

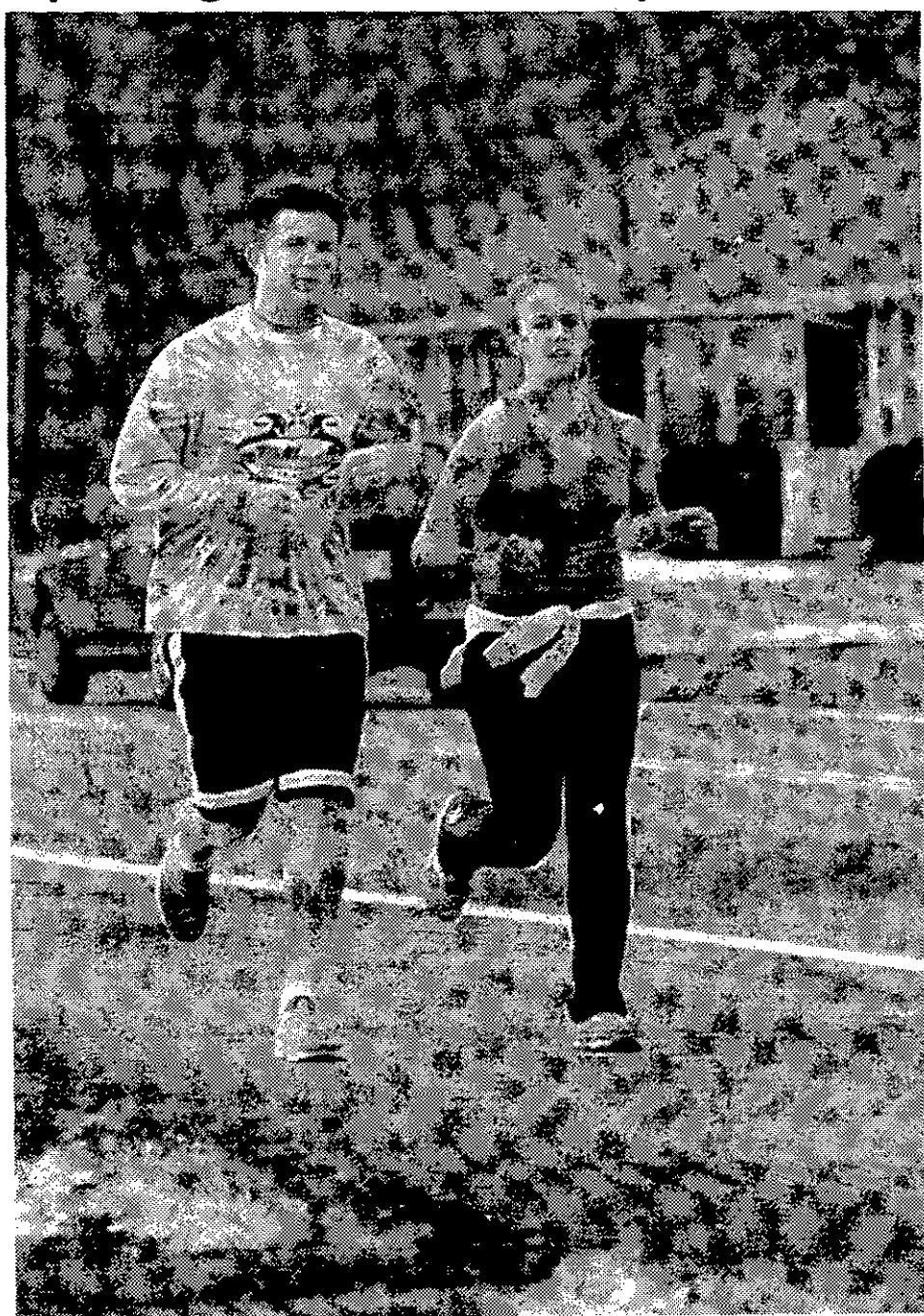
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Spring in their step



Ian Morgan and Val Messina jog along Kenwood Avenue in spring togs last Saturday.
Jim Franco

Bethlehem pumping river water to industry

Town likely to impose restrictions

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Scarcely three weeks after the Bethlehem town board declared a water emergency due to the low level of storage in Vly Creek Reservoir, the town's water shortage continues to worsen.

