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# Elsmere to honor chief on Thursday

By KRISTEN OLBY

Family and friends will remember and honor longtime firefighter Kevin Shea at funeral services Thursday. He died suddenly from an apparent heart attack following a fire call on Saturday.

Shea was the chief of the Elsmere Fire Department and the chief building inspector for the town of Bethlehem.

Around 3 p.m., Elsmere firefighters responded to a call of smoke at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home, located roughly a mile away from the firehouse. The routine call to the nursing home turned out to be a false alarm.

Following the call, Shea drove himself back to the firehouse.

"He got out of his car and said goodbye to the guys. He told us to call him if we needed anything, like he always did," recalled Joe Catalano, Elsmere Fire Company president. Shea returned to his vehicle and moments later collapsed over the steering wheel. A paramedic discovered him in the vehicle and rushed to perform CPR. A defibrillator was also utilized but firefighters were unable to revive him. An ambulance transported Shea to Albany Medical Center hospital where he was pronounced dead. Shea



Kevin Shea

was 54 years old and leaves behind his wife, Kathleen, and a daughter, Kelly.

"He was probably one of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet," said Catalano, who thought of Shea as a big brother. "He was a friend to everybody."

Fifteen years ago, Shea first welcomed Catalano to the fire department, and Catalano fondly remembered how he was always willing to teach others.

For 30 years, Shea served as a volunteer firefighter with the Elsmere department. Just 23 days before his death, he had been promoted to chief, having held the position of assistant

chief for more than a decade.

"He was one of those people who always found time to help people, one way or another," said former Elsmere Fire Chief Ned Costigan.

Shea led fire prevention programs at local schools and launched the department's competitive drill team, which won numerous local competitions. In his spare time, he was often found cooking meals for fellow firefighters.

"You couldn't keep him out of the kitchen," remembered Costigan.

In 1986, Shea joined the town building department and was promoted to chief building inspector three years ago. He was proficient in building and zoning code matters at both state and

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## Wal-Mart, Lowe's draw big crowds

By KRISTEN OLBY

With a newly constructed Wal-Mart Supercenter and Lowe's home improvement store now open, hundreds of shoppers are flocking to Bethlehem Town Center in Glenmont each day.

The Route 9W plaza, which also includes a Charter One bank branch, Wendy's and Applebee's restaurant, is expected to draw customers from several surrounding communities.

At 363,800 square feet, it is the largest shopping plaza in Bethlehem.

For A.J. Nunziato of Ravena, who is remodeling his kitchen, Lowe's means a shorter drive to get supplies.

"It's very convenient," he said, while shopping for tile on Monday

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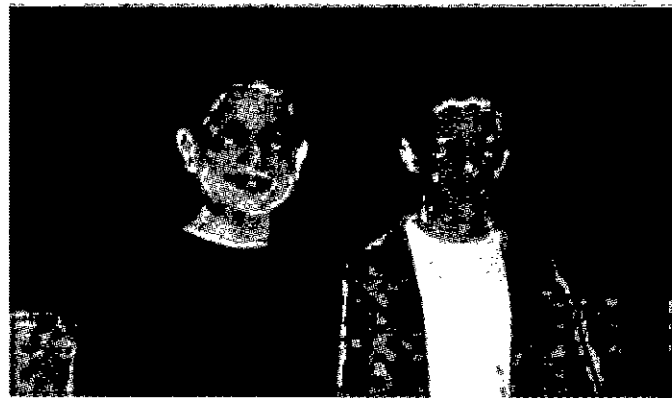
## Middle school readies for 'Prince'

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The middle school auditorium looked like bedlam had taken control just two weeks shy of opening night of this year's musical.

On a cold Saturday morning, a parent untangled wires to the sound system. Just in front of the stage, parents and students used hot glue guns to attach straw to a pillow. The stage was full of props — a papier-mache stone walls; a banquet table; a castle cutout. A boy holding a cardboard star negotiated with a father wearing a tool belt about the placement of the star, jumping up to add emphasis. A steady stream of kids wearing stage makeup for the first time stood in the bright lights, frozen until director Frank Leavitt and the four-piece orchestra began rehearsing. Then, the students swayed, sang and relaxed into big grins.

To the untrained eye, it's chaos, but those involved see that all the pieces to the Feb. 5 through 7 production of "The Prince and the Pauper" are coming



Matt Barron and Evan Finkle

together exactly as they should.

"It's the first time the kids have worked with the lights and sound," co-director Deborah Dorman said. "They're also doing make-up for the first time."

Dorman and Leavitt searched long and hard for a good musical to stage this year.

"It's literature based," said Leavitt, who teaches music at the middle school. "It's historical fiction, with Henry VIII dying

in the middle of the show and Edward as the prince ready to take over."

The show also appealed to Leavitt and Dorman because it is designed for middle school ages, which means an appropriate musical range.

"It's short, and it keeps the story," Leavitt said.

The number of speaking parts means that the show has a cast of 35.

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## Town police make DWI, assault arrests

Bethlehem police recently arrested one individual for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and another for assault.

Police responded to an accident on South Albany Road around 1:10 a.m. on Jan. 24. When police arrived, they found a vehicle roughly 30 feet off the road in shrubs.

Suzee Smith, 40, of 148 Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, exited the vehicle and a strong odor of alcohol was detected, according to police. Police said Smith failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

John Napolitano, 44, of 604 Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes, was arrested by Bethlehem police following an altercation at the new Wal-Mart in Glenmont.

According to police, Napolitano was involved in a fight with a co-worker at the store on Jan. 16.

He was charged with second-degree assault, a felony, and arraigned by Judge Paul Dwyer.

Napolitano was sent to Albany County jail with bail set at \$7,500. The victim was taken to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment.

## Celebration



Mary Sutliff Rowley, who turned 100 on Dec. 13, waves at a recent senior awards banquet. More than 50 family members celebrated her birthday at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie. The Syracuse University graduate has lived in the same Delmar house for 64 years, plays bridge and is a member of the Antiques Study Group.

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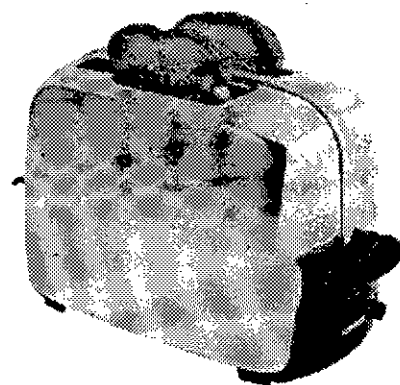
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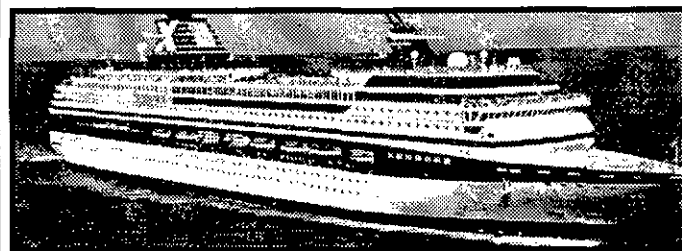
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# Concert to benefit wounded officer

By KRISTEN OLBY

A benefit concert will be staged in Bethlehem on Feb. 8 to assist the family of an Albany police officer who was critically wounded while on duty.

Lt. John Finn was shot four times on Dec. 23 as he chased an armed robbery suspect who had allegedly held up a South Pearl Street convenience store minutes earlier.

As Finn pursued Keshon Everett down a city street, police said, Everett opened fire on the officer. Finn was shot in the calf, left leg, and lower back. Police said a protective vest prevented a fourth bullet from entering Finn's chest. Finn returned fire, hitting Everett several times, though he was not injured as seriously as Finn was.

Finn has undergone a series of life-saving surgeries and remains hospitalized in critical condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

His wife, Maura McNulty, is a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School. She has been with the district since 1997.

The couple has two daughters,



John Finn

age 8 and 18 months.

Bethlehem Police Det. Bruce Oliver, the middle school's resource officer, is organizing the benefit show. "I think the family is holding up as well as can be expected," he said. "They're still 24-7 in the hospital."

With medical bills mounting, organizers hope to raise about \$15,000 for the Finn family through two musical performances.

The Irish band Hair of the Dog and the Albany Police Pipes &

Drums will perform at Bethlehem Central High School on Feb. 8, with shows slated for 2 and 6 p.m.

The concert is open to the public with tickets sold through the Bethlehem Central Middle School and local police and fire departments.

Oliver believes the benefit of the concert is two-fold.

"To help the family, but I think equally as important to help the community at large because everybody feels they want to do something, but they're not quite sure what they can do to help," he said.

The high school auditorium can hold up to 850 people per show, said Oliver, and hundreds of tickets are still available.

Food and refreshments will also be sold during the performance. To purchase tickets, call the middle school at 439-7460.

Finn, a Long Island native, is a 13-year veteran of the Albany Police force.

Everett has been released from the hospital and remains in the Albany County jail, charged with attempted murder.

## Helping hand



Bob Hussar teaches his daughter Elizabeth to skate at Bethlehem Town Park recently.

Jim Franco

# District looks to energy conservation

By LINDA DeMATTIA

An energy conservation program put in place last year has reduced the consumption of energy in the Bethlehem Central School District, according to a report by Ben Swinton, the BC social studies teacher who is coordinating the effort.

Whether or not that reduction in energy use will result in real savings is yet to be seen.

The behavior modification program, designed to change the way people use energy in the buildings, is the second step the district has taken toward more efficient energy use.

Equipment and other physical changes have already been made, according to board member Stuart Lyman.

The program employs energy management software that calculated the energy usage in a base year, 2001-02, then took into consideration temperature differences and the like.

The energy management program calculates how much should have been spent pre-energy conservation, Swinton said.

"It's very difficult to say how many real dollars you've saved because temperature plays such a big part," Swinton said at last week's meeting. "We've saved 16.5 percent in cost avoidance compared to the base year. That's \$156,000 in cost avoidance."

Swinton explained that the base year was far milder than this year, so gas consumption for heating buildings would be expected to be higher.

**We try to tell people to treat the buildings like their homes. If you are going out to lunch, turn off the lights and computers. Little things add up.**

Ben Swinton

"If it's 20 percent more harsh, you're going to use 20 percent more therms," Swinton said. "The temperature is going to have a huge impact on cost avoidance."

The program consists primarily of raising awareness among administrators, faculty and staff, Swinton said.

Audits are made of each building, then a walk-through is done to determine what steps can be taken to reduce energy consumption.

"The biggest savings is the setback of boiler run-times," Swinton said. "We start (heating) buildings later and shut down earlier."

There are standard temperatures for different spaces, with gyms being the coolest at 65 degrees and classrooms being the

warmest, between 70 and 72 degrees.

Hallways are also kept cooler, Swinton said. Turning off lights and computers also helps.

"We try to tell people to treat the buildings like their homes," Swinton said. "If you are going out to lunch, turn off the lights and computers. Little things add up."

Whether or not they add up enough to pay for the services of Energy Education Services, the company contracted to conduct the program, is a question board member Richard Svenson raised.

