillen was concerned about unimproved lots. "I own two-thirds of that land. Are you going to give taps to vacant land?" he asked. Stevens indicated that McMillen would get water.

Later, Stevens said: "Unfortunately, a lot of people would like to get on. We are looking at people who have been having problems for a number of years due to contaminated wells or not enough water."

Richard Long, co-owner of Long Lumber & Supply, told the board his family will replace the building lost to fire on Dec. 17.

"We want to put up a new building in the place of the one that burned and put it in a new location so that, if this happens again, it is separate from the others. We'll make it more modernized to make for a better product flow and become more competitive," Long said.

Albany County has to approve the plan first, to ensure that the building is not sited too close to the road. To expedite matters, the board offered conceptual approval and waived a public hearing on the matter.

"We want to have it up in February so we can be ready for the spring," Long said.

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Inertia or exhaustion, they both keep us at home

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If ever there's a time when inertia takes over, it's now, as winter tightens its grip on us and cold temperatures and deep snow make us want to huddle on the living room couch — remote control in one hand and a glass of red wine in the other.

Longer days might be a hint that spring will come and we may want to venture forth again, but for now, gazing at the icicle growing ever longer out the side window is enough contact with the outdoors.

Inertia, said Fred Daniels, executive director of Albany's newly-refurbished Palace Theater, is his No. 1 obstacle to ticket sales. "When people have these incredible in-home entertainment systems, it's hard to convince them to go out," he said in a recent interview.

Hit the nail right on the head, I thought, as I scribbled notes about why we should venture forth for live entertainment. Of course, a night out in a historically

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significant, beautiful building with world-class entertainment is an uplifting experience.

We all know that it's better for our mental health to get out and see and do new things; it strengthens marriages when couples go out together; the arts stimulate parts of our brain that might otherwise lie dormant; and whole families can be enriched and brought closer together with shared activities.

In addition to all those noble thoughts, getting out is just plain fun. So why don't we do it more? In an area recently acclaimed for its heavy saturation of arts offerings, we are guilty of staying at home more than we should. In our case, it's not to enjoy a big-

screen TV with surround sound.

Our children are convinced that we're the only family in America with just one television, one they consider an antique, since Chris bought it with his first "real job" paycheck 18 years ago.

The state-of-the-art wiring that goes with a home theater set-up would either be incompatible with or would blow the circuits of our ancient TV.

When we lived in New York City, and before the children were born, we went out a lot. Surrounded by friends from both our colleges, law school compatriots of Chris' and the people in their early 20s who flocked to New York to prove that they could make it there, we spent a lot of time in restaurants and bars or at parties, laughing, talking, and reveling in the fact that we were living in what my brother-in-law referred to as "the cosmo Mecca of the world."

Sometimes we'd shake ourselves from our cultural lethargy and take advantage of the things

that made New York famous. A college friend once suggested that we take advantage of the museums' free admission on Tuesday nights, and for a lot of weeks one winter we immersed ourselves in some of the world's greatest art.

When we had out-of-town visitors, we'd go to a Broadway show, always a spectacular event. For a few years, Chris was on an opera kick. Although the opera was never my favorite thing, having been to a smattering of them helps me catch more allusions while reading *The New York Times*.

Our regular opera attendance culminated in Wagner's Ring Cycle toward the end of my pregnancy for Christopher. Kettledrums and anvil sounds made him beat an in-utero tattoo, and we often wonder if his love of mythology doesn't stem from his prenatal exposure to Siegfried and all those Valkyries calling "Hoyotaho!" to one another.

As promised, the birth of our

children changed everything, and for a long time, I couldn't even imagine going out and leaving them alone, in spite of magazine articles insisting on its importance and friends continuing to call to invite us out. As the kids got older and we discovered that a teenage girl lived in the apartment right below us, it got easier to go out.

When we did, though, I noticed that something had happened to the money that seemed so well-spent on entertainment when we both were working. The combination of the loss of one income and the fact that someday these children would need to go to college seemed to transform the entertainment our money was buying. Instead of seeing dinner, drinks and the babysitter's tab, I'd see new shoes for the baby, jars of Gerber applesauce and later, the flip-head Power Ranger Tommy that was the de rigueur toy for the male, under-5-year-old set on our playground.

One of the contributing factors to our departure from New York was that, with time, we noticed that the bulk of our entertaining was having friends over, or watching rented videos after the kids were asleep. Surely, we could do that anywhere, and Albany, we knew, did have cultural offerings.

In our first throes of infatuation with the Upstate area, we went to a number of events. We took the kids to everything at Steamer 10, to the Nutcracker at Christmas and to the Albany Symphony Orchestra's family concerts. We went on date nights to plays at Cap Rep, and even ventured north to Café Lena once in a while.

Each time, we'd rave about the quality of the shows we saw, and marvel at the ease of getting to the performances and the moderate cost of events. As time passed, though, we've fallen prey to that inertia Daniels talked about. Instead of being stimulated by all that the Capital District has to offer, we find ourselves excessively irritated by family members' habits that might go unnoticed in better weather (honey, it's called a key rack for a reason, and beloved children, the funny little room full of hangers is where the coats go).

In our defense, sometimes it's less inertia and more feeling exhausted and overwhelmed that leaves us grateful to occasionally have nothing to do. After a week of work, packing school lunches, getting kids to activities, cooking and serving dinners with foods

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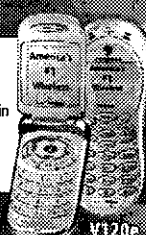


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that don't touch each other and overseeing homework, the thought of getting out becomes less of a pleasure and more of just one more thing that needs to get done. And that's when things run smoothly, not when parents have to separate fighting siblings, come up with an equitable schedule for TV or computer use, find a suitable punishment for a child who "chooses" to not do a school assignment, locate the box of paints that will make the book report cover perfect and deal with the emotional fallout of a snow fort ruined by sunshine, warmer temperatures and a curious dog.

Sometimes it seems like there's so much we have to do, and so much we should do, that it's hard to get to the things we want to do. Maybe a good way to beat the winter blues is to reverse that order and get away from the things that need doing. We're sure to come back happier, and the next time a bagful of sugar falls on the kitchen floor, it won't seem like a major tragedy.

At any rate, daydreaming about characters in a play or humming music heard in a concert is bound to make folding the laundry an easier chore.

Student takes part in community project

Nate Mehlman of Delmar was among 17 Manhattan College students who spent the fall semester volunteering at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center in the Bronx as part of a service-learning project for Dan Collins, assistant professor of English.

Planning board hears plan for upscale homes

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

For Bethlehem's planning board, 2003 began with a familiar refrain: yet another proposed residential development.

At its Jan. 7 meeting, the board took a first look at what project coordinator Anthony Califano characterized as "upscale" homes proposed for a wooded 48-acre parcel in North Bethlehem.

The board focused on two residential developments before turning its attention to the new subdivision, tentatively called RDA Manor after the owner — a newly-created partnership called RDA Associates of Niskayuna.

The board first granted approval to a series of resolutions that will permit the 17-lot McCormack's Hollow subdivision in Slingerlands to proceed in phases.

The project, granted conditional approval by the board last spring, hit a snag last fall when the Albany County Health Department declined to sign off on the full development, because part of it falls outside the current bounds of the Bethlehem Water District — and extensions to that district are now banned, due to the water emergency provisions adopted by the town board last spring.

With conditional approval now amended to reflect the phasing plan, submitted to the town Planning Department in December, the developer can seek a go-ahead from the Health Department to proceed with the

first section of the development, within the current water district.

But the bulk of last week's meeting was devoted to RDA Manor, sited off Russell Road, bounded by the North Bethlehem Town Park on the west and Route 85 to the east. Califano and surveyor Sang Kim presented the preliminary subdivision proposal, calling for 28 lots on which 24 residences would be built along Russell Road and two proposed residential cul-de-sacs to the north.

The project borders the town of Guilderland — in fact, a small sliver of the parcel is within its town lines — and lies within the Guilderland school district as well. The site includes roughly 24 acres of federal wetlands and would require water and sewer extensions.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky told the board that environmental assessment paperwork received by his department has not yet been reviewed.

But, he said issues related to wetlands setbacks, precise building footprints and the site's grading plan would need to be resolved and that the area is potentially an archaeologically sensitive one as well.

In addition, previous surveys have recorded the presence of

wild lupine — "and that's obviously a Karner Blue type of issue," Lipnicky said, referring to the endangered butterfly species native to the Pine Bush that thrives off lupine. "That's probably something that will have to be looked at."

Planning Board chairman Doug Hasbrouck urged Califano to consult Guilderland's Planning Department as soon as possible,

and with Russell Road being a designated county highway, the county planning commission will also eventually review it. Other agencies, from the state

Historic Preservation Office to the Thruway Authority to the Department of Environmental Conservation, might also weigh in on the project.

Califano described plans for custom homes, "probably starting at 3,000 square feet and above, large, beautiful homes, each with their own character, to be built in RDA Manor.

"We haven't fixed in on a price range yet, but what we fixed in on was upscale," he said — and commenting on published reports of home values likely to be in excess of \$400,000, he added, "The type of homes we want to build there would probably be in that range. There's no saying they won't go higher."

But Califano downplayed the report that the project is prompted by the expected influx of high-tech business in the region spinning off from the Sematech research center.

"We're not targeting anybody specifically," he said. "We're not targeting high tech. This project would be going in whether this new technology development was going on or not. But the fact that new technology is coming is an added bonus for a developer.

"The area has tremendous viability to support high-end homes," he added, and the site in North Bethlehem "has virtually ideal conditions. Minutes from the Northway, minutes from SUNY, minutes from downtown, minutes from the Thruway. My God, right next to a town park. It's a perfect place to build," Califano said.

His only concern, given the proliferation of residential development nearby — Indian Hills lies directly across Russell Road, with Beverwyck Terrace, Olympian Gardens, Schoolhouse Road and Albany's Westland Park neighborhood all just a stone's throw away — lies in "integration of the neighborhood in terms of what we want to be built over there. We want a first-class neighborhood."

Califano declined to speculate on a timetable for construction. "At this point, we're kind of at the mercy of the planning process."

The board tabled the project, pending further review.

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Matters of Opinion

More budget blues

The budget news for New York state keeps getting worse, according to a front-page, above-the-fold story in Saturday's *New York Times*.

The state budget deficit for the rest of this fiscal year (ending March 31) and next year will be at least \$12.5 billion, by far the most red ink the state has ever had to deal with.

The story notes that the state's reserves will be little help, with just \$710 million left in the rainy day fund after \$4 billion was used to try to balance the current, election-year budget.

The state's dismal fiscal shape was worsened in 2002 by budget electioneering — incumbents of both parties handing out billions to businesses and unions in return for political support and positive headlines.

(Even *The Times*, an extremely profitable media company, got a big election-year giveaway, with the state planning to condemn several buildings near booming Times Square and sell them at a discount valued in the tens of millions for the newspaper's new headquarters. The deal also guarantees *The Times* tens of millions more in property tax breaks. Not surprisingly, the "newspaper of record" neglected to report these details, then endorsed those politicians who were so generous with other people's property and the taxpayers' money.)

In fact, it seems that every major new business development — from the IBM plant in Dutchess County to the Sematech project at the University at Albany — has been larded with tens, if not hundreds, of millions in subsidies and tax breaks. All this from a state that is essentially bankrupt.

We need real leadership from our political leaders, real public service from our public servants, more than ever. We can no longer afford Medicaid fraud, connected contractors doing work that can be done by civil servants, unnecessary six-figure patronage jobs, member items designed to bribe voters, new state office buildings when the old ones will do perfectly well, expensive road rebuilding that deteriorates in a few years, a prison system crowded with nonviolent drug offenders, paying more than \$50,000 a year to "educate" severely retarded children, etc.

Before we are hit with paying more taxes for fewer government services, our leaders should eliminate all wasteful and unnecessary spending, of which the above is a partial list.

"We were expecting to take a hit, but this is a hammer," said the anonymous source of *The Times* story.

And New York's residents, already suffering under the highest combined state and local tax burden in the country, are the nail.

Editorials

Breslin calls for budget solutions

By NEIL BRESLIN

The writer, a Bethlehem resident, is the Democratic state senator representing Albany County.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the people of Albany County as their state senator since Jan. 1, 1997. Last Wednesday, Jan. 8, I began my seventh year as a state legislator by listening to the State of the State address delivered by Gov. George Pataki.