"We are now about one foot away from moving from an emergency to a disaster," said town public works commissioner Bruce Secor on Monday. With the reservoir's level being drawn down at least three or four inches a week, that means a formal disaster declaration could come in February if the current drought conditions persist.

A special meeting of the town board was called Tuesday to discuss use restrictions requested by Secor to address the emergency. It was the second board meeting in a week devoted to the water crisis. Last Wednesday at its regular meeting, the board voted 4-1 to authorize Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Secor to move ahead with obtaining the emergency purchase of as much as 1 million gallons a day (MGD) from the town of Gunderland without further consultation with the board.

But Fuller, who voted no, made it clear she would not exercise that authority without consulting the board.

Some steps have already been taken to address the water shortage. Secor was due to meet Monday afternoon with officials of Gunderland and Watervliet to discuss both how to implement the existing emergency agreement with

Gunderland and the possibility of a permanent purchase agreement and installation of a water line connecting the Watervliet Reservoir with Vly Creek.

A pipeline would be months away, Secor said. In the short term, Bethlehem last week obtained emergency 30-day authorization, extendable to 60 days, from county, state and federal regulatory agencies, to draw up to 3 MGD of water from the Hudson River. That water will be processed at the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant for use principally by the town's industrial customers.

The Army Corps of Engineers granted the emergency permit Thursday, and the town immediately began drawing roughly 2 MGD from the river. But those emergency permits came with stipulations.

They included new testing standards and a mandatory boil water order for users, including fewer than 20 voluntary residential customers, supplied by Clapper Road. A moratorium on new

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Town board gives center green light

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

After more than two years of public review, the Bethlehem Town Center project cleared its last major approval hurdle last week, when the town board granted building project approval for the 361,000-square-foot retail development.

In the first of two identical 4-1 votes at its Wednesday, Jan. 23 meeting, the board adopted the 44-page environmental "findings statement," outlining the town's determinations of the project's environmental impacts in accordance with the state's SEQRA law, which was endorsed a week earlier by the town planning board. The board then concurred with the planning body's recommendation in favor of building project approval.

Those votes clear the way for developer Nigro Companies to seek the permits to construct its proposed plaza, which will include a Super Wal-Mart, a home

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BCMS to present 'Amazing Dream Coat'

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Ten years ago, middle school music teacher Frank Leavitt directed his first musical on the middle school stage. To celebrate his anniversary, he brought back that first show, his favorite, that he's done with middle school students.

This coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will again weave its spell on local audiences.

"It's a perfect show," Leavitt said. "The music is accessible and catchy; it's in good keys for kids to sing."

In addition, Leavitt said, "Joseph" teaches some important lessons. "It's a

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Alli Melcher, left, Jackie Wheeler, David Peterson, Jacqueline Rosenthal and Dylan Lewis rehearse a scene from 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' Jim Franco



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Police arrest Glenmont man on felony drug charges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A two-month investigation by members of the Albany County sheriff's department's drug interdiction unit led to the Jan. 16 arrest of a Glenmont resident and two others as part of a suspected drug-sale ring.

Isaiah E. Berrings, 21, of 20 Patterson Drive was indicted on

Jan. 14 by an Albany County grand jury, charged with third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, a felony. He and Martin C. Brozowski, 21 of 40 Mereline Drive, Albany, were arrested on Jan. 16 in the parking lot of the McDonald's on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, charged with felony drug possession, arraigned and sent to

Albany County jail without bail.

Berrings' arrest led to the apprehension of Steve McGill, 31, of 107 Third Ave., Albany, on suspicion that he has been Berrings' cocaine supplier.

At an appearance in Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 22, Town Justice Theresa Egan adjourned both Berrings' and Brozowski's cases until Feb. 20 pending further action by the Albany County District Attorney's office.

"They're both being screened for possible grand jury presentation and reviewed for County Court indictment" on various charges, said Assistant District Attorney Renee Merges, who represented the DA's office.

Sheriff's deputies allege that Berrings sold narcotics in an area from Albany to Ravena. His indictment was based on allegations by an undercover informant that the Glenmont resident had sold him cocaine in Albany, according to investigator Gene Duda of the drug interdiction unit.