"We pay these people \$7,000 a month," Svenson said. "I'm very interested to see something written up to see whether or not we should stay with these people."

Business Administrator Steven O'Shea said the company guaranteed it would at least break even on the cost.

"The district is taking the responsible step in conserving energy," he said.

"This is the best data we've ever had and we're going to translate this information into a budget," he said.

Swinton said it has taken time for people to get used to doing what is being asked of them, and more savings are expected in the future.

"Ideally, we'll maintain and improve upon these numbers and will continue to save as we include more things, like water, and conserve more," he said.

## Radio station eyes new tower for Quarry Road

By KRISTEN OLBY

A local radio station is hoping to boost its broadcast signal by building a new radio tower on Old Quarry Road in Bethlehem. Galaxy Communication of Utica owns WRCZ, 94.5 FM, a music station serving the Capital District.

The regionally operated radio company wants to boost its station's wattage from 3,000 to 6,000 watts, increasing its audience by about 25 percent.

Until now, Galaxy has been broadcasting from a 300-foot leased tower on Old Quarry Road. The company contends it can't increase its wattage using the current tower because the signal would interfere with Burlington, Vt., radio station signals that are roughly 70 miles away.

Galaxy maintains the only way it can successfully increase its range of service is to construct a new tower 700 feet away from the existing tower. The proposed tower exceeds the 190-foot maximum height allowed under the town code, requiring a special permit from the zoning board of appeals. Company representatives appeared before the board Jan. 21 to outline the need for a new tower.

Among them, Galaxy claims it must upgrade its wattage, to

comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

"The existing tower, given the needs of the station to comply with its license, does not work," said Mark Sweeney, an attorney for Galaxy. "We cannot upgrade, we cannot go to that higher level of service that we're required to under our license, at that location."

William Banahan of Selkirk owns the property where Galaxy hopes to build. Four other cellular phone towers also sit on adjacent property. Under the town code, the preferred locations for towers are either on town property, or in the rural not zoned section of Bethlehem. The proposed location and all of the existing towers are in the rural not zoned district.

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Mark Sweeney

South Albany Airport on Jericho Road in Selkirk is located about a mile and a half away from the proposed tower location.

"The towers that are there, are very close to our airport traffic pattern," said James Feil, president of the airport corporation. "If they build any towers that are taller, that would lessen the safety margin."

Tall towers affect how low planes can approach the airport, said Feil, and planes currently fly within 250 feet of the existing towers.

The zoning board tabled the matter for further discussion.

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# Pass the bowl of pasta, with extra cheese on top

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

A regular e-mail correspondent put the proper perspective on the beginning-of-the-year diets we all follow.

It was easy to imagine her fingers flying furiously, calories burning as the keys clicked.

"Why?" she fumed through cyberspace, "do we start weight-loss programs in the dead of winter, when all we want to do is hunker down and eat hearty meals? We should wait till June when summer fruits are beautiful and cheap and we actually want to go outdoors."

She's absolutely right, but maybe it's part of the human condition that hope springs eternal — and if we start dieting in January, not June, maybe this will be the summer that we don't have to wear the bathing suit with the slimming tummy panel that cuts off our breathing.

In January, though, when the mercury hovers around zero and the wind makes it feel even more bitter, the only article of clothing really worth thinking about is the heaviest parka we own. Hat hair is a small price to pay for non-frostbitten ears, and perhaps we'll start a new trend, wearing ski pants to walk the dog.

Maybe we crave more food just so we have the energy to don all those layers. Mothers who have to bundle children into ski pants, parkas, hats, mittens and boots —

and re-dress the first child who got too warm waiting for the next sibling to be properly attired — truly need more calories to get through the day.

People seem to talk about food more in the winter. Sure, lots of the talk is about what we're not eating as we discuss Atkins, the South-Beach diet or Weight Watchers points, but sometimes we just talk about that hearty food we love so much.

After a long stretch of zero-degree days, a bank teller craned her neck every time the branch door opened.

"Our co-worker's bringing in Chinese food for lunch," she said. "Something hot," we both said together, and I almost asked if I could join them.

Leaving the branch with my head down to avoid the wind, I considered all the possibilities of that teller's lunch: hot and sour soup, egg roll, General Tso's chicken, sesame noodles, wonton soup; happy family, moo shu pork, beef and broccoli; chicken with cashew nuts — the list was endless.

One of our own coworkers sometimes has a microwaved mid-morning meal of French toast sticks. The first morning she made this, all work stopped as people sought the source of the tantalizing smell.

"What is it?" we cried, practically rabble-roused. "It smells like maple syrup! Who has it? Are

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they sharing?"

Another favorite workplace lunch is turkey with french fries in gravy. It put those of us who once lived close to the Canadian border in mind of poutine, a glutinous concoction of French fries smothered in cheese and gravy. A Pennsylvanian among us said that was also a Poconos treat.

We know the end result of too many poutine-like foodstuffs, and so we exercise restraint. We know that being overweight cuts years off our lives and puts us at risk for heart disease and diabetes, so we try to eat right and discover secrets about ourselves in the process.

Eating healthy brings our family's breakfast differences into sharp relief. To aid his winter weight-loss regimen, Chris has created a breakfast of carrots, celery, onions and tomato, all sautéed in non-fat cooking spray, and accompanied by a couple of vegetarian breakfast sausages. I tried one of those sausages once and looked just like Tom Hanks' character in the movie "Big" when he tried caviar — gagging and spitting the offending morsel into my napkin. Thank God a huge

cup of coffee stood right nearby, deliciously full of milk and sugar.

Cormac can eat real food first thing in the morning too, with his favorite breakfast being soup or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. As the morning chef, it took me a while to believe that these were acceptable breakfast foods. To Christopher and me, there's a proscribed list of breakfast foods, most of them a vehicle for maple syrup.

With fresh vegetables and Aunt Jemima Lite, we start our days in a healthy way and last week got yet another reason to lose weight — the diseases we're getting from being fat are costing the country money.

That's it, I said to myself when I read that, my own patriotic act can be to lose weight.

Thinking about it later, though, something rang false, and it occurred to me that actually, overweight people must be making money for the country.

The report from *Obesity Research* said that the public pays about \$175 per person annually for obesity through Medicare and Medicaid programs. But wait. A week of Weight Watchers is \$9.95, and if I actually go for all 52 weeks of this year, they'd get \$517.40 from me. I looked at the line of future tankini wearers waiting to be weighed in at Weight Watchers recently, and realized that if everyone there were suddenly at their ideal weight, the four people working wouldn't have jobs. I also

bought a cookbook at the weekly meeting, which made me think about how sales of the South Beach diet books, or the Atkins program, have dominated the publishing market in recent years.

I bought some Weight Watchers food, too — helping to keep a farmer, a food processor and a cardboard box manufacturing company in business. Surely, all the sales of low-carb, low-fat foodstuffs has led to employment across the country. Think, too, of all the gym memberships, the Nordic Tracks and treadmills serving as clothing racks all across America, the exercise clothing and the yoga and Pilates DVDs we're buying — all in the hopes of becoming healthy and living longer. Maybe we just need to figure out a way to funnel all the profits from the diet industry to the health-care industry.

Even if my twisted logic turns the 64 percent of us Americans who are overweight into saviors of the economy, we'd still all rather have low blood pressure and not have to hem the pants that are too long in the legs because they fit around the middle. So I take a deep breath and steel myself to eat the cold, crunchy fruit that feels like a punishment in winter. The moment my resolve strengthens, there's a ring at the doorbell.

"Mom! The Girl Scout cookies are here!"



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## RCS to hold vote for name of new athletic complex

By KRISTEN OLBY

Get ready to cast your ballot in yet another school vote — this time one that won't involve budgets or bond proposals.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district is looking for public input in the naming of its new athletic complex. The complex includes a football field, which doubles as a soccer field, track, bleachers, grandstand, and field lighting.

District residents are encouraged to vote on one of six

names: Alumni Field; Henry Hudson Complex; Veterans Field; Memorial Field; All-Star Athletic Complex or RCS Field.

To vote, mail your choice by Feb. 26 to Michael McCagg, RCS Communications Coordinator, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk 12158 or e-mail: mmccagg@rcscsd.org.

A dedication ceremony for the complex will take place this spring. The complex, which was completed late last year, is part of the \$29.2 million capital project voters approved in 1999. The project is slated for completion in 2005.

## Final HILL lecture slated at church

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning has been offering a series of free lectures during the winter months when their regular classes are no scheduled.

The third and final of this year's series will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

Donald Birn will present a lecture and hold a discussion on: "Weapons of Mass Destruction: How Worried Should We Be?" Birn is a professor of history at the University of Albany and a longtime resident of Delmar.

Admission is free. Spring classes for HILL will begin the week of March 1. The schedule of classes will be mailed to all Bethlehem Residents within a few weeks.

## Youth Court to begin training sessions

Bethlehem Youth Court is holding an eight-week training program for high school students who live within the Bethlehem school district.

The training will take place on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 25 and run through April 21. There will be no training on April 14.

The classes will concentrate on teaching students fundamentals concerning the criminal justice system, case preparation/presentation, and civic responsibility. Once training is complete, students will participate in Youth Court hearings as lawyers, judges, bailiffs and jury forepersons.

For information, visit [www.bethlehemyouthcourt.org](http://www.bethlehemyouthcourt.org) or call Stacey Whiteley at 478-9544.

## Correction

In the Dec. 10 *Spotlight*, Linda Tozer's title was incorrect. She is the assistant manager of Peter Harris in Delmar.

## McDonald's sundae 'bugs' local family

By KRISTEN OLBY

A Berne woman and her daughter who claim McDonald's in Delmar sold them a yogurt sundae containing bugs, will have their case heard in Bethlehem Town Court this week.

Dorothy Reed and her 16-year-old daughter Starlene Van Buren, claim they shared a McDonald's yogurt sundae last February that made them ill.

"There were insects in it," said their attorney Louis-Jack Pozner of Albany. "A couple of brown bugs and a couple of lady bugs."

Both Reed and Van Buren said

they vomited after eating the sundae. Reed's health may have been compromised considering she had had abdominal surgery a week before, according to Pozner.

Both mother and daughter are seeking up to \$3,000 in damages each.

McDonald's owner Dan Formica contends the yogurt is purchased in sealed containers, making contamination highly unlikely.

The trial will be heard Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 8 a.m. before Judge Paul Dwyer in town court.

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## Deficit dangers

Whatever happened to the Republican Party's dedication to a balanced budget and fiscal conservatism?

At the local and county level, Republicans still know how to balance budgets. We're not talking about them.

But at the state and national level, it's a different story.

### Editorial

The state budget, proposed by a Republican governor and approved tardily by a Republican Senate and Democratic Assembly, is notionally balanced every year, but always with an array of gimmicks, borrowing and hypothetical revenues from gambling.

And every year recently, as a direct result of the previous year's budget shenanigans, the state begins with a structural deficit of several billion dollars, which leads to a new round of gimmicks, gambling and borrowing.