Without trying to sound too partisan I must say that I was disappointed with what the governor said, and more disappointed with what he did not say.

The State of the State address is an opportunity for the governor to outline his priorities for the upcoming year. I did not hear the governor take advantage of this opportunity.

We heard of the tough times ahead without any specifics of how, as a state, we are going to face them.

The Democratic Conference of the state Senate, along with our counterparts in the Assembly Majority, will be sure to set our own priorities and goals for this trying year.

There is no question that the effects of Sept. 11, coupled with the national recession, have exacted a heavy toll on our lives and our state economy.

We now face some tough decisions. The state is facing a budget deficit in the billions and how we plug that gap is very important.

First and foremost, we cannot, and will not, place any undue burden on the backs of our working families and our children. As we fight our way through this national recession, we must remind ourselves that our future is only as bright as the opportunities we afford our working men and women.

We must provide real employment choices, as well as

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the best possible education to our children.

I am confident that the Capital District is heading in the right direction when it comes to employment opportunities. Last year's announcement of the future plans of Sematech and Tokyo Electron is a real shot in the arm for us. Combine the infusion of these high tech companies looking at the Capital District as a place to do business with our respected colleges and universities training the next generation of the work force, and our future is much brighter than most other upstate communities.

As the ranking member of the Senate Insurance Committee, I have worked to ensure that our 3 million uninsured New Yorkers are able to find health care. The lack of affordable, accessible health care has become a crisis here in New York because these 3 million include working families, not people looking for government handouts.

New York's health care costs are astronomical. Many New Yorkers receive inadequate services while a great number receive no services at all. We must stem this tide.

While I applaud the governor's proposal to reduce the tax burden, we must not pass the burden down to our local governments. While it makes for great sound bites and political rhetoric, giving tax breaks at the state level while shifting costs down to local governments, forces those same local governments to face greater fiscal problems.

In a sense, the governor's

proposals place tax dollars back in one pocket while taking from the other pocket. This is not tax relief, it is a very costly shell game.

Once again, we heard the governor speak about reforming the Rockefeller Drug Laws. This is becoming a broken record. We must deal with this antiquated system immediately. We need to be smarter about how we deal with people with substance abuse problems.

Throwing them in jail is counterproductive. First of all, we don't provide them with any real help to overcome their problems, and it is extremely costly to house all these inmates. Reforming these laws will help people and save the state millions of dollars at the same time.

The one area the governor seemed most clear about was using the Tobacco Settlement money to help pay down the debt. That is not what the money is intended to do. We must stop raiding dedicated funds for tomorrow to solve the problems we create today.

Haven't we played enough fiscal games already? Let's be financially responsible for a change.

We clearly have a rough road ahead of us. Unfortunately, the governor did not give us much of a road map. He told us of the hardships we face without any real suggestions as to how he intends to address them.

I, along with my Democratic colleagues, will be vigilant in ensuring that our core values will be protected this year: providing assistance to our working families and ensuring the best possible education for our children.

'Respect Day' earns A+ from assistant principal

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Dec. 17, Bethlehem Central Middle School held its annual Respect Day for the sixth grade. Students participated in a morning of workshops aimed at providing them with opportunities to develop respect for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the sixth-grade class on its reception and positive responses to the presenters for the day, some of whom were staff members, but many from throughout the Capital District in other areas of work. Additionally, I would like to recognize a number of individuals and groups who collectively shared in the success of the day.

The staff at BCMS continues to enthusiastically support alternative opportunities for our students. Without their involvement, programs of this nature could not take place.

This year, the Center for the Disabled in Albany was the base for our keynote presentations, which allowed our students to hear and speak with differently

abled adults and have the opportunity to use equipment which supports them in their everyday lives.

Thanks to Elissa Zwiebach and the entire center for their participation and support.

This program has been presented each year in partnership with Bethlehem Networks under the direction of Mona Prenoveau. My deep appreciation to Mrs. Prenoveau to her ongoing commitment to Bethlehem schools.

Finally, a note to compliment both the high school Peer Leaders and middle school Natural Helpers who served as presenters for workshops.

Peer teaching is a very powerful tool, and we know our students benefited from the information and guidance that was shared with them.

Congratulations to all involved and especially to the Respect Day Committee who worked diligently over the past months to put this program together.

Sandy Morley
BCMS assistant principal

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Residents should dig out buried fire hydrants

Editor, The Spotlight:

A lot of residents have either forgotten what a "real" winter is like or they come from areas where winters are milder. Going through our community, I have observed that many, many fire hydrants are buried with the reflector flags barely showing.

Residents and business owners would be doing themselves a big service if they clean out around the hydrants on or near their property. In most neighborhoods, several people usually have snow blowers; there are healthy athletic young people at home; or someone is hired to do the snow removal, so I find it hard to believe that so many hydrants are buried.

With a little cooperative spirit, the hydrants could be cleared and other neighbors who are only armed with a common snow shovel could keep the opening cleared after the plows have been through. When a fire breaks out, it will double in size every minute — that is why people are told to leave and go to a neighbor's to report the fire.

When our volunteer fire-fighters pull up and have to waste precious minutes digging a hydrant out of a snow bank, it can

permit the fire to spread much further than if they could have hooked up immediately upon arrival. Residents and business owners need to understand the building they save by cleaning out fire hydrants may be their own.

Also in the spirit of cooperation, residents need to slow down and be more alert as they approach intersections. The snow banks at corners have reduced visibility to the point that only high-sitting vehicles like quarter-ton trucks can see over. Even a minivan does not give the driver enough height to have good sight distance. Also drive with your lights on at all times. It might just be enough of an edge to prevent an accident.

And one last reminder — if a traffic control signal at an intersection is totally out, usually do to lack of power, the intersection becomes a four-way stop. Just because a driver is on Delaware Avenue or New Scotland Road does not give them the right of way. Always being in a hurry when the community is under wintry conditions puts all drivers at risk for injury or worse.

Ann Rymski
Slingerlands

Promotion to VP was well-deserved

Editor, The Spotlight:

John McIntyre's promotion to vice president of Eagle Media Partners LP is a well-earned recognition of the fine job that John has done in planning, coordinating and managing the growth of Spotlight Newspapers from three to eight weekly community newspapers and two monthly publications during the four and a half years he has been general manager.

I wish to thank Stewart Hancock, Eagle publisher, and the executives of Eagle Media Partners for recognizing the fine job John has done in maintaining the quality of the editorial, advertising and production of the Spotlight Newspapers.

Dick Ahlstrom
former publisher
Spotlight Newspapers

Pedestrians need to take precautions

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is to make two safety requests to the people of Bethlehem.

First, there are a number of pedestrians in our town who either have a death wish or, more likely, are ignorant of how invisible they are at dusk and after dark. Dog walkers and strollers dressed in dark clothing are a tragedy waiting to happen. Even careful and slow drivers are nearly upon them before they realize there are people in the road.

Please, please, please carry a flashlight and wear white — even better, something fluorescent. How terrible for you and your family, as well as for a driver and his or her family, if you should be hit. How easy for you to take some simple steps to protect yourself.

Second, many people must not realize that vehicles with flashing blue lights are our fire and emergency medical volunteers responding to a call for help. These are our friends and neighbors who contribute considerable time, skill and caring for the safety and health of all of us.

Even though the law doesn't require that you pull over for flashing blue lights — as it does for flashing red lights — your cooperation can save critical minutes in their response time. The little bit of time it takes you to pull to the side of the road could make a major difference in saving a home or a life.

Thank you for considering these reminders.

Christine S. Deyss
Delmar

Thanks for help with drive

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank Bethlehem residents for giving so generously to Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher Candace Bosworth's holiday drive.

I am grateful to senior citizens, families and students for their contributions.

A special thank you to the custodians and middle school office staff who took on the extra task of accepting the toys, wrapping paper and tape, and to

my dad, Joseph C. Gutman Jr., for helping me with pick-ups.

Joseph Christian Gutman III
Delmar

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Matters of Opinion

Developers need a wake-up call

Editor, The Spotlight:

I agree with the letter writer in last week's *Spotlight* concerning the need for preserving open land in the town of Bethlehem.

It's heartening to read that other town residents want to preserve open space. Not so, our town board members, I'm afraid. A few years ago I mentioned to one of our politicians the need to preserve open space before it all disappeared and she said, "We've got Five Rivers." Period, end of discussion. It's good to see that things are changing.

Concerning the other issue raised by the letter writer, "greedy developers," I am not bothered by their concern with making a profit but by their not returning anything to the community in exchange for that profit.

In Bethlehem, we've got some very nice period homes. Lovely Victorians from the turn of the century, wonderful Arts and Crafts bungalows from the 1920s, custom-built Cape Cods from the 1930s and 1940s.

We've got sturdy ranches from the post-war period, even well-built split levels from the 1970s. There's a harmony street by street and neighborhood by neighborhood in most of the town.

But not so with our new housing. With a few notable exceptions, most of the developments being built today are appallingly ugly. The houses are poorly sited on the land, the lots have been stripped of trees, the materials are second rate, and they are laden with tacky details like fake dormers, vinyl chimneys

and plastic trim. They're cheap in every way but the purchase price.

When are our developers going to hire some architects or at least take a look around the country and see what other developers are doing.

Go down to Florida or Georgia and look at some of the new developments. I drove through the suburbs of Atlanta recently and didn't see anything but brick, stone, stucco, and some really nice new composite clapboard that lasts four times longer than vinyl and looks much better.

New homes don't have to be cheap and ugly. Wake up gentlemen.

Terry Rooney
Delmar

Thanks to supporters of town Veterans Park

Editor, The Spotlight:

A special year-end thank you to all of our Bethlehem residents and businesses for their support of the Veterans Park on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

A special thanks to Bob Verstandig for the beautiful wreath that circled the eagle throughout the Dec. 25 snowstorm. Without it, the park would have been somewhat invisible.

The park restoration has been two years in the making and thanks to the diligence of the town highway department, committee members and individual suggestions, the original five-year plan is ahead of schedule.

Come spring, another wave of color will splash onto the hillside, thanks to Bethlehem Garden Club members Mary Mel Hart, Dodie Seagle and Ellie Prakken. Of course, our landscape designer, Sandra Walck & Co. was on hand dotting the ground with various bulbs, positioned for planting.

With continued interest, the committee will be able to reach all those who wish to recognize our veterans by purchasing a brick in his or her honor. The next installation of bricks should be before Memorial Day, providing the usual thaw ensues.

Our work is not done. Let us remember those who sacrificed and served our country. Call George Lenhardt at 439-7704 or me at 439-7132 or visit www.bethlehemfirst/veteranspark.com for information.

Virginia Acquario
Delmar

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Winter concert set at school

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PTA seeks agenda items for Jan. 16 meeting

The next regular PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Call Heather MacMaster at 861-5692 or 402-6134 with agenda items.

Friends of Music to meet at high school

Friends of Music meet today, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. at Voorheesville High School.

Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

Voorheesville American Legion Post will serve breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 19, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

Breakfast will feature eggs made to order, French toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Kids under age 5 eat for free.

Schools to close for Martin Luther King Day

Voorheesville schools will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, to observe the Martin Luther King holiday.

Kindergarten info meeting set for March

Parents who have a child entering kindergarten at Voorheesville Elementary School in September 2003 are required to attend an informational meeting on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. (parents only).

School officials will answer questions regarding registration and the screening program, introduce school personnel, and distribute and explain forms.

Parents will also sign their

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child up for a screening date at this meeting.

Children must be 5-years-old on or before Dec. 1, 2003, to register.

To confirm that your child is on the list, call JoAnn Donohue at 765-2382, ext. 514.

Note: last week's column had the wrong phone number, this is the correct one.

Dollars for Scholars plans drawing

Dollars for Scholars will be holding a drawing for a 5-pound Hershey bar on Valentines Day, Feb. 14.

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Garden club to hold dinner meeting

The Men's Garden Club of Albany, has scheduled its next dinner meeting for Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Quality Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The guest speaker will be John O'Donnell, general manager of Albany International Airport.

O'Donnell will discuss the history of the airport, what is planned for the future and how 9/11 affected security at the airport.

For a dinner reservation and a choice of entrees, call 438-7550 or 237-8572 by Jan. 19.