Sheriff's deputies and Bethlehem police placed Berrings' residence under surveillance following his indictment, and followed and stopped his car in the McDonald's lot. Brozowski, whom investigators believe to be his long-time associate, was in the car with Berrings.

According to police, more than an ounce of cocaine was found concealed beneath the cover of the front seat. As a result, both Berrings and Brozowski were charged with two felony counts each of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Berrings was arraigned before Albany County Court justice Thomas Breslin on the sale indictment, and both were arraigned before state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi on the Bethlehem possession.

Duda said Brozowski and Berrings have been arrested together before, in Green Island, on unrelated charges. Berrings was on parole after serving time on those charges, and Brozowski

was on probation at the time of the drug arrest.

"When our (undercover) sales happened, Brozowski was always in the car at the time," Duda said, and investigators believe the two were associates in the current venture.

Sheriff's deputies, along with Albany city police and state parole officials, arrested McGill, the pair's alleged supplier. A warrant search of McGill's residence allegedly turned up a half ounce of cocaine and several thousand dollars.

McGill was arraigned in Colonie Town Court on Jan. 16 on charges of third and fourth degree felony possession and cited as well for unlawful possession of marijuana.

McGill is currently on lifetime parole related to previous sale and possession convictions.

"We've come across him and his brothers before" in similar circumstances, Duda said. McGill was sent to the county jail without bail.

All three men may face additional charges as a result of the investigation, including parole and probation violations.

"Anytime somebody is charged with something and the person is on parole or probation, there certainly is a review of whether that may be appropriate," Merges said.

Library to host Erie Canal program

New York's canal days come to life through slides and hands-on artifacts in "Life on the Erie Canal" on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

This presentation by the Scotia-Glenville Travelling Museum will compare workaday and leisure activities on the canal.

The program is cosponsored by the library and Bethlehem Senior Projects.

Call 439-9314 to register.

Delmar orchestra plans performance

Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Cannistraci, will perform a concert of pops, classics and show tunes at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., in Delmar on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For information, visit the orchestra's Web site at www.timesunion.com/communities/dco.

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Patsy Quimby, left, Bonnie Turner and Phyllis Hillinger admire the quilt to be raffled off at the BOU auction in March. Katherine McCarthy

Quilt shows ties that bind

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If there was ever any doubt that one little piece could make a difference, look no further than a quilt that will be raffled at the Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited auction on March 22.

"In 1996, our guild decided to participate in a block challenge," Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) past president Patsy Quimby said, explaining the history of the quilt called "Peace, Love and Harmony."

In that category, separate pieces, not an entire quilt, are exhibited and judged. For the 185 members of the Delmar-based quilting organization, the only stipulation was that the squares be 12-and-a-half inches and be red, white and blue.

When QUILT met for its Sept. 14 meeting, it was clear that these patriotically-colored blocks presented a unique opportunity. There were 39 blocks altogether; Quimby made another three so there would be an even number, to be put together in the finished 110-by-126-inch quilt. On Dec. 3, Quimby finished assembling the quilt, and the organization set about finding a way to provide some peace, love and harmony to the smallest victims of the Sept.

11 tragedies.

"We felt it would be nice to do something for the children who had lost one or even two parents on Sept. 11," QUILT President Bonnie Turner said.

"Mary Capobianco, middle school assistant principal, and Les Loomis, school superintendent, suggested we contact BOU about raffling off the quilt, and finding a way to donate that money to New York City children."

BOU found an organization in New York City called The Robin Hood Foundation that will pass the funds raised from raffling the quilt to children in need.

"Like BOU, they are a granting foundation that gives money where it's needed," BOU President Phyllis Hillinger said of the Robin Hood Foundation.

Raffle tickets for the quilt are available from PTA presidents and at the district schools at a cost of \$1 per ticket, or \$5 for six tickets. Tickets are available at the Senior Services offices at town hall, and the Chamber of Commerce at Main Square.

For those who won't be lucky enough to win the bright and cheerful quilt, BOU has also designed a limited edition poster that can be purchased for \$10.

The posters will be available at I Love Books, South Street Framers, The Paper Mill and the Chamber of Commerce in Delmar; in Glenmont at Roberta's Gift Shop; and in Clarksville at The Quilter's Studio.