And while the state is reluctant to raise income, sales or business taxes, it does raise lots of "fees" and, through mandates and aid reductions, has essentially forced municipalities and school districts to raise taxes substantially in the last few years.

The federal level, where Republicans control every conceivable part of government, is even worse.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this year's budget deficit will be \$477 billion, the largest ever by more than \$100 billion, and similar in percentage of gross domestic product to the last major wave of Republican deficits in the 1980s.

How bad is it? According to the Associated Press, the CBO now estimates that for the decade ending in 2013, the red ink will total \$2.38 trillion — \$986 billion worse than projected in August and \$3.7 trillion deeper than projected just 12 months ago.

And this bad fiscal news comes in the midst of an economic recovery.

The main source of this red-ink tsunami is the tax cuts enacted in the past three years. It may be hard to remember, but four years ago, the government had a surplus, and Republican candidates were arguing that the surplus should be returned to the people, and there would be plenty of money left over to support Social Security and Medicare.

Let's just say those campaign promises are no longer operative.

The effects of this fiscal profligacy will be dire — higher interest rates putting a long-term stranglehold on the economy; bond interest repayments taking up a greater share of the budget and crowding out spending for other essentials; Social Security and Medicare benefits being dramatically cut for baby boomers; and an ever-weakening dollar that will eventually its status as the world's reserve currency.

When government borrows like this to pay operating expenses, it's like a family living beyond its means every month, constantly running up credit card debts and then turning those debts over to its children.

This immoral fiscal policy practically ensures that future generations of adults will not be as well off as their parents, a doleful first for the United States.

## Congress deals death blow to Medicare

By LISA BARRON

*The writer is a resident of Loudonville.*

As we try to decipher the details of the Medicare reform recently rammed through Congress, I wonder that more of us "beneficiaries" are not thoroughly dismayed and angered by the deceitful tactics of this administration.

A Trojan horse with multiple hidden bombshells, this law was presented as an inscrutable 1,200-page bill no one had time to analyze. Introduced just before Thanksgiving in a pressured effort to bypass close inspection, this tactic was also used to pass the infamous Patriot Act.

The latter has dire consequences for the rule of law and our precious civil rights, and the former is a big step towards privatizing Medicare and making medical coverage for all of us less secure and more expensive. We will need lawyers to understand the confusing and complex set of new rules.

The Medicare Reform Act will cause 2.7 million retirees to lose their current employer-funded coverage. Cleverly, except for some benefits for the poorest, this new law will not take effect until 2006, long after the election, and will enable Republicans to wrongfully boast of passing a prescription drug plan.

What was needed was a remedy for the high costs of prescription drugs for our seniors and people with disabilities. We did not want this dismantling of Medicare, the only government-sponsored health care safety net for many of us, which actually works very well, even without drug provision.

We did not receive "the best we could get now" or something that can later be improved, but much worse; a bad law, taking us in entirely the wrong direction, to the uncertain and costly wilderness of private HMOs. Most Democrats, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, who will continue to fight this law, and Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, have spoken out and voted against it.

### Point of View

Instead of providing lower costs for drugs, this law was used to begin the process of privatization and will use taxpayer money as bonuses for the HMOs and drug companies as inducements to enroll people, with no certainty that everyone will be covered, or that people will not be dropped or have their premiums and coverage altered.

The re-importation of lower cost drugs from Canada, and government negotiation for lower Medicare drug prices from drug companies are specifically forbidden. Why?

Because the law was designed by the companies that are the actual beneficiaries. It funnels \$400 billion to the insurance companies and HMOs that will then charge a premium to the beneficiaries. This is a gift of an estimated extra \$139 billion in profits to the drug industry. It plainly indicates the preference of Congress for campaign contributors' profits over the needs of older Americans.

Seniors will pay hundreds of dollars a year more in Medicare premiums, or be forced to choose an HMO or private plan that will limit their choice of doctor and their access to care.

HMOs will cherry pick their patients as they are now doing, increasing premiums or dropping those who are more ill, since they are unprofitable. As the healthy leave Medicare, those who remain will be charged higher premiums. If they are unable to pay there are no guarantees of coverage. As government subsidies to HMOs are eventually slashed, benefits are cut and premiums rise, as happened in California.

Low-income seniors with even small savings or some property will still be paying hundreds or thousands of dollars for prescription drugs. There will be no limitation on drug pricing, as in other countries, and therefore 40 percent of seniors will lose money.

There is a \$420 premium, a \$275 deductible and \$25 co-payments depending on income. This could make the cost of the plan higher than the cost of the medications they have been buying. Average drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries is \$2,300, and in 2007 that cost will be \$2,900 even with the new benefits, as inflation affects drug costs.

Finding our way through this maze will be even more difficult, since the \$40 million for state insurance counseling programs was eliminated.

The prescription drug coverage would be offered by private insurers who have already dumped 2 million seniors from their Medicare HMO plans.

The 257,000 New York members of EPIC will be forced to rely on the inferior Medicare coverage, or the EPIC regulations will have to be rewritten.

The AARP has backed this plan causing millions of its members to feel betrayed, but AARP is now revealed as basically an insurance company, rather than an advocacy group for the elderly.

It sells its members drugs, insurance and mutual funds from which it receives commissions, with only 25 percent of its income from members, and therefore favors the industries over its members.

I cut up my card and quit.

While there is no limit to drug costs, there will be a cap on Medicare spending. When spending on Medicare from tax revenues reaches 45 percent, trustees will be required to declare the program insolvent. Congress must then choose to cut benefits, raise premiums or raise payroll taxes, creating a crisis leading to the Republicans' goal of final privatization.

Privatization is a grossly inefficient system for the provision of health care, and the United States is the only industrialized country that lacks single payer care. As Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich has explained, we are already paying for universal health coverage but we are not getting it.

Instead, HMO profits, CEO salaries, administrative costs and drug companies profits are siphoning off the tax money that should be used to provide us with medical care and prescriptions.

A recent Harvard Medical School study reported in the August "New England Journal of Medicine" that administrative costs of HMOs have wasted \$286 billion a year. This money is enough to cover all uninsured Americans and drug coverage, as well for seniors.

This is yet another reason we need clean money and clean elections, for public financing, since campaign contributions from wealthy pharmacy and insurance industry donors milk the system for immense rewards while ordinary citizens without money or influence are lied to and duped into believing they will benefit.

If this seems wrong, we need to let our representatives know we reject this "reform" and demand single payer coverage.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Letter was distorted by Spotlight errors

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, *The Spotlight* published a letter from the president and chief executive officer of Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, describing the mission and beliefs of Planned Parenthood.

Two unfortunate alterations in the content of the letter, made between its submission and its appearance in the paper call into question the objectivity and integrity of *The Spotlight* editorial staff.

The first change in the middle of the letter, altered "conventional contraceptives" to "controversial contraceptives." For those clients who wish to use them, Planned Parenthood prescribes the same contraceptives — barriers, pills, injections — that are available from any modern practice of gynecology.

The second change in the last paragraph of the letter was the unfortunate insertion of the word

"unborn."

Planned Parenthood stands today, as it has for 70 years in Albany, for the right of women to control all aspects of their lives, especially their reproductive lives.

Planned Parenthood's mission is to help all women to reach considered, thoughtful decisions about when and whether to bear children and to provide all the means necessary to support these decisions. Planned Parenthood fervently hopes that every child will be wanted and loved.

These two changes in the letter distort its meaning and misrepresent Planned Parenthood.

I call on *The Spotlight* to accurately reprint the letter in its entirety (with careful proofreading) to correct the record and attempt to restore the paper's reputation for accuracy.

Katherine P. Henrikson

Delmar

Editor's note: The Spotlight deeply regrets the errors.

## Paper should strive for accuracy

Editor, The Spotlight:

In December, I submitted a letter to the editor of *The Spotlight* in response to a 10-page paid anti-choice insert published in the Dec. 17 edition.

As a nonprofit organization, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood lacks the resources to respond in kind, with 10 purchased pages of our own material.

Rather, we trusted *The Spotlight* to publish our response as a letter to the editor. Unfortunately, that trust was misplaced. Without permission, *The Spotlight* altered words in my letter, resulting in substantial change in meaning.

It is difficult to correct the language out of context. It would be most appropriate to print the corrected letter in its entirety, but *The Spotlight* has informed us that they will not do so.

Two points in the altered letter must be brought to the attention of your readers. In my letter, I pointed out that the anti-choice material stated that conventional forms of birth control, such as birth control pills, are

abortifacients. (The Spotlight chose to describe this as controversial form of birth control.)

In the final paragraph, we stated the basic belief of Planned Parenthood: that every child born should be wanted and loved. This very important belief was reworded resulting in a substantial change of meaning.

A free and responsible press is

essential for democracy to function properly.

*The Spotlight* owes its readers fairness and accuracy in all that it publishes.

Patricia A. McGeown

President and CEO

Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood

Editor's note: The errors in the letter were made inadvertently.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Setting politics aside is refreshing

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm proud to be a resident of our little town of Bethlehem. Let me tell you why.

I'm witnessing the birth of a unique governmental trend, namely, respect and cooperation among officials of opposing political parties, where placing the good of the citizens above the machinations of politics may become the order of the day.

Our former Supervisor Sheila Fuller set the stage by supporting Democrat Dan Plummer in his campaign for re-election to the town board in recognition of his valuable prior service.

Now, our newly elected Supervisor Theresa Egan is

following in Sheila's footsteps by appointing Republican Parker Mathusa as chairman of the planning board. When asked about this appointment, she said, "My feeling is politics should stop at the town hall door. We should all be moving, whatever our political intent is, in the best interest of the town."

That statement takes my breath away! Wouldn't it be wonderful if our little town of Bethlehem could serve as a paradigm for political productivity at all governmental levels? Can you imagine what could be accomplished if our state and federal officials put partisanship aside and worked together for the

best interest of the citizens?

Why, our governor and Legislature might even meet their April 1 budget deadline for the first time in 19 years, and our Beltway politicians might finally agree on a health insurance plan for our 40 million Americans currently without coverage. Fat chance.

But isn't it nice to think about the possibilities of such a ripple effect starting in our own community.

Jim Cornell  
Delmar

## Graduation Celebration needs your support

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the next few weeks, business in Bethlehem will be receiving a request to support Graduation Celebration 2004.

The graduation celebration is designed to keep graduating seniors of BCHS off the streets and away from unsupervised house parties on the night of graduation, thus ensuring an alcohol-free night party in a safe, supervised setting at the high school.

We receive no financial

support from the district. So, when you receive the request in the mail, don't throw it out. Please support this special night for our seniors.

I would also like to appeal to the members of our community. If you support the idea of an alcohol-free night for graduation night, please send your check payable to "Graduation Celebration 2004" to Sheree Pittz, 97 Wright, Delmar 12054.

Jerry and Sheree Pittz  
Delmar

## Girl Scouts appreciate Try-it contributors

Editor, The Spotlight:

We recently organized a successful Brownies Try-it day to help obtain our Girl Scout Silver

Award. The daylong event helped 50 Brownies earn two Try-its each.