Tips for recycling old cards and books

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

Cleaning out old cards or books can be either emotional or backbreaking, but the task is inevitable.

Textbooks more than 10 years old are outdated, according to the experts. As an example, consider how fast the world has changed in technology, science and medicine. The exception to outdated materials are historical books, first editions and signed books. These books may have an intrinsic value that would make it worth one's while to seek out a used-book buyer rather than tossing them away.

The town has a softcover book recycling bin at Rupert Road Transfer Station in South Bethlehem.

Markets changed for hardcover books, that is why they are no longer accepted.

However, a hardcover book can become a coverless softcover book if you remove the cover. Bend the front and back covers the wrong way. The inner pages will bulge out, so that they can be torn or cut out of the hardcover. Then the book is eligible for recycling with softcover books.

If you have questions, call the recycling hot line at 767-9618.

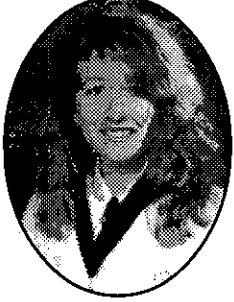
Greeting cards arrive throughout the year or often we save too many sentimental cards. Shiny cards can be recycled with magazines. Non-shiny cards and envelopes are recycled with office/home/copy paper.

Another option is to mail the fronts only of all greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude St., Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

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To purchase these cards, call 1-702-293-3131.

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~ Apple Coffee Cake ~

Grease and lightly flour a bandt cake pan. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

3 cups of peeled, sliced apples (canned apples work well if you don't want to bother with fresh ones)

2 cups sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

3 cups all purpose flour

1/4 t. nutmeg

1t. baking soda

1t. baking powder

1t. cinnamon

1t. salt

1t. vanilla extract

Combine all of the dry ingredients. Lightly beat the eggs, and combine with the oil. Stir by hand into the dry ingredients. Add the apples.

Dear Chef Sarah:

I'd like to make a hot dip – something different from the typical sour cream based dips. What would you suggest?

Ruth M., Albany

Dear Ruth:

I'm giving you the recipe for one of my favorite dips. You can serve it with crudites, but I like it with crackers, or chunks of crusty bread.

~ Hot Artichoke Dip ~

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

1 can Artichoke hearts, drained

1 cup sour cream

1 cup mayonnaise

2 cloves garlic

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

A few dashes of hot sauce

Combine all the ingredients in a blender or food processor, and pulse until smooth. Pour into an ovenproof dish, and bake until golden brown and bubbly.

Whether you're planning a dinner party or making a family meal, perfecting a pizza recipe or hosting a holiday party, Chef Sarah can help with healthy, delicious and exciting solutions to your food questions!

E-mail your culinary questions to Chef Sarah at:

askchefsarah@email.com

About Chef Sarah ...

Sarah Lawrence Longley was born to professional cooks in England. As a graduate from the Culinary Institute of America, she owned a restaurant in the West Indies and has worked for large catering companies around the United States.

Currently, she is the owner of Rent-A-Chef, a personalized Chef Service. Sarah lives in Delmar with her two daughters.

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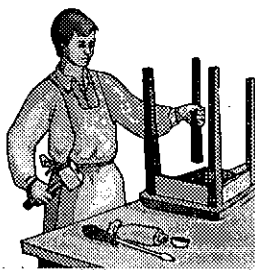
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Online catalog to go 'live' on Jan. 23

Epixtech, our new online catalog and circulation system, will "go live" at all Upper Hudson libraries on Thursday, Jan. 23. The new system will be easy for patrons and more efficient for staff.

Enhanced features will include book jacket images for many



titles, summaries and book reviews from library journals, and various helps such as genre, character and sequence identification.

Many nonfiction titles will allow examination of table of contents and first chapter. Patrons will continue to be able to request, renew and check their accounts online.

To accommodate the transition, the following temporary service changes will be in effect beginning Friday, Jan. 17, and remain in effect until Jan. 23:

- "My Account" will not be available in the online catalog. You will again be able to check what's in and what's out online after Jan. 23.

- You will temporarily be unable to request materials online. However, if you wish to reserve an item, library staff can accept requests in person or by phone.

- Shelf status of items will not be updated in the online catalog during the transition period.

But library staff can check the shelves to determine if items are available.

Librarians and circulation staff will be on hand to offer assistance.

Martin Luther King Day program on tap

On Monday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m., children in kindergarten and up will remember Martin Luther King Jr. with stories, songs and cooperative games that explore the meaning of peace. Children will make a mobile and decorate a snack to share.

To register, call 439-9314.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 20. The curbside book return will be open during library hours, and the garage book drop will be available after closing time.

Online resources can be accessed at the Web site at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Louise Grieco

Corrections for recipe insert

In last week's Recipes for Success supplement, there were several recipes with incomplete or incorrect information.

The following changes need to be made: Add 3 cups of cooked chopped chicken to the ingredients in Chicken Chow Mean.

Easy Cornbread should be prepared by preheating the oven to 400 degrees. Grease an 8- or 9-inch square pan. Combine dry and moist ingredients. Pour into pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

The Macaroni & Cheese recipe should include 8 ounces of cooked elbows, 28 ounces crushed tomatoes, one-fourth cup milk, 3 to 4 ounces of Velveeta cheese, 2 to 3 slices of bread and 1 can of cannoli beans, drained. Spray casserole dish with Pam. Combine all ingredients (Velveeta cheese and bread should be broken into pieces) together.

Place in preheated 350-degree oven and bake covered for 20 minutes, then uncovered for 10 to 15 minutes more.

The committee also wishes to give kudos to Noreen Dlugolecki who compiled and typed the recipes. Thanks for a job well done.

Help needed to clear hydrants

The town of Bethlehem has more than 1,600 fire hydrants and many of them are now buried in snow banks.

Highway Department staffers are working as quickly as possible to remove snow and clear fire hydrants.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you can clear the snow from a fire hydrant near your home, please dig in.

Horizon system set to operate next week

Horizon should be up and running next week.

Patrons are reminded that during the transition to the new automated circulation system, we will be limiting each family to five items per checkout, beginning Jan. 17 and lasting for a period of approximately one week.

The advent of Horizon will mean that our online catalog will



have a new look, and the system we use to check out books will also be different. The staff has been in training and will be ready to answer all of your questions.

We ask that you be patient and assure you that any glitches in the system will be ironed out promptly.

The February selection for the adult book discussion is an intriguing nonfiction book called *Nickel and Dime* by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Ehrenreich designs a social experiment using herself as the subject. Her mission is to determine how the working poor, especially the four million women pushed into the labor force as a result of welfare reform, can live on \$6 or \$7 an hour.

From a waitress job at a Florida restaurant she moves on to Portland, Maine, where she works for a cleaning service and as an attendant in a nursing home.

In Minneapolis, she becomes a "Walmartian," working in the women's clothing department in a Wal-Mart, where "underneath those vests . . . there are real-life charity cases, maybe even shelter dwellers," and where any idle conversation between employees is "time theft."

Ehrenreich ultimately fails in her experiment—she can barely get by on entry-level wages, and niceties like health insurance are totally out of the question.

She does, however, manage to write a very entertaining book about her experiences. Sign up now and start reading.

Kids book discussion for grades four to six will meet on Feb. 11. Sign up and receive a copy of *Steal Away* by Jennifer Armstrong, the story of two young girls, a slave and her orphaned mistress, who run away together.

Preschool story time will be held Friday, Jan. 17, at 10:15 a.m. No sign-up is necessary. Nimblefingers crafts and quilters meet Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. and newcomers are welcome.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets writers support group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

In this issue of the library newsletter are highlights from Joyce Laiosa's "Brush Strokes" bibliography, which lists some of the wonderful art books for young people in the library collection, as well as the locations of major art museums in the Capital District and some cool art Web sites.

If you would like to be added to the *Bookworm* mailing list, leave your name and address at the library.

The library will be open on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Day.

Visit the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

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Pataki names local men RCS library story times resume to executive positions

Among the first appointments of his new term, Gov. George E. Pataki has nominated Slingerlands resident Daniel D. Hogan to head the Governor's Office for Regulatory Reform (GORR), replacing David Poletto, who left the administration to pursue opportunities in the private sector.

Pataki also announced appointments of three Delmar residents to posts in the executive chamber. William Howard was promoted to first deputy secretary to the governor; Charles Fox named deputy secretary for transportation, energy and environment; and Patrick McCarthy selected as deputy secretary for appointments and government affairs.

Hogan currently serves as the governor's director of special projects. He has extensive experience in state and local government, formerly serving as senior policy adviser for the lieutenant governor, executive deputy commissioner at the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, director of public information at the state Department of Social Services, deputy county executive of Albany County, and as a staff member in the state Senate.

Hogan received a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University College at Buffalo. He lives in Slingerlands with his wife, Carrie, and their three children.

GORR was created in 1995 to combat excessive and unreasonable bureaucratic regulations perceived as unfriendly to business in the state.

"Our pro-business policies have helped to create hundreds of thousands of new private sector jobs and GORR has played a key role in that effort," Pataki said in announcing Hogan's appointment. "I am confident that Dan Hogan will work hard every day on behalf of all New Yorkers to build on that progress so we can meet today's challenges by continuing to attract new business and opportunity to our state."

The other appointments come as part of a reorganization that Pataki said is part of an effort to reduce executive chamber spending by 10 percent and to serve as an example to all state agencies in the effort to cut spending in the current and upcoming fiscal years.

"These staffing changes will

bring new energy and new ideas that will allow us to meet today's challenges and build on our historic successes," Pataki said.

Howard currently serves as the governor's first deputy director of state operations. He joined the administration in 1995 and has served as one of the governor's key advisors on labor, pension and public employee issues. In addition, he was involved in directing the state's response to a variety of state emergencies, including the Sept. 11th attack.

Howard received a bachelor's degree in American studies from Manhattanville College and a master's degree in political science from the Nelson Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs at SUNY Albany.

Fox previously served as special assistant to the senior policy adviser in the executive chamber. Prior to that he was general counsel to the Adirondack Park Agency and associate counsel for the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Fox received a degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts and graduated from Syracuse University College of Law.

For the past two years, McCarthy served as executive director of the New York Republican State Committee. Prior to that, he was director of Pataki's Office of Legislative Affairs and deputy press secretary for the governor.

He has worked on several state and local campaigns, including the 2000 U.S. Senate race of former Rep. Rick Lazio. Before joining the administration, he worked in the state Senate Office of Media Services. McCarthy lives in Delmar with his wife, Maryann, and their daughter Kathleen.

Story times have begun at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

Toddler time is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is planned for children from 18 months through age 2. Preschool story time, for 3- to 5-year-olds, is Thursdays at 11 a.m.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

The newest additions to the library's nonfiction collection are geared to middle and high school assignments.

They include titles on American history, world history, literature and literary criticism, Shakespeare's world, immigration and mythology.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and a daytime telephone number.

Unsigned letters receive no consideration. Letters that do not carry a signature will not be published.

The deadline for submitting letters is Friday at noon for publication the following Wednesday.

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ChapterADay has added a Horror Science Fiction Club. This winter it will add a Mystery Club and a Pre-Pub Club.

Subscriptions are free. Just open the club Web page and type in your e-mail address. All week, you will receive chapters of the selection of the week. You can join as many clubs as you wish. Start from www.uhls.org/rcscl.

The library offers subject-oriented intermediate Internet classes. Patrons can sign up for one or all three. They meet at 11

a.m. The class on Tuesday, Feb. 11, will be about travel. Wednesday, Feb. 19, will be about recipes, and Tuesday, Feb. 25, will be about health.

To enroll, call the library at 756-2053.

On Jan. 23, the Upper Hudson public library system will launch new catalog software.

The new Web-based online catalog will be easier to use, and requests will be easier to make.

Patrons will also be able to see book jackets.

During January, there will be some bumps while the library databases are moved from one software system onto another, but service will not be interrupted.

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Sematech spin-offs: "We'll look at any opportunity that presents itself and evaluate it on its merits," Miller said. Nonetheless, their ambitious absorption projections drew skepticism from Tim Fitzpatrick, a town resident and real estate broker who participated in the hearing.

"With the glut of space we have right now (on the local office market), a year might be a little aggressive," he said.

Picotte has assembled the same contractor team that built Corporate Woods to undertake the project.