The drawing will be held at the BOU Auction on March 22. Raffle tickets will be sold at the auction, which begins at 7 p.m., until the drawing at 9 p.m. The auction will take place at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

V'ville trustees adopt noise law

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Voorheesville village board of trustees enacted its first new local law of the year at its Jan. 22 meeting, adopting a proposed noise control ordinance.

The law, drafted by Mayor Jack Stevens, responded to public complaints, principally about vehicle and car stereo noise, in the village. It is intended to "prevent unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise" from a host of sources.

Besides motor vehicle noise, the law sets limits on animal noise; construction noise between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and audible noise emanating from gatherings, "whether public or private," at private residences and meeting halls between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Village counsel Don Meacham outlined revisions to the draft law following the public hearing, and told the board no further hearing would be required before considering those revisions. Language was added acknowledging the precedence of vehicle noise standards outlined in state vehicle and traffic law — but extending its provisions to off-the-highway vehicle noise.

Meacham also noted the law's exemptions for churches and schools using organs, radios, chimes and similar devices; emergency alarms; and noise from municipally-sponsored events or those with village permission.

The law authorizes village

code enforcement officials, as well as Albany County Sheriff's Department and the State Police, who currently provide police service for the town of New Scotland, to enforce the ordinance. And in response to citizen input at the November public hearing, Meacham said,

I certainly don't want to put more laws on the books without being able to enforce them. But you've certainly broken this down fairly well.

William Hotaling

the draft upped the proposed maximum fine for violators from \$100 to \$250.

A proposal to give offenders a warning rather than a citation on the first offense was eliminated.

"It will get them to the judge much faster," Stevens said. "We are confident our court will treat it in a judicious manner, as they always have."

The revised draft was unanimously adopted by the board after a brief discussion, with the board members pronouncing themselves satisfied with the law's detailed enforcement standards, like specified quiet hours.

"I certainly don't want to put more laws on the books without being able to enforce them," said trustee William Hotaling. "But you've certainly broken this down fairly well."

In other action, Stevens reported that for the third quarter of 2001, July through September, the village share of county sales tax revenue declined by 8 percent. With a soft economy exacerbated by the Sept. 11 crisis, "It's not a pretty picture," he said, "but it's not as drastic as we expected. We're taking a hit, but not a big hit." But the dropping revenues are likely to have an impact on the village budget due to be adopted in March.

The trustees approved a slate of election inspectors for the March 19 village elections, and discussed the status of several projects, including proposed sidewalk improvements and pending improvements to the village water district, and a proposal to permit residents of Mountain View Terrace to join Sewer District No. 1.

Stevens, deputy mayor before his appointment on Jan. 1 to replace former Mayor Ed Clark, named Hotaling to fill the deputy's vacancy.

The trustees approved the appointment of George Rapp to the village sewer commission, replacing Jane Brennan, who stepped down in December.

And February's village board meeting was rescheduled from its traditional fourth-Tuesday slot, Feb. 26, to Feb. 19.

School board looks at energy plan

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The ongoing effort to contain costs and control expenses, by the Bethlehem Central School board and administration, led to examination of a program offered by a company called Energy Education, Inc.

In a presentation at a recent meeting, company representatives estimated cumulative energy cost savings of \$1.6 million over the next seven years if its program is adopted.

The company, located in Wichita Falls, Texas, claims it has contracted with 413 school districts in 43 states to use its program.

The centerpiece of the program is a resident energy manager who, as a district employee, dedicates approximately 20 hours a week to the energy management process. The company guarantees no financial risk to the district, and said savings will at least cover program expenses. However, the district should anticipate the greater benefit of the projected \$1.6 million dollar savings over a seven year period.

Those expenses include the company's annual flat fee of \$82,000 for four contract years, an annual salary of the energy manager estimated to be \$15,000 the first year, a \$5,000 expendi-

ture for software to run on district computers for tracking and reporting energy consumption and the cost of training the energy manager.

The first step in the process, after signing contracts, is developing the job description and the recruitment of the energy manager. The company will work with district officials in this process, including helping interview and evaluate candidates. The manager, after training, will conduct site visits with 15 different company specialists during evening shutdowns, morning startups and to examine energy usage during the day and weekends.