We would like to thank the following for their help and contributions—Hannaford, Price Chopper, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and CVS.

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state forms. Both sites offer helpful information, related links and services and electronic filing opportunities.

Another option is to ask at the reference desk, where librarians can assist you in locating and accessing printable forms. Selected master forms are also available at the reference desk; these may be duplicated in-house.

Library staff cannot offer tax information, but they can guide you to appropriate reference

books and Web sites. Ask us!

### Story times begin this week

This is the first week of our 10-week winter story time offerings. Story times are scheduled through April 8. Please be mindful that on days when Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening, story times are cancelled.

There will be no story times during school vacation week, Feb. 16-20.

### Construction closing

A reminder that the library will be closed to the public Thursday, Jan. 29, for shelf-moving and erection of temporary walls. Both book drops will be open, and Bethlehem Public Library Online ([www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org)) is open 24/7 for research, holds, renewals or just plain browsing.

The library will be open for business as usual on Friday, Jan. 30 at 9 a.m.

Thanks again for your patience as we enter the middle phase of renovations.

Louise Grieco

## Textiles can be reused, recycled

By SHARON FISHER

A person generates about 35 pounds of textile/clothing waste per year. Textiles include clothing, sheets, towels and other fabrics.

This textile waste represents 4.5 percent of the entire residential waste stream.

Fortunately, each year, Americans reuse or recycle 2.5 billion pounds of textiles. Every ton of recycled textile waste creates two person days of semi-skilled labor.

Textile recyclers, who also recycle scraps from textile manufacturers, export 61 percent of their products, thus reducing the U.S. trade deficit.

Here are several ways to recycle your textile waste.

Clean wearable clothing can be recycled in bins at the Elm Avenue Park & Ride, the Rupert Road Transfer Station and the Corner Store, at Routes 9W and 396. Put clean and dry clothing in plastic bags and tie shut. Put the

filled bags into the bins. If left outside the bins, rain and snow will get on the clothing, and it will be thrown away.

Pick up the new "Donating Reusables Brochure" at town hall, the town park, the highway garage or Rupert Road Transfer Station. It lists organizations and charities with specific needs that might coincide with what you would like to donate.

The brochure also lists the voluntary recycling programs that the town will hold this year.

Do not donate your "trash" to organizations, especially the Salvation Army. "Trash" includes old, dimpled or scratched cooking

pots; outdated decorations; old stuffed or broken toys; textbooks and encyclopedias more than 10 years old; old pillows or broken appliances and furniture.

Organizations do not have the time or resources to fix damaged or broken items. They become trash at the organization's expense. Throw out or recycle damaged or outdated items.

The fact is that all metal items and many paper goods can be recycled. Call the recycling coordinator to find out how at 767-9618, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

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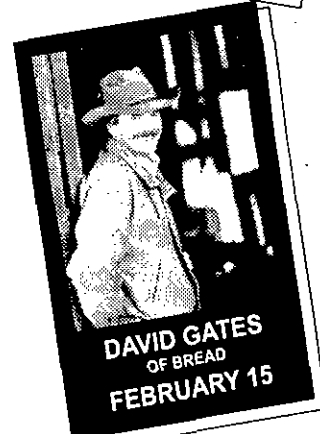
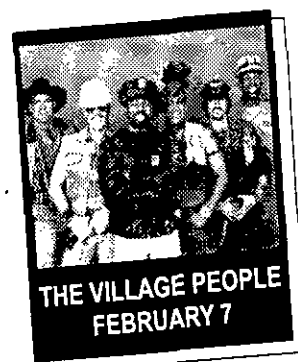
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short prose piece to share with the group on the first Monday of each month. Enjoy some wonderful stories. Next meeting is Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

Adult book discussion of *The Monk Downstairs* by Tim Farrigan will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.

Kids book discussions: It's not

too late to read *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burford for Feb. 10 for grades four to six. Sign up now.

"Bears, Bears are Everywhere" at preschool story times the week of Feb. 2. Lots of fun and grrrrrowly stories. No sign-up is necessary.

Looking ahead: college-bound high school juniors and their parents should sign up for a college planning session on March 2 with certified education planner Sally Ten Eyck.

Raffle tickets are on sale at the circulation desk for the Nimblefingers quilt on display. The drawing will be held on March 21.

*The Traveled Road* by Bryce Butler is available for purchase at the library. There was an enthusiastic crowd at the book release party at the library recently. The excerpts read from this memoir were funny and appealing. Don't miss this great read.

Final days for January Food for Fines. Thanks go to all of you delinquent borrowers on behalf of the New Scotland Food Pantry.

Check the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org) for program information.

Barbara Vink

## Kids to present concert

The winter concert for Voorheesville Elementary School will be held tonight, Jan. 28, at the school.

The concert is free, and all are welcome to attend.

### NEWS NOTES

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### Tinsmithing presentation

New Scotland Historical Association's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. will feature a presentation by Arthur Thorman. He will speak on the history of tinsmithing in early America. This free program is open to the public and will be held at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. For information, call Marion Parmenter at 765-4652.

### Friends of Music

Voorheesville Friends of Music will have its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in room 159 at the high school. The meeting is open to the public.

### New Scotland Seniors

New Scotland Seniors will meet at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem today, Jan. 28. For information and the time of meeting, call 765-2109.

### AA meeting slated

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on 68

Maple St. will have an AA meeting tonight, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. For information, call 489-6779.

### Church holds meeting

There is an evening prayer meeting and Bible study at Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For information, call 765-3390.

### Library trades food for fines

During January, Voorheesville Public Library allows patrons to return an overdue item with a canned good or non-perishable food item for credit off fines.

### Faculty/staff entertain you

An evening of entertainment by the faculty and staff of the Voorheesville elementary and high school is slated for Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

### Nursery school

### registration under way

Community Nursery School of Voorheesville is currently holding registration for the fall/2004 session.

For information, call Laura Davis at 765-3675.

### Fishing contest

Thompson's Lake State Park in East Berne will hold its 13th annual ice fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 7. The registration will be held from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. The fee is \$10.

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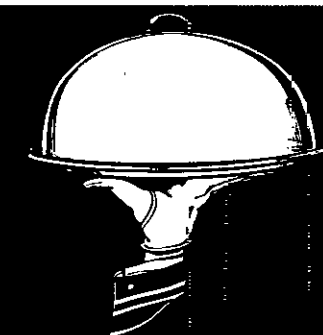
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# Prince

(From Page 1)

The heart of the play is the confusion that ensues when Edward — played by seventh grader Evan Finkle — finds his mirror image in the pauper Tom Cauty, played by eighth-grader Matt Barron. The two swap places, and Mark Twain's famous tale teaches the nobleman what it's like to be one of the huddled masses and the pauper that kings have to do more than just polish their crowns.

There are villains in the play, Lord and Lady Blackthorne, played by eighth-graders Dan Paoletti and Paula O'Donnell. Seventh-grader Sam Smith is playing the hero, Miles Hendon.

"I find the prince and protect him," Smith said. Like any good hero of the days of yore, Smith will need to wield a sword. James Yeara, Bethlehem Central High School English teacher and director of the annual Shakespeare play there, has been working with Smith on his dueling techniques.

Eighth-graders and veteran performers Jordan Jones-Reese and Samantha Shrager will be providing comic relief as Beefeaters — guards to the king — in the play. Jones-Reese is playing the head befeater, and

Shrager is Mary, a character who was James in the play.

"Comedy's harder to do," Jones-Reese said of his role as a befeater. "It's about not being afraid to let yourself go."

"Jordan's character is forgetful, and I keep him together," Shrager said.

Leavitt and Dorman are directing the play, and Laura Baboulis is the choreographer.

"We've had a lot of parent volunteers this year who have theater experience," Dorman said.

"There's a ton of expertise," Leavitt said, "and all the parents are very much in teacher mode. It's wonderful — the parents don't feel obligated to be here, but feel it's natural to be involved."

"The kids do all the stuff," Dorman said. "They run the lights, they do the sound, pretty much everything."

Starr Norman is playing the piano in the musical's orchestra, Jason Dashew the keyboard, and Lenny Tobler percussion. BC sophomore Jamie Stram is playing bass guitar and acoustic bass.

Everyone working on the show is confident of its success.

"I love working with kids this

age," Dorman said. "When you get a performance out of them, it's awesome."

It may be awesome, but Barron encourages people to come see "The Prince and the Pauper" for a simpler reason.

"It's really funny, and there are fun songs," he said.

"The Prince and the Pauper" will be performed at the Bethlehem Central Middle School at 332 Kenwood Ave. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5, 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. Snow date is Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or in the school cafeteria at lunchtime.

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# Town tax bills due on or before Feb. 2

Bethlehem residents began receiving 2004 property tax bills in early January. The bills are returnable on or before Monday, Feb. 2.

Because Jan. 31, the usual date for property tax bills, falls on a Saturday, the time to pay without penalty has been extended to Feb. 2. Property owners who do not have an escrow account will be billed directly. Those who have escrow accounts will have statements sent to the bank or lending institution holding the account. To avoid potential billing problems, property owners who have changed banks to refinance or are doing business with financial houses involved in mergers are asked to notify the tax office. This will assure that the bills will be mailed to the proper location.

The town is prohibited by state law from waiving late payment penalties because of tardy paperwork by a lending institution or because a tax bill was mailed to a wrong address. No penalty will be assessed if payments are U.S. Post Office stamped by Feb. 2 or the bill is

paid in person by that date. Postage meter indicia or foreign postmarks are not acceptable for determining timeliness of mailing. A 1 percent late fee will be levied through Feb. 29.

A 2 percent penalty will be imposed from March 1 through 31. On April 1, all delinquent accounts will be turned over to Albany County for collection, with additional fees assessed. To remit by mail, tear off the stub at the bottom of the form and return it with a check in the envelope provided.

The cancelled check is your receipt. If you want your tax bill to be stamped "paid" and returned, mail the entire bill with your payment. The back of the statement contains valuable information on exemptions, deadlines and third-party notification.

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## Sports

## Bethlehem basketball teams sweep Shaker

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem Eagles have become a thorn in the sides of the top Suburban Council boys basketball teams.

One week after knocking off Gold Division leading Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake on the road, Bethlehem (3-7 league, 4-11 overall) pulled another stunner by beating Shaker 68-55 last Friday

at home.

"That was probably our best-played game," Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman said. "It was the first time all year that we won all four quarters of a game."

Cameron Brown led the Eagles with 17 points, but it was Josh Lewis' low post performance against a taller Shaker frontcourt that proved to be critical. The senior center scored

16 points and pulled down several rebounds.

"Shaker is taller, but Josh has his own size, and he has some good post moves," Klugman said. "When he stays out of foul trouble and our guys look to him down low, he can score."

Bethlehem's defense bottled up Shaker forward Billy Manuel, as well. Manuel was limited to 14 points, three nights after he scored 26 points in an overtime victory over Niskayuna.

"We were playing zone, and the kids did a good job of collapsing on him and preventing him from driving," Klugman said.