"We are prepared to begin this winter season and actually break ground for any exterior construction in the spring," Miller said; they plan to reconfigure the parking area to the building's north to maximize parking close to the building.

The PILOT agreement it seeks, which would apply only to the \$7 million value of the proposed improvements, would adhere to the IDA's present uniform PILOT policy, offering 50 percent tax relief in its first year, reduced annually by 5 percent over the 15-year life of the agreement. If the IDA finds them eligible, the venture is automatically entitled to the uniform PILOT.

The IDA board tabled the proposal for discussion at its next meeting on Jan. 22, but IDA

chairman Michael Tucker sounded a supportive note.

"Our focus is to get that incremental \$7 million (investment), to provide the incentives necessary to get it, and ensure that it's there for the future," he said. "I think that building has sat there not at its highest and best use for years."

The Milltowne tech park project came up for discussion as IDA executive director Brian Hannifin reported on a recent effort to seek Empire Zone designation for the proposed Wemple Road site — and its attendant tax incentives — from the Empire State Development Corporation.

A similar application on behalf of a site adjacent to the Daisytek distribution center on West Yard Road, targeted for expansion of that company's operations, was recently approved by the state agency — but the Milltowne proposal was not.

"The application was not quite ready, and the timing was off" for the current round of designations, Hannifin said. "It would have been inappropriate for them to designate something that is so speculative at this point." But the exercise helped focus negotiations with Milltowne over the developer's relationship with the IDA. "Certainly there was more clarity in our position and where we're coming from in these recent deliberations," said IDA board member Joseph

Richardson.

The IDA appointed a subcommittee of Richardson and board member Frank Venezia to oversee the ongoing negotiations.

"If it's built right, this has the potential to be Corporate Woods or Airport Park on a smaller scale," Tucker said.

Promoting the region's potential as a home for high-tech business is the focus of the Tech Valley Chamber coalition, a consortium of Chambers of Commerce organized by the Albany-Colonie Regional chamber, which also assisted the IDA in developing the tech park proposal.

On Dec. 20, Albany-Colonie executive director Lyn Taylor announced that the Bethlehem chamber, along with its counterparts in Guilford and Southern Saratoga County, will join the coalition, bringing its membership to 18 chambers representing 12,000 member businesses employing more than 350,000 locally.

"I am very excited about this development," wrote Bethlehem chamber president Marty DeLaney in informing her board of the decision to join. "The purpose of the Chamber Coalition is to encourage businesses and organizations in the Capital District and Hudson Valley to think regionally and promote our region as a great place to live, work and play."

Collapses

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"If it was five hours previous, there would have been people working in there," said Bethlehem building inspector Kevin Shea last week after surveying the damage. "There could have been some real problems."

The collapse was discovered after 11 p.m. by a Bethlehem policeman dispatched in response to a building alarm at the site, Shea said. Between 60 and 70 feet of pitched wooden roof at the northern end of the building had collapsed under more than two feet of snow in the aftermath of the preceding weekend's second record snowfall in as many weeks. The main trusses supporting the roof fell, essentially, straight down, but the heavy timbers held, minimizing the pancaking of lathes and milling equipment underneath.

"Those are very, very strong members," Shea said. "But snow can do some amazing things."

The specific point of failure has yet to be determined, but Shea and Digeser both indicated it did not appear suspicious. "It will be pretty tough to find out exactly what caused it," Digeser said. "Was there a weakness in that particular sector that no one noticed before, due to something that may have happened before we bought the building? It's hard to know."

An inspection of the remaining wooden structure revealed no further stresses, Shea said, and electrical and other utility service

to the building was sufficiently divided so that Ayer's remaining operations can continue in place, Shea said: "The builders took all the right precautions."

Digeser estimated the damage to be "probably over \$75,000." Plans are already being drawn up for a steel structure to replace the lost section of 1A, and Digeser said he anticipated seeking building permits for the work next week, after demolition is completed.

"I think on the outside it'd be three months (to complete)," he said. "If we get lucky, it'd be less than that. We've got to get it back in business."

Flach leases roughly 65,000 square feet in four buildings at the industrial park, on a site once owned by Wickes Lumber before its purchase by Flach. Ayer is the largest of eight current tenants in the park; president Peter Ayer could not be reached for comment.

Old Songs slates Sampler Concert

Local performers will take to the stage at the Old Songs Sampler Concert on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 138 Maple Ave., Altamont.

The Sampler Concert is an annual benefit for Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance. It will feature songs on mountain dulcimer with Susan Trump, the Saratoga Mandolin Ensemble, Mark Schmidt and the Old Time Gospel Trio, Alien Folklife, Ron Gordon and his Ukulele Friends, Debra Burger, hammered dulcimerist Bill Spence, and Addie and Olin-Unleashed.

The evening also features a drawing for dozens of quality craft items donated by Old Songs festival craft vendors, as well as recordings by festival performers and a bake sale.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at the door or by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

The 23rd Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance is scheduled for June 27-29 at the Altamont Fairgrounds.

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Sports

Wakefield's shot lifts Maginn past Bethlehem

By ROB JONAS

The Bishop Maginn girls basketball team made its clutch shots. Bethlehem did not make its clutch shots.

Keyhana Wakefield sank a three-pointer with 51 seconds left in regulation to lead the Lady Griffins to a 67-64 non-league victory over the Lady Eagles last Friday in Bethlehem.

"(Wakefield) was back quite away," Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said. "I don't think our defense saw her out there. It takes a big-time player to hit that kind of shot."

The Lady Eagles (6-4) trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half before rallying. A 15-4 run to end the third quarter pulled Bethlehem within two points, and Kaitlin Foley's turn-around hook shot to open the fourth quarter tied the game at 52.

"I thought for a while, we had them. They looked a little tired out there," Wise said.

Sarah Homer gave Bethlehem a 58-57 lead a short time later when she hit a jump shot, but Fran Payne made two free throws to put Maginn ahead by one point. Payne then assisted on a shot by Julie Reilly, and Tadj Williams canned one of two foul shots to put the Lady Griffins ahead 62-58.



Bethlehem's Kaitlin Foley goes up for two of her game-high 31 points in last Friday's non-league game against Bishop Maginn. Rob Jonas

Foley pulled the Lady Eagles back within two points with a strong move to the basket. Then, Vanessa Patry stole the ball on Maginn's next possession and went in for the uncontested layup to tie the game at 62.

After Wakefield's three-pointer gave Maginn the lead, Bethlehem had a chance to pull within a point, but Jamie Mooney's shot rolled off the rim and into the hands of a Lady Griffin defender. Jaclyn Cahill then made two free throws to give Maginn a five-point lead with 35.6 seconds left.

Foley hit a quick shot to reduce the deficit to three points, but after Wakefield missed a free throw with 26.1 seconds left, Foley's hook shot bounced off the front of the rim. Two more shots in the final 12 seconds did not fall for the Lady Eagles.

"In that scenario, I didn't have any time outs left," Wise said. "They have to make the decisions out there."

Foley dominated the low post

for Bethlehem. The 6-foot, 4-inch senior center led all scorers with 31 points, including eight points during the Lady Eagles' second-half rally that tied the game at 52. Mooney and Sue Kelly each added 12 points. Williams led Maginn with 19 points, while Wakefield contributed 14 points and Payne added 11 points and several rebounds.

"They did a good job on (rebounds)," Wise said. "We needed to do a better defensive job on the boards."

It was the second three-point loss to a top local team this season for Bethlehem. The Lady Eagles opened the season with a 49-46 loss to Colonie Central in the Bethlehem Tip-off Tournament.

"Maybe sometime, we'll come out on top," Wise said.

Bethlehem returns to Suburban Council action tonight, Jan. 15, when it visits Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in a Gold Division game. The Lady Eagles host Averill Park Friday.

BCAA slates pasta dinner

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will host a pasta dinner Friday, Jan. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lower gym concession area.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds will support BCAA programs.

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 6-12

Tuesday, Jan. 7

BOYS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 61, COLUMBIA 55

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Cameron Brown 21 points, Matt Robbins 21 points.

COHOES 55, RCS 30

Leading scorer: Ravena — Rick Rider 10 points.

SCHALMONT 62,

VOORHEESVILLE 52

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Frank Catellier 19 points, Mark Carson 15 points, Dan Melewski 12 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

RCS 29, COHOES 23

Leading scorer: Ravena — Lorin Weidman 9 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 53,

SCHALMONT 49

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Katie Inglis 17 points, Jackie Markert 16 points, Brittany Baron 13 points.

Wed., Jan. 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

MECHANICVILLE 52, RCS 41

Leading scorer: Ravena — Victor Bermudez 20 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 70, COLUMBIA 38

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Emily Bango 15 points, Kaitlin Foley 13 points, Katie Rowan 12 points, Jamie Mooney 10 points.

RCS 36, MECHANICVILLE 30

Leading scorers: Ravena — Ashley Byerwalters 10 points.

Sarah Stott 7 points.

WRESTLING

Maple Hill 39, Bethlehem 33

Thursday, Jan. 9

GIRLS BASKETBALL

HOLY NAMES 73,

VOORHEESVILLE 41

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Jackie Markert 18 points, Brittany Baron 10 points.

WRESTLING

AVERILL PARK 61,

BETHLEHEM 24

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Andrew Olinzock (103 pounds), Andrew Wilbur (135), Pete Privatera (152), Dave Denio (160).

COBLESKILL 59,

VOORHEESVILLE 18

Individual winners: Voorheesville — Zach Fluster (119 pounds), Mike Ashline (135), Josh Cootware (189).

Friday, Jan. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

VOORHEESVILLE 50,

COBLESKILL 48

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Frank Catellier 16 points, Brian Carey 15 points.

WATERVLIET 47, RCS 27

Leading scorers: Ravena — Eric Vasquez 9 points, Rick Rider 8 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BISHOP MAGINN 67,

BETHLEHEM 64

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Kaitlin Foley 31 points, Sue Kelly 12 points, Jamie Mooney 12 points.

VOORHEESVILLE 49,

COBLESKILL 38

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Jackie Markert 18 points, Michelle Nadratowski 14 points.

WATERVLIET 43, RCS 29

Leading scorer: Ravena — Laura Persico 12 points.

HOCKEY

MOHONASEN/SCHALMONT 4,

BETHLEHEM 2

Scoring: M/S — Eric McKelvey 3-1, Ryan Grady 1-1, Mark Moreau 0-1, Nate Fregoe 0-1, Brendan Krichbaum 0-1, Dave Martino 0-1. Bethlehem — Jim Moehringer 1-0, Evan Gall 1-0, Andrew Kelleher 0-1, Chris Dudek 0-1, Chris Bub 0-1, Jeff Kattrein 0-1.

Saves: M/S — Dave Martino 17. Bethlehem — Jordan Murray 22.

Saturday, Jan. 11

HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 7, CBA 2

Scoring: Bethlehem — Andrew Kelleher 3-1, Jim Moehringer 2-2, Jeff Kattrein 1-0, Evan Gall 1-0,

Joe Hughes 0-4, Dave Farber 0-1, Joe Siniski 0-1, Chris Bub 0-1, Jon Bartow 0-1. CBA — Blaine Drescher 1-0, Tim Dougherty 1-0, Dan Maloy 0-1, Adam Vandervoort 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Matt Guntner 16, Jordan Murray 0. CBA — Brent Hendricks 14, Stephen Hoffer 4.

WRESTLING

SHEN INVITATIONAL

Team scores: Hudson Falls 226.5, Shenendehowa 223.5, Averill Park 211.5, Newburgh Free Academy 170.5, Mohonasen 164.5, CBA 115, Scotia-Glenville 102, Ravena 93, Whitehall 91, Burnt Hills 73, Schenectady 37, Shaker 32, Mechanicville 15.

Top four finishers: Ravena — Eoin Carroll (fourth place, 103 pounds), Allan Northrup (fourth place, 130), Herb Tompkins (third place, 140), John Dibble (fourth place, 152), Joe Blondell (second place, 189).

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Obituaries

Joseph Yungman

Joseph A. Yungman, 76, of Stow, Mass., and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 11.

He lived in Clifton Park prior to moving to Massachusetts.

Mr. Yungman was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady with a degree in electrical engineering.