The company ensures that the projected savings do not require the purchase of new equipment or upgrading existing equipment. It works by identifying opportunities to use less energy during daily facility shut downs, startups and usage during the day. The company also claims that comfort and safety of the occupants of district buildings will not be jeopardized. The manager will work with district staff at all levels to install energy saving procedures. The benefit is gained by having district people change habits and procedures in energy use.

The district was provided with a New York state users list so that district officials can contact other districts in the program to determine satisfaction levels. One user, not mentioned at the meeting, is the Olathe, Kansas

school district that maintains the following Web site: www.osc.olathe.k12.us/energy.htm. The district appears to be much larger than Bethlehem and claims a seven year savings of \$3.3 million. Perhaps the most telling comment in the Web presentation is this statement:

"The most gratifying highlight is the fact that the district utility expenses are only 12 percent higher than they were seven years ago, while the district has grown 35 percent in size during the same time period."

The board asked district officials to continue the study including development of the process to be used to select the manager and further development of the financial cost and benefits for further discussion.

The board also heard a proposal to make BOCES vocational training available to district students. The BOCES option was discontinued in the early 1990s as a cost saving measure. There is concern in the district that students who enter the work force immediately after high school are not getting the level of vocational training from the district that is available at BOCES.

According to Superintendent Les Loomis, students getting training at BOCES are still subject to the Board of Regents standards and must pass required regents tests. They will receive a Bethlehem diploma like all other district graduates.

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In our family, these two feel just about right

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Their fuzzy heads are so irresistible, and a baby's body fits so closely to its mother's, that when I see a baby, the running-down of my biological clock sounds like a question. Why didn't we have a third, when we were in the little baby and child phase of our lives? And I'm put in mind of something Chris said years ago, when the weight of my engagement ring was still a palpable presence.

It had come out so unthinkingly that the truth of it was searingly bared.

COMMENTARY:

Mom's the Word



"When we have our two kids," he'd said. "Only two?" I'd asked quickly, and pitifully. "Or whatever we decide," he'd said, in a recovery effort. Too late. "Only two" became the prevailing wind that directed our family planning.

It's easy to be 25, sitting in a first-year lawyer's Manhattan

railroad flat, plotting the future, imagining high-paying, rewarding jobs that still left you oodles of time to be with your children. We now call those the "didn't have a clue" days.

We never really discussed whether I'd stay home full-time after our children were born; it just happened, and for us, it's been the right thing. Not that there haven't been moments when I've wished for any excuse to leave the house for a whole day.

The first realization of the fact that mothering can be draining came when Christopher was two weeks old, my capable mother had left after her week's visit, and Chris was back full throttle at his more time-consuming, than fulfilling job.

Caught up in a job that took him out the door at 9 a.m. and rarely saw him returning home before 11 p.m., Chris attributed my tears and loneliness to normal post-partum emotions. To Chris, my life looked perfect. I got to cuddle and feed the baby, and nap when he napped. The baby's half-hour crying jag; the six poop diapers; my heavy, leaking breasts seemed a walk in the park compared to his day of jangling telephones and nitpicking detail.

He could only apply his lawyer's logic to my post-partum teariness. Didn't I like being home with the baby? Did I want to return to work? Did I need to see a shrink? Was the baby not healthy?

I could only shake my head, buck up under the scrutiny, love the gummy little smiles that the baby offered, and tell myself that if all those thin, confident women could traipse around New York City looking happy with their babies, then I, too, would soon

feel only joy and contentment with my child. Having children makes time move at the speed of light, and with a move to a two-bedroom apartment and a newfound group of mother friends, motherhood got easier. Easy enough that our second son was born 25 months after his brother's arrival.

Cormac proved to be a much less placid baby than his brother had been, and "only two" felt like the right answer. Naps didn't come easy to the little man who hollered till he was fed, and seemed more stimulated than soothed by our rocking and singing to him. He liked you to make faces at his joyful, round face, to laugh with him and to move his little limbs around. Christopher watched cautiously, and still wanted his stories read, his time on the playground, and his tummy tickled, too.

"That's nice, Mommy," he'd sighed one afternoon, when his quality time with me consisted of a coerced nap, one of my legs resting gently over his little body. By the time our round, giggly baby was old enough for us to reopen the "only two" discussion, our focus had literally shifted. In our quest for more time to spend with this family we'd created, we left Manhattan's hard-driving style for quieter upstate life.