Brandon Keefe scored 17 points for Shaker, which was on a three-game winning streak that included victories over Averill Park and Colonie.

Bethlehem has five games left to get close to a .500 overall record, starting with Friday's home game against Colonie. Four out of the Eagles' last five contests are in Bethlehem.

"We've had a positive attitude for most of the year," Klugman said. "Our record is due to our (early season) schedule."

## Lady Eagles edge Blue Bison

Bethlehem's girls basketball team completed a sweep of Shaker by fending off the Blue Bison 39-36 in last Friday's Suburban Council game in Latham.

The Lady Eagles (6-4, 7-8) jumped out to a 27-15 halftime lead and then withstood a Shaker rally to move two games above .500 in the league.

Katie Rowan scored 11 of her game-high 12 points in the first half, and Holly Storm added 10 points for Bethlehem, which travels to Blue Division co-leader Colonie Friday. Katie Morra led Shaker with 10 points.

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All four sessions run from noon to 2 p.m. and will focus on skill development. The clinic is run by varsity coach Mark Nealon with assistance from his staff and current junior varsity and varsity players.

The cost of the clinic is \$40 per player. Registration forms and checks can be mailed to Mark Nealon, 6 Terrace Place, Troy 12180. Forms should be mailed by Thursday, Feb. 5, but will be accepted in person on the first day of the clinic.

## Keyes, Digeser help RPI swim teams

Delmar natives Jennifer Keyes and Matt Digeser had strong performances for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute swim teams in meets against Union and Skidmore.

Keyes placed second behind teammate Melissa Hershey in the 3-meter diving competition and third in the 1-meter diving competition against Union. She was third in the 1-meter and fourth in the 3-meter event against Skidmore.

Digeser placed fourth in the 50-meter freestyle and the 100 butterfly against Union.

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## Eagles soar in Florida



The Bethlehem Eagles travel team finished fifth out of 16 clubs at Disney's New Year's Baseball Classic in Orlando during the holiday break. The team is, from left, Alex Lanchantin, Nick deVries, Matt Seeber, Kyle Hickey, Cam Felitte, John McCarty, Lucas Nitsche, Adam Bruculere, Matt Nash, Greg McCarty, Dan Lanchantin, Bryan Pauquette, Robert Lyons and Jack Lanchantin. Not pictured are coaches Tony Felitte, Terry Nash, Peter deVries and Tim Bruculere. Also not pictured are Mike Bellizzi, Peter Bergquist, Mike Carroll, Will DeRuve, Joe Kane, Nick Nardacci, Adam Striar, Craig Wilcox and Derek Wolff, who played with the Eagles earlier in the 2003 season. Bethlehem won the District 5 Babe Ruth title and the Saratoga Invitational last year, and it placed second in the PONY Regional tournament in Brooklyn.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Friday, Jan. 23

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem 68,  
Shaker 55

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 17 points, Josh Lewis 16 points, Brendan Venter 14 points.

Schalmont 65,  
Ravena 56

Ravena leaders: Ricky Rider 23 points, Joe Fisk 13 points.

Watervliet 41,  
Voorheesville 30

Voorheesville leader: Mark Carson 9 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem 39,  
Shaker 36

Bethlehem leaders: Katie Rowan 12 points, Holly Storm 10 points.

Schalmont 37,  
Ravena 28

Ravena leaders: Katelyn Matousek 7 points, Molly McGuire 7 points.

Watervliet 57,  
Voorheesville 42

Voorheesville leaders: Jackie

Markert 18 points, Brittany Baron 12 points.

### HOCKEY

Burnt Hills/Scotia 6,  
Bethlehem 3

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 2-0, David Farber 1-1, Zack Wallens 0-1, Erik Russo 0-1, Zach Blau 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 17.

Saturday, Jan. 24

### HOCKEY

Bethlehem 10,  
Mohon/Schalmont 8

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 3-3, David Farber 2-2, Zack Wallens 2-1, Tim Reilly 2-0, Alex Amirault 1-1, Will Pelletier 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: Tim Crowley 15.

### WRESTLING

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Bethlehem place finisher: Chad Languish (fourth, 275 pounds).

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# New owners plan update for Delmar's Del Lanes

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

By 9 a.m. on Saturdays, Del Lanes is packed. The bowling alley, on Bethlehem Court across from Delaware Plaza, is full of kids and parents participating in the junior league.

That's just the way Marvin Sontz, the new co-owner of the lanes, likes it.

"Two hundred and seventy-five kids bowl here," he said. "The Bethlehem Central High School team bowls here, the Bishop Maginn team bowls here, we have the pee-wee program, the junior program, and a parent-child bowling league."

Numbers are about to become more of a way of life for Marvin Sontz and his business partner, Bill Cornell, who purchased Del Lanes from longtime owner Ken Ringler this past December.

While they might be new owners, Sontz and Cornell aren't newcomers to Del Lanes. Sontz has been the general manager of Del Lanes for the past 20 years, and Cornell, who operates Bill Cornell's Pro Shop in Albany, grew up bowling at Del Lanes.

Sontz' involvement with Del Lanes dates back to when he started bowling there when he



Marvin Sontz and Bill Cornell

was 8 years old.

A few years later, in 1974, he called the owner, John Germann, and asked for a job. He combined that work with his own bowling for Cardinal McCloskey High School's team, and coaching other bowlers.

Selling the business to Sontz made Ringler's decision easier.

"It was time," Ringler said of his decision to sell Del Lanes. "My cousin, John Germann, founded the business in 1962. 'I started working there full-time in 1966, when I was in college. I worked full-time from the late '70s until I was elected town supervisor in 1989.'"

Ringler is now commissioner of the state Office of General Services, and said owning a small business gave him a good grounding for his government work. Before he was supervisor, he was chairman of Bethlehem's planning board.

"The business got me involved in the community," he said. "I got to know people, the issues and what was going on in town."

My involvement with government started with a concern about where the town was going."

"That business taught me more than anything else has," Ringler said. "Having a small business with responsibilities like having to meet a payroll gives you the right view, and created a great foundation. The same principles apply when you work for government."

Ringler also credited Sontz with making it possible for him to move into government work.

"My job as commissioner is more than full-time," Ringler said. "I could not have been involved with town government or worked for the governor without someone like Marvin running the business. He's been part of our family since we've run the business. He's always wanted to own it, and I'm glad he's able to do it now."

"When I was 17 or 18, I told Ken jokingly that I'd like to own this place," Sontz said. "The two of us have spent a lot of time thinking, and coming up with a lot of ideas. I owe a special thanks to Ken, who's been like a father and best friend. I also want to thank John Germann for the opportunities he gave me."

Sontz, who turns 50 this year, is an Albany resident, and Cornell, 31, grew up in Glenmont, where he still lives. Like Sontz, Cornell has also spent a lot of time at Del Lanes.

"I worked the desk and as an 'alley cat' starting when I was about 11 or 12," Cornell said. "I worked here summers."

Cornell also joined the PBA, and bowled in a number of regional and national tours. In addition to his job as a business information specialist for Aetna, the Clarkson graduate will move the proshop to Del Lanes.

"The pro shop gives the business the complete picture," Cornell said. "We can watch people bowl, see how they're bowling, and fit them to their ball properly. Bowling ball styles have evolved, and there's a lot of physics and balancing involved."

Sontz and Cornell plan to make some changes. This week, they've scheduled the installation of synthetic AMF lanes.

The new owners would also like to add on to the building without losing parking spaces.

In the summer, they hope to

offer community events, with live bands. They also hope to install new air-conditioning.

Del Lanes also has a pool table, and a snack bar that's open at lunchtime.

Although they plan to upgrade the facility, Sontz and Cornell want to keep the business as family-friendly as it's been.

Longevity is the name of the game when it comes to Del Lanes employees, and Sontz said that Tina Reide, the assistant manager who has worked at the bowling alley for 20 years, is "the backbone of the business."

Sontz and Cornell pointed out that bowling is an activity that all ages and abilities can enjoy. In addition to the kids who fill the lanes on Saturdays, the week sees just as much activity. Sontz estimated that about 1,300 people bowl in the leagues that run from mixed men's leagues to seniors and women's leagues. Lots of open bowling times means that individuals or families can stop in practically any time.

Sontz said that there are balls with handles that people with arthritis can use, and people with cerebral palsy bowl regularly, using a ramp that lets them push the ball down the lane.

Del Lanes also hosts children's birthday parties and private functions like reunions or anniversaries.

Sontz and Cornell said that bowling can be a very inexpensive way to have a good time. For juniors and seniors, bowling is \$2.50 during the week, and \$3 for adults. On weekends, it's \$3.25 for young and old, and \$3.50 for adults. The price drops when people use bonus cards and discount books.

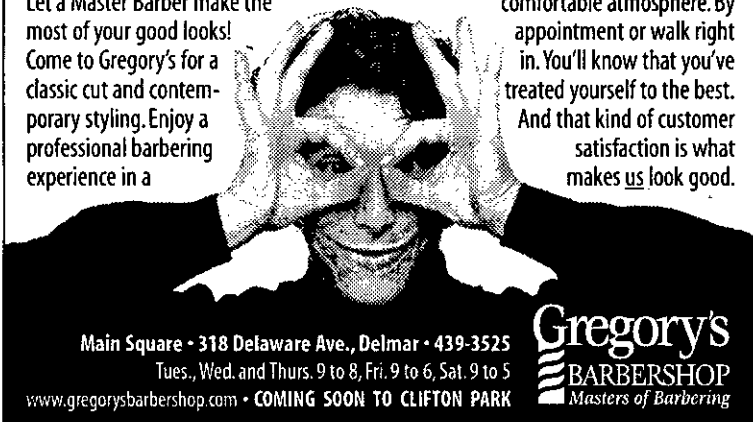
While Sontz and Cornell hope to update the bowling alley, they also aim to keep it the community and family-friendly place.

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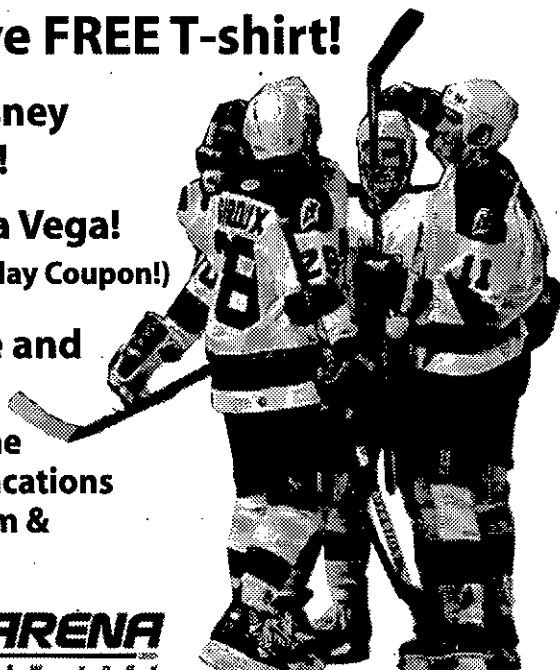
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# Obituaries

## Marvin Gifford

Marvin W. "Buster" Gifford, 71, of Glenmont died Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Black River, he lived in Glenmont since 1962. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Gifford worked for the Bethlehem Highway Department for 20 years before he retired in 1994.