He worked for the former New York Telephone Co. for 41 years, retiring as district manager of forecasting, state region.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and played the violin in the Delmar Community Orchestra. He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and water sports at the family's summer home on Schroon lake.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Harders Yungman; four daughters, Joanne Jurwitz of Houston, Texas, Marjorie Berlin of Wantagh, Susan Kelleher of Acton, Mass., and Barbara O'Connor of Marshfield, Mass.; a son, John Yungman of Greenwood, Ind.; four siblings; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were from the Acton Funeral Home and St. Isidor's Church in Stow.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to cancer research.

Frank Bentz Jr.

Frank P. "Pete" Bentz Jr. of Glenmont died Sunday, Jan. 12.

Born in Albany, he attended Christian Brothers Academy.

Mr. Bentz was a Navy veteran of World War II. He received the Victory, American Area and Pacific Area medals.

He was a technician for Western Electric, and later became an insurance agent. He was vice president and later president of the Bentz Agency.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Grace G. Gourley Bentz; a son, Timothy P. Bentz of East Greenbush; and a sister, Dorothy Allison.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Hospice Program, c/o Sandra Osbourne, 113 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

Kathleen Loftus-Eben

Kathleen Phoebe Loftus-Eben, 54, of Pelham, Westchester County, and formerly of Delmar,

died Thursday, Jan. 2, at Westchester Medical Center.

Born in Albany, she attended the Academy of the Holy Names and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School. She was also a graduate of Colorado Women's College and went to graduate school at Middlebury College. She received a master's degree in French literature from the Sorbonne in Paris.

Mrs. Loftus-Eben worked for the United Nations Development Bureau in New York City as a secretary, translator and mission observer from 1972 to 1999.

Survivors include her husband, Jonathan D. Eben; and a sister, Susan Jacobsen of Fairfax, Va.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Delmar.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rensselaer.

Arthur Ardman

Arthur Ardman, 79, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Jan. 3, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Canton, Ohio, he graduated from West Virginia University and became a teaching fellow in the physics department. While still in college, he joined the Army and served as a lieutenant at Fort Knox, Ky. He served in Seoul during the Korean War.

He moved to the Albany area in 1961 and joined the partnership that owned Mayfair Home Furnishings. He also formed the Mayfair Art Gallery, which he operated until recently dissolving the business.

Mr. Ardman served on the boards of many local charities, including the United Way, the Red Cross and the Lawrence Center Independence House.

He also held various positions on the boards of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Capital Repertory Theater, the Albany League of Arts, Albany Center Galleries and the Capital Region Center for the Arts and Education.

His philanthropic efforts also were extended to include Congregation Beth Emeth, where he was a member. He was a member of the United Jewish Federation.

He enjoyed golf and was a member of Team Albany, captained by the late mayor of Albany, Thomas Whalen.

He was a member of Colonie Country Club.

He was a member of the

Albany Rotary Club and the Albany/Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Margaret MacFarland; two sons, David Ardman of Voorheesville and David Ardman of Brunswick; three brothers, William Ardman of Swampscott, Mass., Harry Ardman of Boca Raton, Fla., and Milton Ardman of San Marcos, Calif.; a sister, Shirley Goldstein of Charleston, W. Va.; and a grandson.

Memorial services were from Congregation Beth Emeth.

Arrangements were by the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to AMC Parkinsons Research Fund, 215 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany 12205 or the CRC for Arts and Education, University at Albany, Ten Broeck 107, Albany 12222.

Katharine Vincent

Katharine M. Vincent, 79, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 11, at the nursing home.

Born in New Baltimore, she was a longtime resident of Albany before moving to Delmar.

She worked for the state Health Department for many years before she retired.

She was a supporter of the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany.

Survivors include an aunt, Cora Humbarger, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Capital City Rescue Mission, PO Box 1999, Albany 12201 or Trinity United Methodist Church, PO Box 8, Coeymans Hollow 12046.

Norma Flansburg

Norma E. Gage Flansburg, 63, of Voorheesville, died Sunday, Jan. 5, in Pensacola, Fla.

Born in Altamont, she spent most of her life in Voorheesville. She and her husband wintered in South Florida.

She was retired from Agway Energy Products, where she had been an office manager.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Richard J. Flansburg; three daughters, Sharon Flansburg of Voorheesville, Susanne Soloyna of New Salem and Connie Kelly of Crestview, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

A local memorial service will be held in June.

Arrangements were by Trahan Mortuary Services in Pensacola.

Kenneth Brown

Kenneth J. Brown, 83, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar.

Born in Bradford, Pa., he was raised and educated in Stuyvesant and Schodack.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with Patton's Third Armored Division in Europe.

He retired from the former

Vogel Van & Storage Co. after 30 years as a truck driver and warehouseman.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 294, Delmar VFW Post 3185 and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was husband of the late Bernadine "Betty" Becker Brown.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Zwicklbauer of Slingerlands; a son, Kenneth J. Brown Jr. of Albany; eight sisters, Dorothy Blowers and Edna Brown, both of Ballston Spa, Betty Coons and Bernice Galucci, both of Rensselaer, Ann Hulsopple of East Greenbush, Charlotte Ryan of Selkirk, Shirley Ingoldsby of Nassau and Susan Connors of Ravena; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar 12054 or Good Samaritan Chaplaincy Program, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Reid Wisenburn

Reid C. Wisenburn, 90, of South Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Jan. 7.

He worked in automotive sales for more than 40 years, retiring after a long career with Marshall's Transportation in Ravena.

He was a member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, serving in various capacities.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Vera Mosher Wisenburn; a daughter, Mary Beth Sclafani of Chestertown; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Durant Funeral Home and South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Spring burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, South Bethlehem 12161.

Brendan Cullen

Brendan M. Cullen (Kelleher), 19, of Delmar died Wednesday, Jan. 8.

He was a 2002 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a dean's list student at SUNY Geneseo.

He enjoyed driving around in his Camaro with his friends, snowboarding and fishing.

He had spent a summer exploring Ireland with his father and sister.

Survivors include his father, Bryan P. Cullen; his mother, Kathleen Kelleher; a sister, Maura Cullen; his stepfather, Anthony Knox; maternal grandparents William and Dorothy Kelleher of Delmar; and paternal grandmother, Grace I. Cullen.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, both in Delmar.

The family is making plans for a memorial fund, to be announced at a later date.

Mary Ray

Mary C. Ray, 77, of the Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar died Thursday, Jan. 9, at the home.

Born in Albany, she was a member of the Colonie Fire Co. auxiliary, the Colonie Elks auxiliary and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Colonie.

She was the widow of William Ray.

Survivors include two nephews, Jonathan F. Carr and William B. Carr; and a niece, Bernice Carr.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 49 Killeen Park, Colonie 12205.

Arboretum director to speak to society

Christine Story, executive director of the Mountain Top Arboretum, will give a talk and slide show at the Sunday, Jan. 19, meeting of the Capital-Hudson Iris Society at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Story will talk about the arboretum, its history, and its special projects which test the hardiness boundaries of unusual trees and shrubs.

Located on Route 23C in Tannersville, Greene County, in the northern Catskills, the 21-acre arboretum was established 25 years ago and is supported by member donations. Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers live side by side with exotic transplants hardy enough to survive the elevation, harsh climate and difficult growing conditions. About a one-hour drive from Albany, the arboretum offers educational programs throughout the late spring, summer and fall season. Story has been the director for the past five years.

Coffee and cake will be served at 1:30 p.m., and the program starts at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free event. For information, call 439-3758.

Group to meet

Bethlehem Senior Services Department sponsors a Visual Support Group on the fourth Friday of the month at the town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Each month, strategies to cope with visual impairment are discussed, led by presenter Dr. Edwin Pesnel.

On Friday, Jan. 24, the group will hear Barry Berberich, executive director of the Northeastern Association for the Blind. The group meets each month from September until June in Room 101 of town hall from 1 to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Call 439-4955, ext. 4 for information.

Garden club to meet

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will be having a dinner meeting at the Quality Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont on Thursday, Jan. 23.

The guest speaker will be John O'Donnell, general manager of Albany International Airport.

To make a reservation, call 438-7550 or 237-8572 by Jan. 19.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



John and Maureen Vosmek

Hogan, Vosmek marry

Maureen Kelly Hogan, daughter of Frank and Dorothy Hogan, and John Jaroslav Vosmek III, son of John and Lucy Vosmek of Portland, Ore., were married Sept. 7.

The Rev. David Jones performed the ceremony at Kenwood Sacred Heart Chapel at Doane Stuart School in Albany.

The maid of honor was Alecia Rockwell. Bridesmaids were Alice Vosmek, sister of the groom, Colleen Kriz and Kathleen McConnell.

The best man was Lars Holmstrom. Ushers were James

Hogan, brother of the bride, Matt Droskaski, cousin of the bride, and Tom Grattan.

The bride is a graduate of Doane Stuart School and Franklin and Marshall College.

She is a publications specialist at the University of Washington.

The groom is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Portland, Franklin and Marshall College and the University of Washington.

He is a librarian at the University of Washington.

After a wedding trip to London, the couple lives in Seattle.

St. Stephen's plans Alpha course

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 16 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, will present the Alpha course beginning Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The 10-week Alpha course is for anyone who wants to find out more about the Christian faith.

Adults of all ages are welcome.

Alpha began in London and is now held in thousands of churches around the world.

Each weekly session starts with an informal dinner, followed

by a large group learning time, and ends with a small group discussion and interaction.

The small groups give participants a chance to discuss issues raised during the talks.

For information, call Donna Steckline at 439-3265 or June Compton at 439-1356.

To make a reservation, call the church at 439-3265 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Let the church office know if you need child care, which will be available.

Births

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Lia Alling Soares, to Tina and David Soares of Delmar, Dec. 20.

Boy, Erich Dieter Fischer, to Mary and David Fischer of Delmar, Dec. 21.

Bethlehem students honored by HVCC

Three Bethlehem students were honored by the Foundation at Hudson Valley Community College at its fall scholarship reception.

Anne Klugo-Fetting of Slingerlands received the Richard Dinn Memorial Scholarship, an award to a student studying to be a physician assistant.

Marcy Shuttles of Glenmont was awarded the James K. and Jeannette M. Morse Memorial Scholarship. The award is given to a first year, full-time nursing student of high academic achievement.

And, Dianna Higginbotham of Selkirk, a full-time human services major, received the Patty Walsh '92 Memorial Scholarship.

Students inducted into honor society

Sarah Zimmer of Glenmont and Greg Bauer of Slingerlands were recently inducted into Syracuse University's chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Zimmer is a junior in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and Bauer is a junior in the School of Information Studies.

Students are only inducted into Golden Key National Honor Society by invitation only, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale and rank in the top 15 percent of the junior or senior class.

Selkirk woman named to Who's Who

Mary Gecewicz of Selkirk, a member of the class of 2003 at Providence College, has been named to the 2003 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Gecewicz, who is majoring in accountancy, is among 60 Providence College students named to the annual listing which recognizes outstanding campus leaders nationwide.



Thomas St. John and Christine Gilligan

Gilligan, St. John engaged

Christine Gilligan, daughter of Ed and Judy Gilligan of Delmar, and Thomas St. John, son of Thomas and Lorraine St. John of Staten Island, are engaged to be married.

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

She works for Precise Software Solutions in Boston.

The future groom is a graduate of Tottenville High School and Fairfield University.

He works for MFS Investment Management in Boston.

The couple plans a Nov. 8 wedding.

RCS school district sets kindergarten registration

Registration for all children entering kindergarten in September 2003 in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will be held today, Jan. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and Thursday, Jan. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at A.W. Becker Elementary School.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten, the child must have reached his or her fifth birthday by Dec. 1, 2003.

Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate with them on registration day.

Health records are not

necessary at registration.

Two registration sessions will be held.

Parents and children will attend session I if the child's last name begins with the letters A through L.

Parents and children will attend session II if the child's last name begins with the letters M through Z.

Session I will be held from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and session II will be held from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

For information, call Pieter B. Coeymans School at 756-5250 or A.W. Becker School at 756-5230.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.

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INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123
Personalized invitations & announcements for weddings, showers, bar mitzvah, new baby, graduation.

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Harold Finkle, "Your Jeweler" 1585
Central Ave., Colonie. 456-6800. Diamonds - Handcrafted Wedding Rings & Attendant's Gifts.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Personal, Professional Photographic Services - 469-6551.