"I know you'll have another baby now," a New York friend said, but we only smiled. Things felt too new and too unsettled. We wanted to buy our own house, I found the thought of a job more appealing than another go-round with sleepless nights, and college for our "only two" already seemed an unmanageable bill.

We also noticed that something special had happened with our boys. By the time they were 3 and 5, they had a boy sort of closeness that meant when they fought, it was ugly, but when they were pals, they were a solid unit.

So we worried that another baby would always be the sibling on the outside looking in.

We also noticed that I was not nearly the patient, gentle earth mother I'd always thought I'd be. I'm not calm, levelheaded and always able to say the right thing. I yell too much, and I spend too much time sighing over tiny things that, at the end of the day, really don't matter.

Our boys are 11 and 9 now, victims of time's quick passage. We spend hours on homework every night, with me still wishing fervently for a glue gun to just keep them in their seats. We work on shadow boxes and posters about outer space. They prefer McDonald's and Taco Bell to a home-cooked meal of roast chicken and vegetables, and Johnny Bravo replaced Bill Nye the Science Guy as their TV hero way too many years ago. On the other hand, we often go to movies that we all enjoy, yet they still let us read to them at night. Our boys are inquisitive and reasoning, and we have some really great chats together. Our lives are good, and our family feels complete.

Chris and I concur that we would have loved another child. But then we talk about how close our boys remain, and of the special game that they play when they go to bed and turned out the lights at night. It's called "Planet Country," and the blue of the rug in the room they share more by choice than chance is the great ocean in their imaginary world.

When we go up to bed ourselves, we stop in their special planet to lay our hands on their backs, a habit from the early baby days when we couldn't quite believe these gifts were ours to keep. Their breathing is slow and gentle, and sometimes they smile at our touch. They are enough, then, these children that are our only two.

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Hamagrael kids ferret out clues

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The fifth grade, as a learning technique, evaluated a mock crime scene at Hamagrael Elementary School.

The fifth grade has been both reading and writing mystery stories this year. Evaluating a mock crime scene, as part of their program, was the brain child of fifth grade teacher Kim Townsend and retired Bethlehem police officer Ray Lindstruth.

Lindstruth was the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) police officer at the school for six years before his retirement. The DARE officer is a resource for educators specializing in drug abuse resistance programs. Lindstruth stayed on at the school as an aid after retiring.

The crime scene was set up in a room next to the cafeteria by Bethlehem Detective, Chris Bowdish assisted by Lindstruth. Two mannequins, dressed in Army fatigues, one male and one female, were on the floor posed as murder victims. A pistol was on the floor along with some spent cartridges and the hilt of a knife protruded from the stomach of the male victim. Household valuables, presumably loot from an intended robbery, were gathered in one spot. Scattered around were several blood-soaked bandages, an electric clock on the floor with the time stopped at 4:33.

Also on the floor was a piece of broken window pane and a mud caked foot print, near the door, and matching prints in the snow outside the door. An empty whiskey bottle was also on the floor.

There was concern that the students might have been put off on the gruesome aspects of the scene but these concerns were quickly dispelled as the students showed they were totally focused on completing their assignments.

Prior to entering the scene students were addressed by Bowdish about developing the evidence and evaluating a crime scene to solve a mystery.

The students were then divided into two groups and separated further into teams of eight in each group. One group was taken into the crime scene while Bowdish addressed the other group about fingerprinting and evidentiary procedures. After the first group finished evaluating the scene the two groups swapped places.

The goal of the exercise was to help students hone their powers of observation; abilities to reason and evaluate data; communication skills both written and verbal in mapping and documenting elements of the scene, discussing them within the team to reach a determination,

and reporting their conclusions to the class. It also was a valuable lesson in teamwork for each group to complete their assignment. A by product of the exercise was providing another opportunity for students to interface with local police officers on a positive basis.

To learn the answer to what happened at the scene you will need to contact the Hamagrael fifth grade.

Coffee House slated at Delmar church

The RPMs will present a mission "Coffee House" at on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 to 11 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The event is a fund-raising effort of the Ecumenical senior high youth group to assist in community efforts on a Native American reservation in the spring.

The "Coffee House" will include music by Acoustic Hartland.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 a couple.

Police probe two burglaries

Bethlehem police are investigating two residential burglaries in which thieves netted almost \$12,000 in stolen property.