Survivors include his wife Ruth Gifford of Glenmont; two daughters, Sandy Lamica of Voorheesville and Dawn Gifford

of Albany; four sisters, Betty Tompkins of Leeds, Mildred Babcock of Florida, Margaret McGrail of West Sand Lake and Joan Gifford of Latham; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Winnifred McEwan

Winnifred McEwan, 91, formerly of the Beverick in

Slingerlands died Thursday, Jan. 22, at Eddy Ford Nursing Home in Cohoes.

Born in Merrimac, Mass., she was the widow of James Lauder McEwan.

Survivors include three sons, John Dawes McEwan of Errol, N.H., Edward Reed McEwan of Delmar and Richard Lauder McEwan of Irvington, Va; six grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

## June Osborn

June Genevieve Robinson Osborn, 98, of Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Osborn worked for the state Thruway Authority and for the state Teachers Retirement System as a clerk.

Survivors include a daughter Joan O. Yaguda of Delmar; a grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Parkview Cemetery in Schenectady.

## Henry B. Reed

Henry B. Reed, 96, of Middleburgh and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Bassett Hospital in Cobleskill.

Born in Gilboa, he lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Middleburgh several years ago.

Mr. Reed worked as a truck driver and laborer for the former Duffy-Mott Vinegar Works in Voorheesville.

He was husband of the late Florence Reed.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Reed; a daughter, Mildred Blair of Florida; and his caretaker and friend, Charlene Barber.

Services were from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

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## 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.

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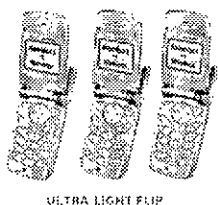
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## Services

To accommodate the large number of people expected to attend Kevin Shea's wake and funeral, the Elsmere Fire Company is coordinating shuttle bus service.

### Wake

Wednesday, Jan. 28  
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle  
35 Adams Place, Delmar  
4 to 8 p.m.

Parking for the wake will be available at the church, St. Thomas School, Bethlehem Central Middle School and the town municipal parking lot. A shuttle bus will pick up and deliver attendees from the middle school and municipal parking lot.

### Funeral services

Thursday, Jan. 29  
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle  
11 a.m.

Recommended parking for the funeral will be at Elm Avenue Park, off of Route 32. The park has ample parking, a heated inside shelter with restrooms and shuttle buses to and from the church and Elsmere Firehouse. While some parking will be available at the church and firehouse, several roads will be closed in town to accommodate the procession.

### Cemetery burial service

Shuttle buses will transport personnel from the Elsmere Firehouse to Calvary Cemetery after the Final Call service. The shuttle buses will return attendees to the Elsmere Firehouse upon conclusion of the ceremony.

## Crowds

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evening. "The closest Home Depot is on Central Avenue, at least 20 miles away."

The neighboring 24-hour Wal-Mart Supercenter draws a variety of customers around the clock.

The big-box store includes a grocery, bakery, hair salon, portrait studio, nail salon, and arcade.

Fran Markel of Feura Bush admits she's already visited Wal-Mart twice this past weekend.

"It's very big," she said of the store, which is the fourth largest Wal-Mart in the country.

"It was a little overwhelming at first, just because you don't know where everything is," Markel said.

With clothing items and groceries on her shopping list, Markel's only other dilemma was how to fit everything in one shopping cart.

She likes the fact that she now has a greater selection of goods, without driving into Albany.

"You need more than just one choice, all we had was Kmart," she said.

Not all are welcoming the arrival of the big-box stores.

"That kind of development only encourages sprawl," said David Bulnes of Glenmont, who last year gathered about 70 petition signatures from those opposed to the project.

"What's ironic to me is they call

it a town center but there's really no public space," Bulnes said. "Everything there is a destination about spending money."

Bulnes would have welcomed the development of a main street atmosphere along Route 9W, combining a variety of commercial and retail businesses.

"Our absence of a master plan,

this is the penalty we pay," he said.

The plaza will generate about \$595,000 in school taxes and for the first year, \$77,000 in town and county taxes.

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## Chief

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local levels and was a past president of the New York State Building Officials.

Town offices will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29.

More than 1,000 people are expected to pay tribute to Shea, including firefighters from around the state.

A Mass of Christian burial will

be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 11 a.m. Following the funeral, Elsmere firefighters will march to their firehouse, while visiting firefighters will form procession lines along the streets. Shea's coffin will follow on a fire truck and pass under a ladder arch where an American flag will hang. An honor guard will salute Shea, before he is laid to rest in Glenmont's Calvary Cemetery.

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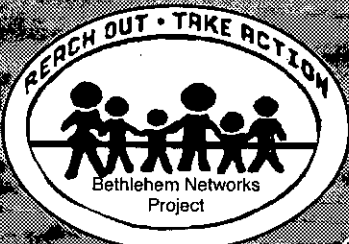
A Home and On Your Own Workshop, for fourth and fifth grade students and their parents is scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Training will be provided by BC elementary school guidance counselors, Bethlehem police officers and the Bethlehem Networks Project coordinator.

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare children for being at home during upcoming winter and spring vacations.

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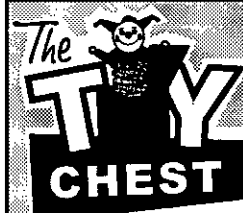
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# Obituaries

## Anne Soulis

Anne Soulis, 78, of Slingerlands died Friday, Jan. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Manchester, N.H., she was a homemaker. She particularly enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She was a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox community for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel S. Soulis; a daughter, Katherine M. Soulis of Burke, Va.; a son, Stephen S. Soulis of Ravena; and two grandsons.

Services are scheduled at 9:15 a.m. today, Jan. 28, from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St. and St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road., Albany at 10 a.m. A Trisagion Service will be

conducted at 6:30 p.m.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

## Ethel Snyder

Ethel L. Snyder, 87, of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 24, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Elsmere, she graduated from Bethlehem Central and Albany Business College in 1935. Mrs. Snyder worked for the Albany Terminal & Security Warehouse and later for the state Unemployment Insurance. She also worked for the Cooperative Extension of Albany County as an administrative secretary and assistant treasurer of the 4-H department.

Mrs. Snyder was a very active member of Delmar Reformed Church for over 76 years, having joined in 1927. She was also a member of the Delmar Progress Club and Bethlehem Seniors and was devoted to her bridge club. She was known for her skills as an excellent seamstress and flower gardener.

She was the widow of Everett Snyder who died in 1989.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynne Boone of Clifton Park; a son, Keith Snyder of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; a brother, Richard Lavery of Voorheesville; a sister, Margaret Schultz of Clifton Park;

four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 28, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Burial will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206 or Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## George Hoose

George L. Hoose, 75, of Glenmont died Saturday, Jan. 24, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in West Berne, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Hoose retired in 1988 from Niagara Mohawk after 36 years of service.

He was a member of the Niagara Mohawk 25 Year Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marion J. Bailey Hoose; a stepdaughter, Kathleen Rohl; a brother, Ralph Hoose of Georgia; a sister, Ginger Digs of Iowa; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. today, Jan. 28, at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave. in Albany.

Burial will follow the service in

Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of NENY, 85 Watervliet Avenue, Albany 12206.

## George Hart

George H. Hart, 81, of Delmar died Friday, Jan. 23, at Westchester Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Hart was the assistant pressman at Williams Press in Menands for 37 years and then a production worker for Owens Corning in Glenmont for 10 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was the husband of the late Edith Williams Hart.

Survivors include two sons, Gregory H. Hart of Delmar and Gary M. Hart of Taborton; and two grandsons. Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, from the Rockefeller Funeral Home, 165 Columbia Tpk., Rensselaer, and 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, in Delmar.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Capital District Chapter, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

## Antoinette MacGlashan

Antoinette MacGlashan, 90, of

Glenmont and formerly of Maplecrest, died Thursday, Jan. 22.

Mrs. MacGlashan was a native of Windham.

She was the widow of Milton MacGlashan.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Kass, of Glenmont; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Services were from the Decker Funeral Home in Windham. Interment will be in the Maplecrest Cemetery, Maplecrest, at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made to the Hensonville Hose Co., Hensonville.

## Dorothy Lofman

Dorothy W. Lofman, 84, of Delmar, died Thursday, Jan. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. Born in Albany, she worked for many years for the state Thruway Authority, retiring in 1974.

Formerly of Clarksville, she loved the country and collecting rocks, gems and wild flowers.

She was the widow of Stig Lofman.

Survivors include a son, Donald Lofman of Bloomingburg; a sister, Marjorie Hughes of Rensselaer; and a granddaughter.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

She also earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Cornell.

She is a veterinarian for Kirk's Vets in Lincolnshire, England.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa.

He also earned a master's degree in business administration from Cornell University's Johnson School of Business.

He works for the John Deere Corp. in Langor, England.

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The couple plans a June wedding.

**The College of Saint Rose**  
Maureen Nuttall of Delmar  
(master's in education).

## Dean's List

### SUNY Cortland

Mark Willey of Delmar.

### SUNY Oswego

Natsuki Kobotera, Meghan Morris, Julie Silverstein and Sarah Szczech, all of Delmar; Kelly Fuchs, Jaffrey Kattrein and Elizabeth Vincent, all of Glenmont; Laura Rarick of Selkirk; and Liam Brennan of Slingerlands.

### SUNY Potsdam

President's list: Vedrana Kalas and Richard Biglucci, both of Delmar, and Brenda Schmidt of Selkirk.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

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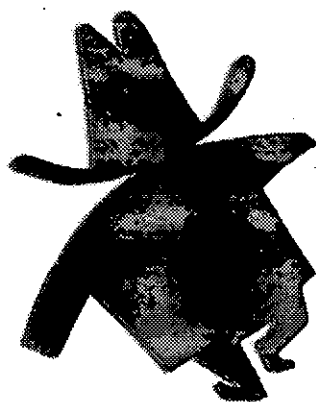


# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Fiorello LaGuardia on the telephone, played by John Romeo, accompanied by this staff played by (L-R) Michelle Dawson as Marie, Ron Komora as Morris, and Robert Dalton as Neil, in the award winning musical, *Fiorello!*

# fiorello!



# Play recalls crusading pol

By DEV TOBIN

**"F**iorello!", the musical about New York City's colorful reform mayor of the 1930s and 1940s now being presented by the New York State Theatre Institute, tells a story that has contemporary relevance, according to director Patricia Birch.

"Fiorello LaGuardia was a man with a mission, who used media for the right reasons, not just for self-aggrandizement," Birch said. "Kids really connect to his story; there are not that many leaders like that today. This is a guy who deserves to be talked about."

And it's a story that resonates with the MTV generation. Birch said that at the show's preview last week, an audience of mostly middle-schoolers was "totally attentive."