BCMS to host ceremony for late teacher

Karen Cole, a longtime middle school teacher who died suddenly last year, will be honored and remembered at a ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the media center at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The class of 2003, the Facilities Committee, the BCMS PTA and the Bethlehem Central School Endowment Fund have all made generous gifts in Cole's memory.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ACT camps it up with Rocky Horror

By DONNA J. BELL

Madness takes its toll on a local Albany stage as aliens, rock 'n' roll, murder and transvestites preside in the cult phenomenon "The Rocky Horror Show."

And if you are a baby boomer who first "did the time warp" back in your college years, Albany Civic Theatre offers a stage production that director Thomas Dalton Bambury, promises to be "raw, fun and pure escape."

Written by Richard O'Brien, the successful stage show first debuted at The Royal Court Theatre Upstairs in London on June 16, 1973 and ran for two years before being picked up by 20th Century Fox to become the film "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," in 1975.

The film starred O'Brien as Riff Raff, Tim Curry as Dr. Frank N. Furter and Susan Sarandon as Janet and Barry Bostwick as Brad. Like the stage show, the film quickly became a cult classic.

For those of you not familiar with the film version, the story traces the bizarre adventures of super-square Brad Majors and his amazingly naive fiancée, Janet Weiss. One dark and stormy night their car gets a flat and they seek refuge in eerie castle where they unknowingly enter the lair of an alien mad scientist from Transsexual Transylvania, Dr. Frank N. Furter on the evening of the unveiling of his greatest creation — the muscle-bound Rocky Horror.

All the action in the show plays over the top and was written to mimic grade B horror movies, Steve Reeves muscle flicks and 1950s rock 'n' roll. While the stage show and the film share a common story line, director Bambury, who also plays Eddie in the show, said Albany Civic has something special to offer theatregoers who have seen the big screen version.

"I've always been a big fan of Rocky Horror," he said. "But I prefer the stage version, it is pure fun and has more songs and more choreography. Obviously we had to be creative with the staging because we can't go from room to room but I think it is more personal for the audience."

"Because everyone is familiar with the show, people come with their own ideas," Bambury said.



T.J. Collins as the outrageous Dr. Frank N. Furter, the world's most powerful but sweet transvestite.

"But I feel we have really made the show individual to each actor."

Well-known local actor T.J. Collins fills the role of Frank N. Furter.

"T.J. has been doing theatre his whole life and this is a role he always wanted to play," Bambury said.

Brad and Janet are played by Dave Dixon and Rebecca Byrden, both from Albany who were last seen together in "Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean."

Bambury, as Eddie, said he gets to perform a "great number," but his four minutes on stage

takes 45 minutes in the make-up chair. If you have never seen either the stage

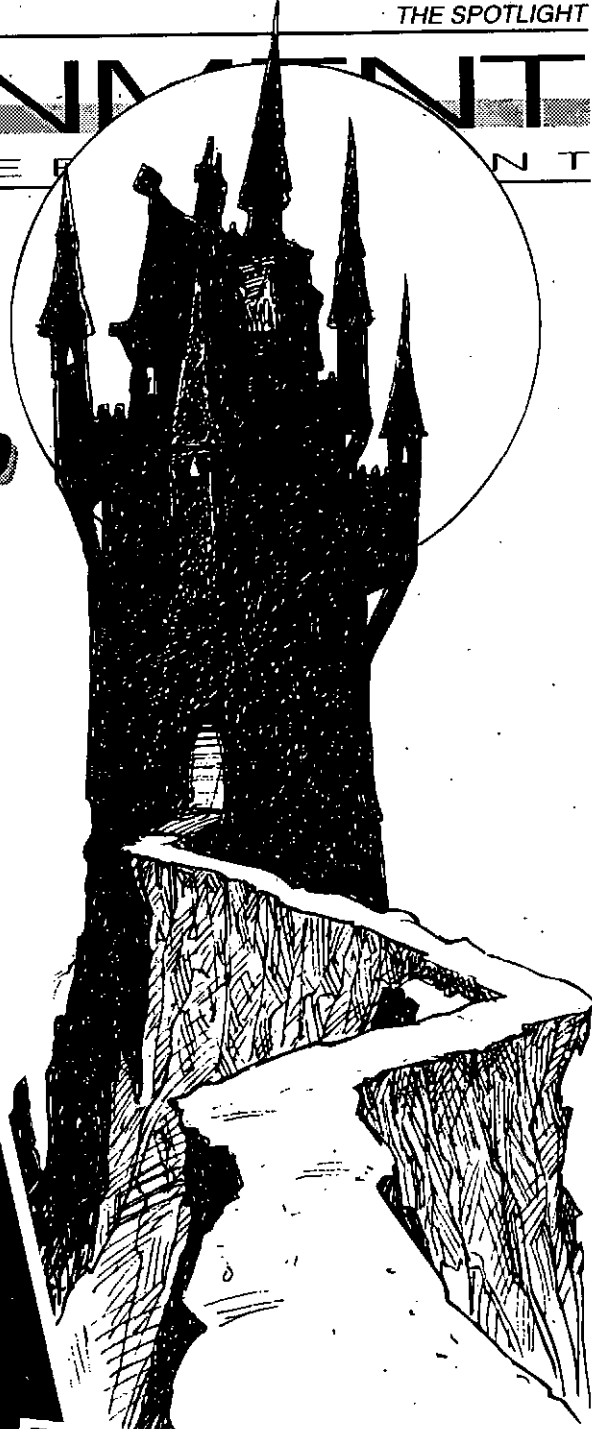
or film version of Rocky Horror don't be surprised if you see people in costume sitting in the theater. Over the past 25-plus years, members of the film audiences have been dressing up, acting out scenes and interacting with the film by tossing items like rice at the screen.

"While we are not encouraging that, we will be giving out little goody bags with confetti so the hard core moviegoers won't be disappointed," Bambury said.

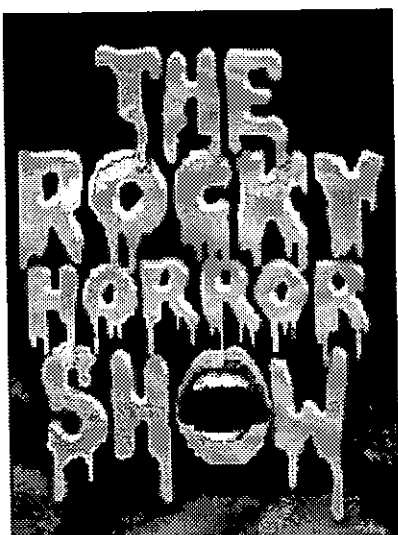
Opening night for the cast was last weekend and Bambury said the crowd responded with a standing ovation.

"The audience went crazy," he said. "You could feel the energy and it felt like the place would explode."

Albany Civic Theater got its start in



Super-square Brad Majors (Dave Dixon) and his fiancée, Janet Weiss (Rebecca Byrden) try desperately to survive the diabolical residents of the castle.



February 1955 when Marion Karczmar directed "Blithe Spirit" just nine months after the group's first organizational meeting. In the early 1960s, the troupe moved into an old firehouse on 235 Second Ave., where they have been ever since.

"The Rocky Horror Show" will run Jan. 17 to 19 and 24 to 26 with shows at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. shows on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling the box office at 462-1297.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

BEGUILLED AGAIN

Rodgers/Hart musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 16, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

camp classic, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., weekends through Jan. 26, \$15. Information, 462-1297.

FIT TO KILL

world premiere thriller, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 2, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

Music

JAMES CARTER

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 17, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

BILL STAINES

Caffe Lena, Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., \$15. Information, 583-0022.

KATE AND ANNA MCGARRIGLE

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

LES YEUX NOIR

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., \$21 and \$24. Information, 273-0038.

THREE MO' TENORS

Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 24, 8 p.m., \$29, \$36 and \$39. Information, 346-6204.

JAZZ GUITAR SUMMIT

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Jan. 25, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$10. Information, 381-1111.

Dance

MOMIX

performing "Orbit," Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., \$19, \$28 and \$32. Information, 346-6204.

Family Fun

GARY ROSEN'S TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 18, 1 p.m., \$6. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response; Burgess Shale: Evolution's Big Bang, through March 12; Once Upon a Time: Fiction and Fantasy in Contemporary Art from the Whitney Museum, through March 9; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

The Beatles: Then and Now, photos by Harry Benson, through March 2; plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

161 Washington Ave., works by Louanne Genet Getty and Deborah Zlotzky, through Feb. 14. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker-Road, Colonie, "Show Off," artwork and ephemera from 57 upstate museums and historic sites, through Feb. 16, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Information, 242-2241.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Cool Views," through Jan. 31, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786-6557.

Call for Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Altamont Village Hall, 115 Main St. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church

1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325

ANNIE SCHAFER ORCHESTRA

openings in the string section, rehearsals Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to noon, Nott Terrace and Eastern Avenue, Schenectady. Information, 372-5146.

MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

CRAFTERS WANTED

for 2003 New Scotland Plum Fest on Sept. 20. Information, 439-5488.

Classes

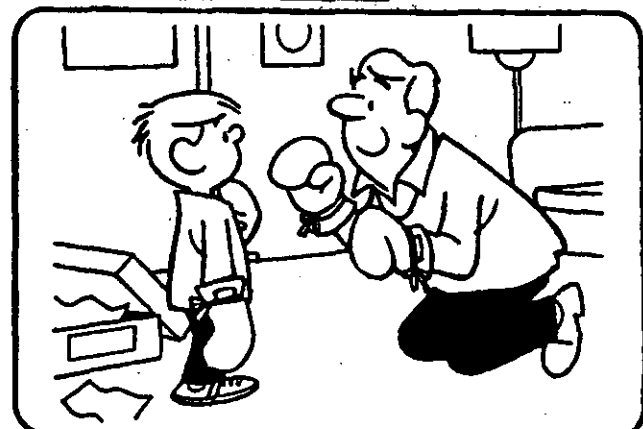
DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

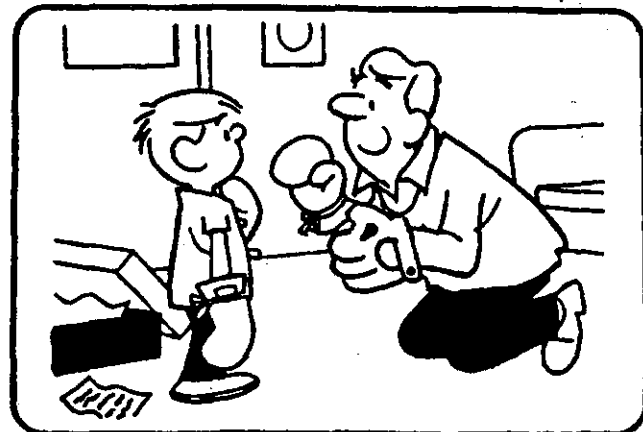
ART CLASSES

watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man has a baseball glove. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Box is black. 4. Paper has writing on it. 5. Boy has short sleeves. 6. Boy's shoes are plain.

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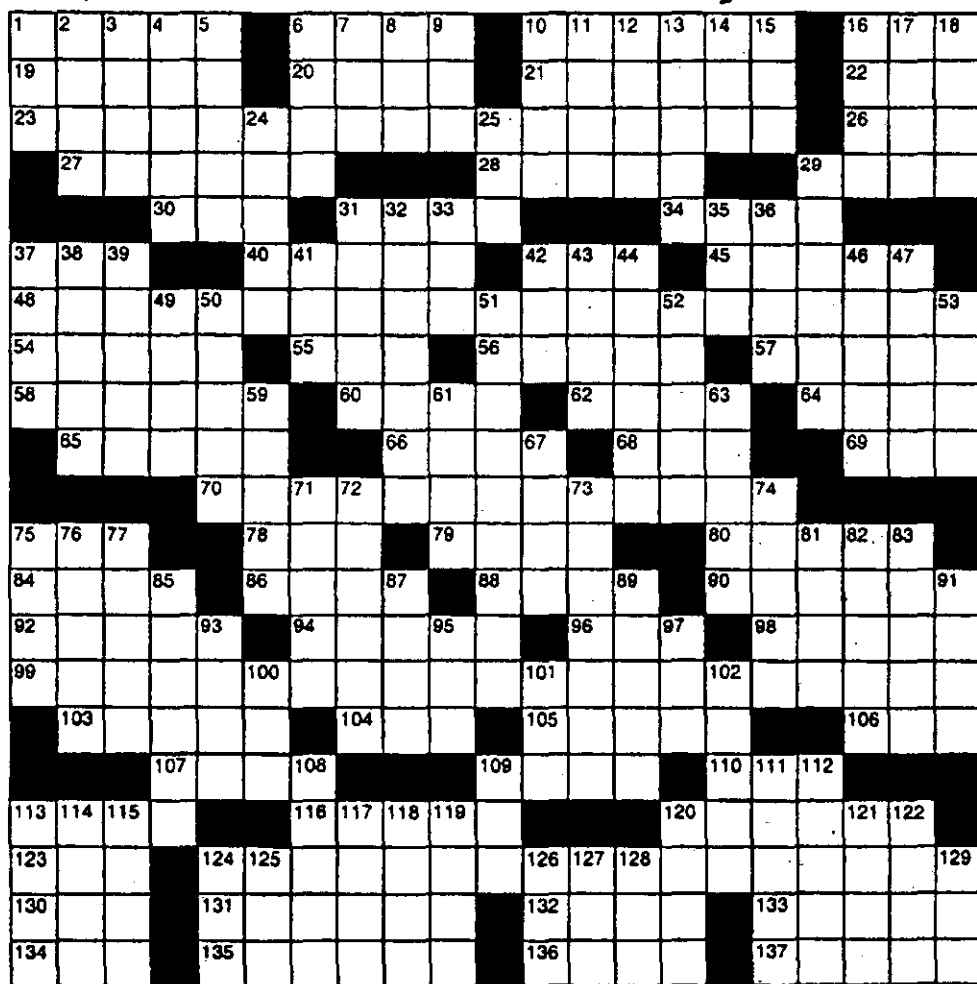
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ACROSS

1 — pole
6 Miss Marple
10 Canine tooth
16 "Nowhere —" ('68 hit)
19 Luncheonette lure
20 Bard's river
21 May or Stritch
22 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...
26 Tear
27 Walk confidently
28 Composer Albeniz
29 Stevenson scoundrel
30 Singer Sumac
31 Fill to the gills
34 Rapier
37 — Locks, FL
40 Eastern dye
42 Raven maven?
45 — terrier
48 She's not old, she's ...
54 Conductor's concern
55 "Nidre"
56 Right-fielder Tony

DOWN

57 Discontinue
58 "Strange Interlude" playwright
60 Quaker colonist
62 Baby bites
64 Hazard
65 Keats' — a "Nightingale"
66 Scuba site
68 Tach meas.
69 Actress Ruby
70 He doesn't have detention, he's ...
75 Ring figure
78 Brit. lexicon
79 Puente or Jackson
80 Cognizant
84 Actor Novello
86 Rushed
88 Poet Teasdale
90 Paint over
92 Sacks
94 Urania's sister
96 Seer's gift
98 Undo an error
99 He's not ignorant, he's ...
103 Approaches
104 Superlative suffix
105 It's up in the air
106 '60s campus org.

ACROSS

107 Printer's measure
109 Entangle
110 "A Yank in the —" ('41 film)
113 — pro quo
116 Beethoven dedicatee
120 Sahara vision
123 Decorative vase
124 He doesn't snore, he's ...
130 FBI employee
131 Asian peninsula
132 Give off
133 Bar food?
134 Metro or Prizm
135 Lowdown hound
136 Trick
137 Serengeti springer

DOWN

8 Start to snooze
9 Vane letters
10 Chubby Checker has three
11 Forearm bone
12 Actress Thompson
13 Segment
14 Lodging
15 PD abbr.
16 Designer Quant
17 Gung-ho
18 Spine start
24 Spud state
25 Quiche, e.g.
29 Young bovine
31 Pry
32 Some fishermen
33 Skater Babilonia
35 Sty guy
36 Hockey's Lindros
37 Word form for "eight"
38 Chemical prefix
39 Ready for a fight
41 Lodge brother
42 Comrade
43 Ken or Lena
44 "Madigan" ('67 film)
46 Demure
47 "Siddhartha" author
49 Mayberry moppet
50 Nick of "Cape Fear"
51 NYC power co.
52 Like some dogs
53 Astronaut Slayton
59 Trademark designs
61 Tree house?
63 Lipstick mishap
67 Chalky cheese
71 Drive off
72 Swimmer Gertrude
73 Actor Lamas
74 Nerd
75 Jazz phrase
76 French spa
77 Compel
81 Unit of area
82 Savanna sounds
83 Facilitated
85 Impede
87 TV's "Happy —"
89 Racy neckwear?
91 Turner and Koppel
93 Certain
95 Boy king
97 Play on words
100 Quiet — mouse
101 Myriads of moons
102 Worth
106 Southwestern sights
109 Essential
111 Crop up
112 "Attraction" ('87 film)
113 Bog, for short
114 Press
115 "So — You" ('77 song)
117 Research sites
118 First name in tennis
119 Blind part
120 Doie (out)
121 Arizona river
122 Writer Hunter
124 Collar a crook
125 Coach Parseghian
126 Word with carpet or cabbage
127 Aussie walker
128 "Great Expectations" character
129 Byrnes or Roush

The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 28.

Wed. 1/15

BETHLEHEM

STORY TIME REGISTRATION

Registration for advanced and family storytimes for winter season, Jan 27-Apr. 10, for residents of Bethlehem Central School District. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

Creative Arts program, painting on clear glass. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-3916.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 1/16

BETHLEHEM

STORY TIME REGISTRATION

General registration for all storytime programs for winter season, Jan 27-Apr. 10. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

RCS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for those entering in Sept. 2003 at A.W. Becker Elementary; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Information, 756-5230.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

BEHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting and talk by Adirondack 46-er Ray Bell, on "Climbing the Appalachian Trail." Public welcome. Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road (Route 144), Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 478-7247.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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. NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Fri. 1/17

BETHLEHEM

'LIBRARY BABIES'

Storytelling, rhymes, fingerplays, free play for babies 15-21 months and accompanying adults; register for one session only. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

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. 1/18

BETHLEHEM

PROJECT W.E.T. WORKSHOP

For instructors in elementary, middle And high school science as well as youth groups; dress for outdoors. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, noon-4 p.m. Registration, 475-0291.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 1/19

BETHLEHEM

SLIDE PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

Christine Story, executive director of the Mountain Top Arboretum in Greene County, will give a talk and slide presentation, sponsored by Capital-Hudson Iris Society. Coffee & cake reception at 1:30 p.m., slide talk at 2 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Free. Information, 439-3758.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Eggs to order, French toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, beverages; adults \$5, children \$3, under 5 free. Voorheesville American Legion, Voorheesville Ave., 8-11:30 a.m.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. 1/20

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

'PEACE IS...' AT LIBRARY

For children grades K and up, remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. with stories, songs and cooperative games that explore the meaning of peace. Children will make a mobile and decorate a snack to share. 2 p.m. Special library hours, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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 or 356-2408.

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.

Tues. 1/21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

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.

ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096 F&AM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND

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. 1/22

NEW SCOTLAND

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.

Thurs. 1/23

BETHLEHEM

H.I.L.L. LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Andrew Feffer, Associate Professor of History, Union College, on "Martin Luther King's Legacy: The Struggle For Economic Justice." Sponsored by Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free. Information, 439-9661.

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.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Dinner meeting, guest speaker John O'Donnell, General Manager Albany County Airport, on history of airport, future plans and impact of 9/11 on operations. Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont. Call for time and reservations, 438-7550 or 237-8572.

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.

POETRY WRITERS GROUP

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 1/24

BETHLEHEM

VISUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Strategies to cope with visual impairment, led by Dr. Edwin Pesnel. Guest speaker: Barry Berberich, Executive Director, northeast Association for the Blind. Refreshments. Room 101, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1-2 pm. Sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Services. Information, 439-4955, ext. 4.

AA MEETING

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

Sat. 1/25

BETHLEHEM

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donors must be at least 17, 110 pounds, and in good health; Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION

Bethlehem Soccer Club registration for Intracub soccer program; children must reside in town with birth date prior to Dec. 1 1998. \$65 per child. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 9-11 a.m. Information, www.bsc-online.org.

SATURDAY STORYBREAK

For ages 3-6, stories, songs, flannelboard fun and a craft, all materials provided. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 11 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

PROGRAM AT FIVE RIVERS

Indoor program to explore owl ecology and adaptation. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Info, 475-0291.

CONCERT AT BCHS

David Beck leads Empire State Repertory Orchestra in a program of Khachaturian, Enesco, Brahms, Mascagni and Walton; Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. \$10, \$6 seniors/students; information, 382-7581.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 1/26

BETHLEHEM

NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Including registration for 3 and 4-year-old classes for 2003-04 school year. Non-denominational program. Rear of Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 1-3 p.m. Information, 439-0386.

SNOWSHOEING AT FIVE RIVERS

For beginners, learn how to snowshoe and take a walk looking for animal signs; please pre-register by 1/24. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.



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NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1705 CROSBY AVE. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/22/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. 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, 12 Columbus Circle, Eastchester, New York 10709. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002613 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1815 PARK HOTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Certificate of Conversion was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/02. 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, 235 West 103rd Street, New York, New York 10025. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002688 (January 15, 2003)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL") certifies that: FIRST: The name of the Company is Four Corners Luncheonette, LLC. SECOND: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary is 2 Grove Street, Delmar, New York 12054. FOURTH: The Company is to be managed by all of its members exclusively in their membership capacity. FIFTH: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization which does not exceed 60 days from the date of filing is January 1, 2003. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed these Articles of Organization and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 9th day of December, 2002.

David Heffley, Member
2 Grove Street
Delmar, New York 12054
LD30002654
(January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 622 Watervliet Shaker Road, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 19, 2002, 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, 622 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110. 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. LDG 30002675 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of formation of Adirondack Fence Co., LLC, a NYS Ltd. Liability Co., (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/12/02. Off. Loc: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Vinciguerra & Brown, 10 Utica Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD30002664 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of ALAN CLOUGH PRODUCTION SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company. (LLC) Formation filed with SSNY on 11/13/2002. Office loc.: Albany County, SSNY designated as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 170 West 23rd Street, Suite 4D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD30002615 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 1203 (C)

The name of the professional service limited liability company is THE ANDERSON GROUP, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was July 22, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly, & Gable, P.C., c/o Timothy E. Casserly, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD30002639 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is BBL GORDON, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 8, 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. LCD30002701. (January 15, 2003)

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BLEECKER CAFE, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization of Bleecker Cafe, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2002. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 32 Dove Street, Albany, New York 12210. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.
Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love
Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203, Albany, NY 12205-3898 LCD30002679 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Blue Owl Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/8/02. Office location: Albany county. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Kevin M. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in information technology consulting and any other lawful activity. LCD30002644 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of C N TOMMELL CATTLE COMPANY, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/14/2002. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC, 254 Stovepipe Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: To engage in the business of cattle dealer and any lawful activity. LD30002655 (January 15, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CHASE MERCHANT SERVICES, L.L.C. AUTHORITY FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF N.Y. (SSNY) ON 11/26/2002.**

Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/26/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of 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: 6200 S. Quebec St. Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: credit card processor for merchants. LD30002616 (B) (January 15, 2003)

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COALITION BUILDERS, LLC
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC IS COALITION BUILDERS, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 6, 2002. 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 16 Regina Court, Delmar, NY 12054. LD30002687 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION

FROM A PARTNERSHIP TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is COLUMBIAWASHINGTON SQUARE, LLC. The Certificate of Conversion of COLUMBIAWASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES (a Partnership) to the LLC filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 29, 2002. 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 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. LD30002648 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CON-WAY LAND HOLDINGS, LLC.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/20/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Art. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Lockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002684 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 1125.19.122
In accordance with the provisions of Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 128 and title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500 to 1508 a design public hearing will be conducted by the Department at the Bethlehem Town Hall, (located at 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar) at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2003 (snow date is January 29, 2003) on the proposed Slingerlands Bypass project, (Route 85 between its intersection with Route 140 and the Albany City line). The total length of the project is 2.6 + miles all in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County. Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordinating with Federal, State and local agencies and will be available for inspection at the public hearing. Department

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engineers will be on hand one hour prior to the start of the hearing to discuss the project and answer any questions. Tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed. Information will also be available regarding the Department Relocation Assistance Program which provides assistance and advice to those who must relocate if the property they occupy is acquired for this project. Procedures will be described wherein occupants of such acquired properties may qualify for moving expenses. The project under consideration will include construction which affects wetlands covered by Executive Order 11990 of the President of the United States dated May 24, 1977, "Protection of Wetlands". A Findings Statement will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement following notice of the wetland impacts and formal review of the project by the public and involved agencies.