The play deals with his career before becoming mayor as a crusader against Tammany Hall, the corrupt Manhattan Democratic machine, and for basic rights for workers.

Although the play, by Jerome Weidman and George Abbott, with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, won a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award and New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best musical, it has never been revived on Broadway. Perhaps Broadway producers feel it's too dated or too political; and it doesn't

have any singing animals or ghosts.

Birch said she's generally "not much for revivals — I like working on new things." Her previous work at the institute was all with original material — "The All-Time Good-Time Knickerbocker Follies," "Raggedy Ann," "American Enterprise" and "The Snow Queen."

But "Fiorello!" is different.

"It's a swell story, the score is very nice and the actors up here are terrific," she said.

"Fiorello!" is another example of "a great thing the institute does, providing entertainment and education at a high level," Birch said.

Institute regular John Romeo plays the title role, and other institute actors Joel Aroeste, David Bunce and John McGuire play supporting roles.

Guest artists include Michelle Dawson, Alice

Vienneau, Mary Jane Hansen and Robert Dalton.

The play has a cast of 30, and Birch said she enjoys working with the institute's interns, mostly local high school and college students, and the young guest artists, mostly recent college graduates.

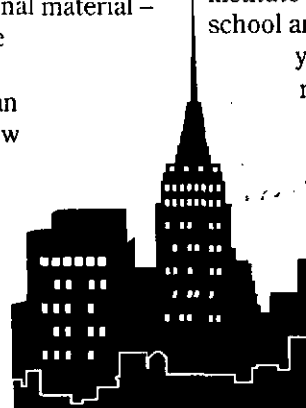
"They're not quite the rigorously trained people you could get in New York, but we use them for what they can do and they can do a lot," Birch said.

Among the young guest artists are Rebecca Minor and Hally Gutman of Delmar. Among the interns are Thomas Callahan from

Shaker High School and Quinn Hagstrand from Shenendehowa High School.

"Fiorello!" will run through to Feb. 4. Shows are Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Performances are in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, off Division Street in Troy.

Tickets are \$20, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 13. For information, call 274-3256.



Fiorello LaGuardia played by John Romeo, meets wife-to-be, Thea played by Alice M. Vienneau. In the award winning musical, *Fiorello!*

Ben Marino, played by Joel Aroeste (seated center) sings "The Bum Won," with (L-R) Evan Karlewicz, John McGuire, Byron Nilsson, and David Baecker, and Mort Hess, in the award winning musical, *Fiorello!*



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## ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

## JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS

Parsian musical. Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 8. \$31 to \$39. Information, 445-7469.

## FIORELLO!

LaGuardia musical. New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Feb. 4. \$20, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 274-3286.

## ANGEL STREET

Patrick Hamilton thriller. Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 7. \$18. Information, 877-7529.

## DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY

romantic comedy. Schenectady Civic Players, 12 S. Church St., Jan. 30 to Feb. 8. \$12, \$10 for students. Information, 382-2081.

## Music

## IRISH 2000 WINTERFEST

with Eileen Ivers, The Barra McNells, The Glengarry Boys and Hair of the Dog. The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. to midnight, \$25. Information, 1-888-414-3378.

## JOHN HAMMOND

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Jan. 30, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$17. Information, 381-1111.

## CONCERTANTE CHAMBER PLAYERS

Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 1, 3 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

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## 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.

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

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

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

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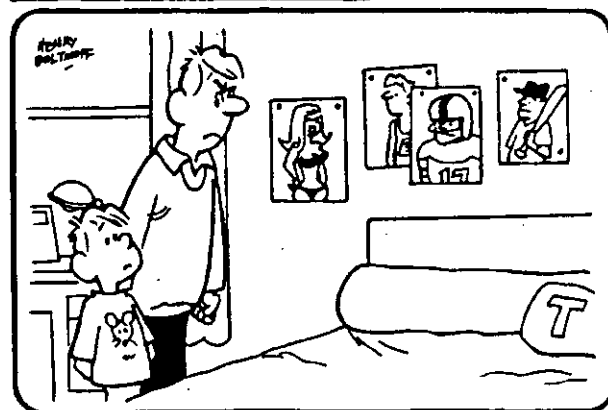
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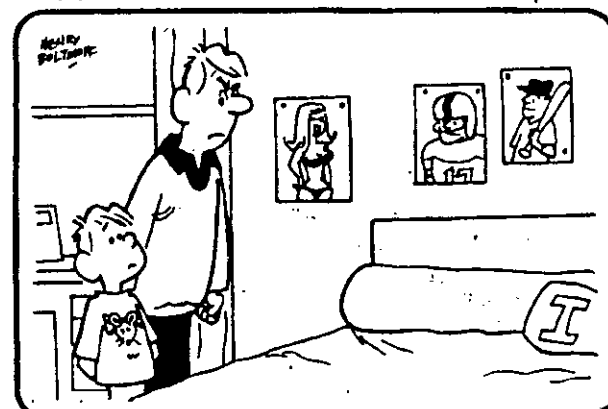
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## Wed. Jan. 28

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 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.

### 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.

## Fri. Jan. 30

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6779.

#### CHABAD CENTER

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

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For middle schoolers, Bethlehem Town Park warming area, 7 to 9:30 p.m., free. Information 439-4131.

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#### 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. Jan. 31

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun. Feb. 1

### BETHLEHEM

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

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### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

#### DELMAR REFORMED

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

### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship service 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

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

#### DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

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

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#### MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

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

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

#### KING'S CHAPEL

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

#### BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

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

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

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

#### GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services Sundays 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave. Information, 482-2132.

### NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, 1 to 3 p.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 439-0386.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### UNIONVILLE REFORMED

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

#### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

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

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

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

#### FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

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## Mon. Feb. 2

### BETHLEHEM

#### PEACE VIGIL

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

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

### DELMAR KIWANIS

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

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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.

### ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

### 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.

### BLANCHARD LEGION POST

meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

### 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

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### PROSE WRITERS

Lifelines prose writers meet, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m., no signup necessary, Information 765-2791.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

## Tues. Feb. 3

### BETHLEHEM

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

### ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

### 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.

#### A.W. BECKER PTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

### SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

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

### PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

### V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

## Wed. Feb. 4

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

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

### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

### BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 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.

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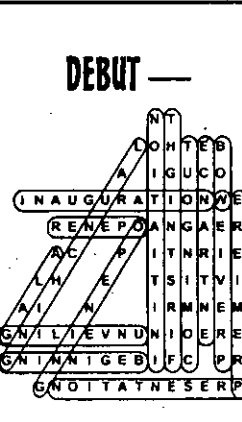
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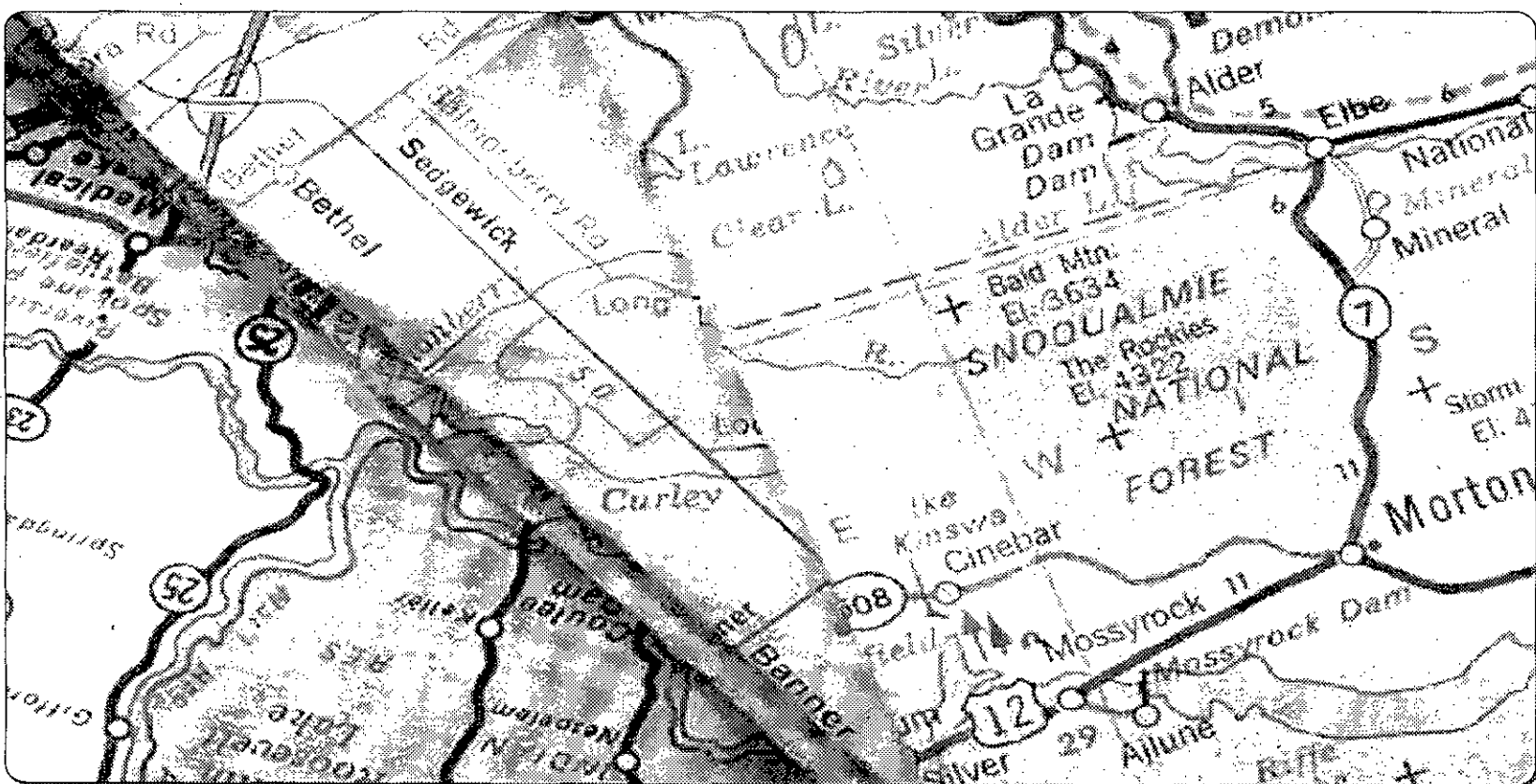
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## LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BYLSMA, 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 BYLSMA, LLC, the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

**FIRST:** The name of the Company is BYLSMA, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

**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 may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State, c/o Waite & Associates, P.C., 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207.

**FOURTH:** The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

**FIFTH:** The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

**SIXTH:** The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 20th day of November, 2003.

Filed 12/12/03 with the Secretary of State.

JOHN R. BYLSMA  
Sole Organizer  
LD-9294  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Domenica/Michael's, LLC

Notice of Formation of the Above Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on December 17, 2003. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 85 Sherman Ave Troy NY, 12180 No registered agent. For all legal purposes.

LCD-9298  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 74 CHAPEL LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/04. 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

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to the LLC, 74 Chapel Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-9407  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LB RESEARCH & CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/04. 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, 21 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-9401  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9399  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Center, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9398  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BPACENTER, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9397  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DIVERSE MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization of the State of New York on September 22, 2003. Office location in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 12 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.

LD-9396  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is RR LATHAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 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 c/o Swani Concepts, 54 Danbury Road, #313, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877.

LCD-9394  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of INO Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/6/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6 State Route 173, Clinton, NJ 08809. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9393  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Linde Gas LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/16/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6055 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH 44131. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9376  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC. EGL Realty Partnership L.P., a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware whose Certificate of Formation was filed on December 29, 2003 with the Delaware Secretary of State whose address is 615 South DuPont Highway, in the City of Dover, County of Kent, 19901, filed an Application for Authority to do Business in New York State with the New York Secretary of State on January 8, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to EGL Realty Partnership L.P., 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 3rd Floor, Albany, New York. The address of its Delaware office is 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware, 19901. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.

LD-9375  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication Caserta Properties, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/03/03. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business.

LD-9374  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mastropietro & Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 90 State Street, Ste. 1030, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9365  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW) GIVEN IS HEREBY NOTICED that the Articles of Organization of MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 2, 2004. The Company is being formed to engage in the practice of Dermatologic Surgery; to have and to exercise all powers necessary and convenient to affect any and all purposes for which the Company is formed, together with all powers now or hereafter granted to it by the State of New York; in any lawful act or activity incidental thereto for which limited liability companies may be organized under the limited liability company law of the State of New York (the "LLCL").

## LEGAL NOTICE

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Michael J. Mulvaney, MD, 18 McKown Road, Albany, New York 12209.

LD-9364  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Care Financial of Texas, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/4/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9350  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(c) 1. The name of the limited liability company is REDHAWK REAL PROPERTY LLC

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2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was December 1, 2003

3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to 4 North Street Delmar N.Y. 12054

5. The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent is Harold G. Beyer Jr. Esq. upon whom process against the company may be served.

6. The business purpose of the company is to engage in Ownership and management of real estate and "any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York"

LCD-9354  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication S & L DELUXE HOMES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/02/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, PO BOX 492, MONSEY, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9325  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA WESTERN GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 6, 2004. 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

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of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.

LCD-9351  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Carroll Point I, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 100 North Tryon St., 37th Fl., Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: technology services and development.

LD-9318  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Suburban Albany Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Janice Meola, 1 Suburban Plaza, 240 Rt. 10W, Whippany, NJ 07981, principal office of LLC. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9349  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Comfort Living Realty Group, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 29, 2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 9 Clare Castle Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Property Management and Rentals

LCD-9336  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication S & L DELUXE HOMES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/02/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, PO BOX 492, MONSEY, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9325  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SHELROC HOMES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 2, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 4 Walker Way, Albany, New York 12205. For any lawful purpose.

LCD-9319  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Financial ServiceSolutions Information Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/22/03. 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 Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 100 North Tryon St., 37th Fl., Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: technology services and development.

LD-9318  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Financial ServiceSolutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 214 North Tryon St., Suite 2300, Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: provider of fulfillment technology and services for lenders of residential first mortgages.

LD-9317  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Poughkeepsie Building Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LLC: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, Div. of Revenue, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-9316  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wells 60 Broad Street, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/9/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corpora-

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tion Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9314  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 547 Broadway LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/18/03, with an exist date of 1/1/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 547 Broadway, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9311  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Claas of America LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (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. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-9297  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of L.A.B. SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/04/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1213 Avenue Z, Unit #E-9, Brooklyn, NY 11235 Purpose: All lawful purposes.

LD-9296  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 20 COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMERCE CENTER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 22, 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 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.

LCD-9295  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of TBB WEALTH ADVI-

## LEGAL NOTICE

SORS, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/24/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 4 Executive Park Drive, Albany, NY 12203 Purpose: All lawful purposes.

LD-9292  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication 129 REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/10/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 580 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9286  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Security National Properties Funding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/10/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Alaska (AK) on 10/7/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 323 Fifth St., Eureka, CA 95501. Arts. of Org. filed with AK Dept. of Community & Economic Development, 150 Third St., Juneau, AK 99801. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9283  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Perot Systems Healthcare Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/9/2003. Fictitious name in NY State: PSHS. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/1999, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9282  
(January 28, 2004)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ALMONTE & BRATKOVSKY, P.L.L.C. a NYS prof. limited liability company (P.L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/19/2003, existence date 01/01/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of PLLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 41 State Street, Ste. 408, Albany, NY 12207 Purpose: All lawful purposes.

LD-9284  
(January 28, 2004)



# Lyons resigns as head of Community Foundation

After 15 years at the helm of the Community Foundation for the Capital Region, Judith Lyons of Guilderland announced today that she plans to retire in June.

When Lyons was named executive director of the Community Foundation in 1989, it had \$700,000 in assets under management and awarded approximately \$65,000 in grants each year. Today, the foundation has reached record heights, forging key partnerships and spearheading initiatives that have made it the center for philanthropy in the Capital District. The foundation currently has \$27 million in assets under management, and has awarded grants and scholarships totaling in excess of \$2 million each of the last three years.

"I can honestly say these have been the best years of my professional life," Lyons said.

"They have given me the opportunity to help build an organization whose mission I truly believe in, and to work hand-in-hand with others who share my love for the Capital Region."

"Before Judy joined the Community Foundation, it was virtually unknown and in need of resources and a catalyst to meet the needs of both donors and non-profit organizations," said Barbara Hoehn, chairwoman of the board of directors of the Community Foundation. "For the past 15 years, Judy has championed efforts to initiate or fund programs in our region that have touched the lives of thousands."

Earlier this year, the Community Foundation received the largest gift in its 35-year history when J. Spencer Standish of Loudonville made a \$4.6 million gift. The donation, which is held

in a donor-advised fund, is part of the region's permanent charitable endowment and will be directed by a five-member committee representing three generations of the Standish family.

At the time of the gift, made in May, Standish said, "The Community Foundation is an excellent vehicle to develop this involvement because the staff understands the community, and their advice and guidance as we go forward will be critical."

Lyons has been advancing the cause of philanthropy her entire adult life. For causes near to her heart, she has been on the front lines, assisting with telephone solicitations, marching in walk-a-thons, and actively serving on various boards of directors and committees. She is a recipient of the 100 Women of Excellence Award from the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce,

the Fundraising Executive of the Year Award from the Mohawk-Hudson Chapter of Association of Fund Raising Professionals, the Peer Recognition Award from the Albany Association of Executives and the Third Age Achievement Award from Senior Services of Albany.

Prior to her arrival at the Community Foundation, Lyons worked as the executive director of the Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York.

According to Lyons, she is retiring "to spend more time with my husband, children, and grandchildren while we're still young enough to enjoy one another. And I can make that choice because the Community Foundation has never been stronger."

"The foundation has a

dedicated and experienced board of directors, a capable and energetic staff, an excellent reputation and a clear vision for the future," Lyons said. "The board has been aware of my decision to retire for quite some time, has established a search committee and is well on its way to selecting my successor."

Founded in 1968, the Community Foundation for the Capital Region administers charitable funds established by individuals, families, businesses, private foundations or other nonprofits intent on building a permanent endowment for the benefit of the communities of the Capital District. Serving Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schoharie, Greene, Schoharie, Saratoga, Montgomery and Washington counties.

## Alzheimer's Association seeks volunteers

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York is looking for some dedicated people to assist with its HelpLine telephone service. This service provides information and referral for persons with the disease and their families. Volunteers will answer HelpLine telephone calls and assist families by providing information and gathering available resources.

Some other volunteer opportunities that are available at the Alzheimer's Association include resource librarian (organizing books and videos in the chapter office's resource center), support group volunteers (facilitate a caregiver's support group in the Capital District), special events volunteer (serve at health fairs, Memory Walks, golf tournaments, symposiums and special educational programs), in-

office volunteer (assists with mailing letters, photocopying, etc.) and volunteer coordinator (an in-office job coordinating volunteers and jobs assigned to

To volunteer, call Kristen Vanderwarker at 438-2217.

The Alzheimer's Association is the only national voluntary health organization dedicated to

research for the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of Alzheimer's disease and assistance to families.

The Alzheimer's Association's Northeastern

New York Chapter serves approximately 40,000 families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the 16 counties of Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton,

Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Warren and Washington.

Local programs include support groups, respite training, public policy advocacy, and educational programs for family members and training programs for professionals and paraprofessionals.

The programs and services offered by the chapter are supported largely from private and corporate contributions. The annual Memory Walk program, held at locations throughout the region from mid-September through mid-October, brings more than 1,000 family members and friends together in support of the organization's work.

For information, please call the Alzheimer's Association NENY Chapter at 438-2217.

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Chapter staff works with volunteers to determine the best job that fits their interests. All volunteers will receive ample training by Alzheimer's Association staff members.

### Letters policy

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

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

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.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0609 or e-mailed to [spotnews@nycap.rr.com](mailto:spotnews@nycap.rr.com).

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of RD AIR, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/26/03. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 1/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4949 Harrison Ave., Ste. 200, Rockford, IL 61108. Arts. of Org. filed with MI Secy. of State, 208 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9277 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 494 WASHINGTON, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/26/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2101. 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, 494 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9269 (January 28, 2004)

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New York 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-9265 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

SURE GLOW REALTY OF ALBANY, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 22, 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 23 Nicholas Drive, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-9312 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

THE GODFREY FINANCIAL GUIDES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of The Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of

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State of New York ("SSNY") on January 7, 2004. 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 Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC, c/o 11 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. 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, New York 12205-3898 LCD-9371 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of US Mart (Applicant), Amna Enterprises, Inc. (Owner),

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for a Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17 C (3), CC Retail Commercial District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for an alteration to an existing structure to allow the sale of items not listed under the previously granted Special Exception at the premises 414 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals LD-9409 (January 28, 2004)

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Maria Candido for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a roof over

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an existing deck, which will exceed the allowable percentage of lot occupancy at premises of 21 Frederick Place, Delmar, New York 12054. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals LD-9408 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy Mendick, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and on Saturday, January 31st from 9:00 noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for the properties assessed upon such roll. NO COLLECTION FEE DURING JANUARY 1% collection fee during February 2% collection fee during March TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law

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the tax roll of the Town of Bethlehem will be returned to the County of Albany Director of Finance on April 1, 2004. Dated January 1, 2004 Nancy Mendick Town of Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes & Assessments LD-9357 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TPO REALTY, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 19, 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. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to 704 Elm Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158. LCD-9306 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TPO, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Certificate of Conversion of WOLF ROAD PARK, a Partnership, to WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 12, 2004. 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 Wolf Road Park II, LLC, 14 Hemlock Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New

#### LEGAL NOTICE

York 12110. 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, New York 12205-3898 LCD-9390 (January 28, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BP Developers L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/16/04. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LP: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NJ Office of Commercial Recording, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9406 (January 28, 2004)

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- Pick up **cooking tips** and **recipes**
- Talk with our **meat experts**