There are no significant floodplain encroachments contained in alternatives under consideration. Maps, drawings and other pertinent information developed by the State and written views received as a result of the coordination with Federal, State and local agencies will be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT-Region One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the economic and social effects of the design plans, their impact on the environment and their consistency with the goals and objectives of such planning as has been promulgated by the community. The proceedings will be recorded. Persons may file written statements and other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the public hearing. Written statements submitted at the hearing or mailed and received before February 18, 2003 at the Project Manager's Office will be made part of the record. Please advise this office if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system or any other accommodations will be required to facilitate your participation in this public hearing. Our contact person is Robert S. Cherry, whose phone number is 473-7034. TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) Relay Service: New York Relay Operator-Translates calls between TDD & non-TDD users. For In-State calls Only. Non-TDD User to TDD User: 1-800-421-1220 TDD User to Non-TDD User: 1-800-662-1220 LD30002647 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Durham D&M LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/16/02. Office location: Albany county. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/8/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: school bus transportation services. LD30002704. (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Durham School Services, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/18/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of 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: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE. 19801. Purpose: school bus transportation services. LD30002703 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO.

1125.19.122

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1125.19.122
The New York State Department of Transportation is developing design studies to address identified transportation problems along 2.6 + miles of State Route 85, all in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County. The proposed improvements for the project known as the Slingerlands Bypass, involve the construction and rehabilitation of the existing route beginning in the vicinity of its intersection with Route 140 and extending to the Albany City Line. Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordination with Federal, State, and Local agencies. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available for review and copying during business hours at the offices of the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT-Region One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY; the FHWA Division Administrator, Robert Arnold, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, NY; Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY; Albany City Hall, Rm 202, Albany, NY; Albany County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, Rm 128, Corner Eagle & Columbia, Albany, NY; Albany Public Library-Reference Dept., 161 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY; Albany Public Library, New Scotland Branch, 369 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY; Guilford Public Library, 228 Western Avenue, Guilford, NY. Executive Order 11990 will be implemented as the project will involve impacts to wetlands. A Findings Statement will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management is not applicable as significant floodplain encroachments do not exist in alternatives under consideration. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT-Region One, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 or the FHWA Division Administrator, Robert Arnold, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Clinton Ave. and North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207 by February 18, 2003. LD30002646 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Estherwood LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/02. Office location: Albany county. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC) 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Ste. 4 Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002614 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Glass Tapestry Concepts, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/8/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Beth D. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in custom glass painting and any other lawful activity. LD30002645 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is GNL PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage

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in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Warren 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 149 Route 28N, North Creek, New York 12853. LCD30002684 (January 15, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ISRAEL REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/25/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. 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, 42-12 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, New York 11104. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002612 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Kforce Flexible Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 12/20/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of 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: 1001 East Palm Ave., Tampa, FL 33605. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 409 East Gaines St., Tallahassee FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002694 (January 15, 2003)

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KINGS CORNER, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Kings Corner, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2002. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 299 Upper Flatrock Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. LCD30002671 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF L.A. FITNESS INTERNATIONAL, LLC.

Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/29/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 8105 Irvine Center Dr. Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St. Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: own and operate sports fitness clubs. LD30002616 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of LFG Technologies Development LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/16/02. Office location: Albany county. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 11/7/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. IL address of LLC: 9550 W. 55th St., Suite A, McCook, IL 60525. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Dept. of Business Services, Rm. 351, Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD 30002676 (January 15, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

("LP")
The name of the LP is Montrose Partners of Albany, L.P.
The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on December 24, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD30002680 (January 15, 2003)

>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is NXIUM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 25, 2002. 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 445 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. LCD30002634 (January 15, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PAULSEN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF ALBANY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 12/04/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 5 Palisades Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002705 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: PMJR SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/21/02. 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, 8 Madison Place, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002672 (January 15, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is RAR DEVELOPMENT, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 16, 2002. 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 6364 French's Hollow Road, Altamont, New York 12009. LCD30002668 (January 15, 2003)

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SCHUYLER-MECHANICVILLE PARTNERSHIP, L.P. UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT
1. The name of the limited partnership is "SCHUYLER-

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MECHANICVILLE PARTNERSHIP, 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, New York 12110.
4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: Shopping Center Development Co. V, Inc. 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is December 10, 2102.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 10 th day of December, 2002 and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. V, INC.
LCD30002662 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Formation of Sherwin Capital LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 10/2/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 15 Kunker Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD30002641 (January 15, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Spherion Atlantic Resources LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on

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7/24/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of 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: 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 3 Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002635 (January 15, 2003)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF

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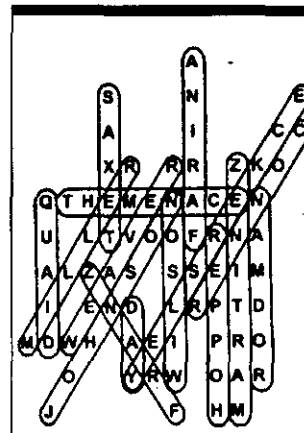


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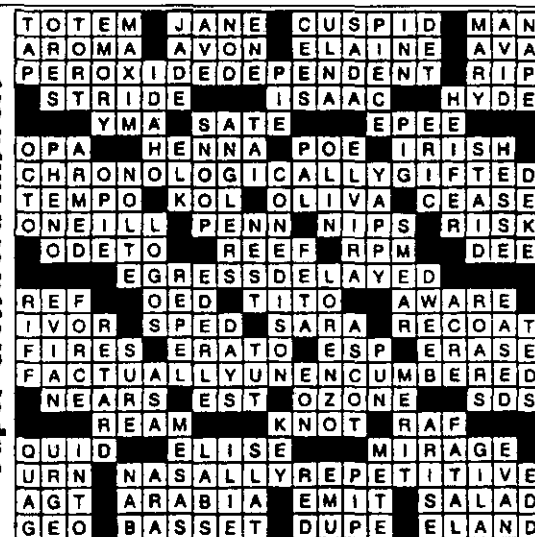
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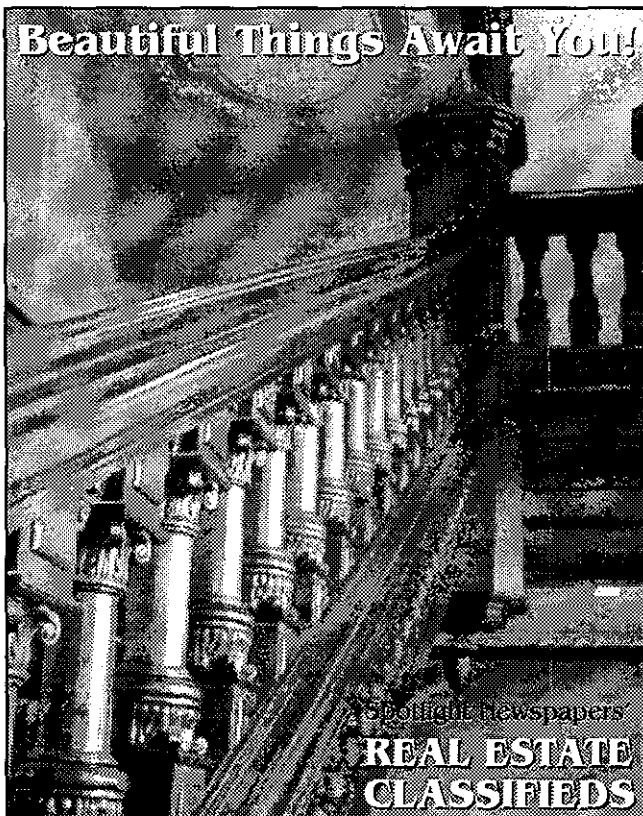
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Fuller said calls from residents complaining of power outages were also heavy following the storm, though those calls had slowed to a trickle by Thursday.

"Some areas have lost power several times this week, though not for a very long time," she said — particularly in older sections of Delmar and Slingerlands where power lines run through back yards and have proven difficult to access through more than 3 feet of snow.

Town hall was made available for emergency shelter for anyone left out in the cold, she said, but there were no takers. "I think most people stayed with relatives or headed for the Quality Inn," she said. NiMo responded to the outages by bringing in more than 40 tree-trimming crews and a like number of line crews from as far away as Buffalo — and as the week continued, those crews were concentrated in the Bethlehem area.

Some 10 principal feeder lines service the areas of town hardest hit by the storms, said Hynes. "The problem we were running into is, many people would have their power restored and two hours later, it would go out again" — the result of falling limbs snapped off by the weight of accumulated snow and ice.

NiMo maintains a roughly five-year schedule of tree trimming along its various feeder lines, and five of the affected lines had been trimmed as recently as last year. Three more were scheduled for that maintenance in the coming year — and last week, with the additional trimmer crews in the area, that maintenance work was accelerated.

"Once our tree crews were done assisting our line crews in getting service restored, we allocated those tree crews to additional tree-trimming in those areas," he said, performing "feeder sweeps" — walking the lines looking for endangered and overgrown limbs.

Throughout the week, Fuller remained in touch with NiMo regarding service complaint calls fielded by her office, and Friday, Hynes and other NiMo representatives met with Fuller to discuss the recent outages and address concerns about long-term reliability.

"I sense the frustration of residents but also of elected officials as well, who believed we were not being responsive," he said. "But in many cases, we were not even aware of their concerns." Slowing the recovery effort last

week, he said, was the sheer number of affected lines — between 1,000 and 1,400 serving customers in the affected area — and the number of them accessible only through back yards or wooded areas. He cited one transformer in a Slingerlands backyard that could not be accessed until a back hoe literally carved a road-width path through the snow.

Hynes said NiMo relies upon calls to its customer service center, at 1-800-867-5222, to track the scope of service outages — and for follow-up on the restoration effort.

"The value of these customer calls we get is, we use these customer calls as an assessment that the restoration work has been done successfully," he said. They can help pinpoint the likely source of a malfunction, and provide service operators with detailed descriptions of what customers are experiencing — and what they are able to describe.

Calls directed to town hall instead of the customer service exchange, Hynes said, are less direct. "I sympathize with the town supervisor," he said. "She was getting calls and relaying them to me, but they were going through a middleman. The fastest and most efficient way to get a response from NiMo is to call in to our customer service center."

NiMo took advantage of the

storm emergency to address more general reliability issues in the town as well.

“Some of our reliability studies have shown that on some of these feeders, we were having more frequent problems as well,” he said. “Tree trimming is one issue as it relates to reliability, but what we were hearing from the town supervisor and from our customers was about problems not related to the storm, but occurring throughout the year.”

With extra line crews on hand, he said, those crews will continue to inspect these problem feeder lines this week to try to identify and fix recurring problems.

NiMo, he said, has "plenty of incentive to make sure we maintain reliability."

Service reliability standards imposed by state regulators who signed off on NiMo's acquisition by British-based National Grid last year, he said, could result in penalties for the company of as much as \$11 million if those standards are not met. But even the most aggressive preventative maintenance efforts can't anticipate the vagaries of nature, he added.

NiMo maintains a 15-foot “trim zone” around its power lines — but “any tree trimming we do can’t address a full-size tree limb falling from 45 feet up onto our power lines,” Hynes said. “That’s way outside our ability to anticipate.”

NiMo tips after outages

Niagara Mohawk offers the following recommendations to its customers during outages caused by winter storms:

- Never touch downed power lines or anything touching them. Avoid all power lines and utility equipment. Don't walk underneath overhead equipment, lines or wires. If you see any fallen lines, broken poles, or trees touching wires, and you think Niagara Mohawk is not aware of the problem, please call Niagara Mohawk's storm emergency line at 1-800-867-5222. Meanwhile, please treat all wires and power lines, including those that are on the ground, as though they are live and deadly.

- If you're using a generator,

make sure the main breaker in your electric panel box is in the 'Off' position. If you have a fuse box, pull out the main disconnect. This keeps electricity from the generator from feeding back into power lines and endangering the lives of repair crews. And remember, electrical generator exhaust can be deadly — so make sure your generator is properly ventilated. NiMo recommends placing your generator outdoors.

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