The larger of the two thefts was reported on Tuesday, Jan. 22. A resident of Bower Court, in The Meadows subdivision in Elmsere, reported several rooms in their home were ransacked and more than \$8,800 in jewelry was stolen from an upstairs bedroom.

An earlier theft was reported on Jan. 18, in a residence on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. The victim reported approximately \$3,000 in jewelry missing from a second-floor bedroom, apparently taken sometime that morning.

Bethlehem police may have a suspect under investigation, according to a police report, but no arrest has been made.

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Matters of Opinion

More victims

The terror attacks of Sept. 11 have put a major dent in the state budget, which, we learned last week, will likely result in substantial property tax increases in school districts in Bethlehem, Voorheesville, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and across the state.

Although education is a top priority for New York state voters, the governor's budget proposes what is, in essence, a second straight year of cutting state support for public schools.

Last year, with the state budget still undecided in August, legislative leaders passed a "bare-bones" budget that held state aid to public schools at the same level as 2000. Local school boards were assured that a supplemental budget would provide the usual state aid increase of about 3 to 4 percent, but that was before everything changed on Sept. 11.

The reason holding state aid the same for two years in a row is really a cut is that school expenditures for the same educational program in the following year will inexorably increase, since about 80 percent of school spending is for salaries, most of which are covered under contracts that specify annual increases of about 3 percent.

And this stinginess is going on at the same time the state has dramatically toughened graduation standards. While making a high school diploma more meaningful is commendable, helping the substantial numbers of students who will struggle to pass all those Regents will obviously cost more than not helping them.

While the governor has no extra money for public schools, he and legislative leaders of both parties did conjure up several billion for members of a New York City labor union and its politically savvy leader.

Even in this time of supposed austerity at the state level and new, massive deficits at the federal level, public dollars continue to be funneled to unnecessary projects and connected people. For local examples, see the gilded train station in Rensselaer (run by the same outfit that is now reducing bus service), new downtown state office buildings and parking garages and the many state commissions and institutes that exist largely to provide high-paying no-show/little-show jobs for party insiders.

(Did anyone notice how the state entrepreneurship institute scandal was resolved? Probably not, since the now thoroughly politicized State University of New York released its plan to clean up that mess on Friday afternoon, just in time for the Friday night news no one watches and the Saturday papers no one reads. And were there indictments for this egregious misuse of public money? Don't be silly, this is Albany.)

So far this year, the message from state government is loud and clear — local taxpayers, who already bear the highest local tax burden in the nation are, to clean up a phrase, SOL — simply out of luck.

Editorials

QE2 journey is rich in history

The second part of Doris and Jim Davis's journey on the QE2.

We were first impressed by the fortifications built into the dark surface of the craggy rock rising high above the town, situated in a deep valley. Upon his defeat at Waterloo in 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled to St. Helena, where he lived until his death in 1821. The island was chosen for its isolation and remoteness, and although he had previously escaped from Elba, we could easily understand why Napoleon never escaped from St. Helena.

We arrived at the Wharf Steps, the only means of landing on or departing from the entire island, and everyone was required to walk through pans of disinfectant, apparently as a precaution against hoof and mouth disease that might be transported onto the island. Upon entering the large entrance to Main Street, we immediately became aware of the songs of many birds, a welcome sound heard for the first time since we had left Delmar. Myna birds were everywhere.

We did our sightseeing by foot. Settled in 1502, the island has a rich history — and no cell phones. We visited a lovely church (one of many denominations on this tiny island), took photos in the colorful Castle Gardens with paths and flowers, passed the local jail, although the island has relatively little crime; and then climbed Jacob's Ladder, an outdoor stairway leading to a fortress at the top of the cliff overlooking Jamestown, the bay and the sea. An earlier version of the ladder was built by British soldiers; now its 900 feet has 699 almost-vertical steps — and we climbed every one!

The part of the island we saw is neat and clean. The local people were very welcoming, and many houses were painted pretty pastel colors. As we sailed away from the island in late afternoon, we were pleased that we were scheduled to re-visit St. Helena on our return to Southampton, hopefully for a more extensive tour.

Monday, Nov. 5 — The pilot boat arrived just below our

Point of View

window at about 7:15 a.m., and the pilot came aboard to take the ship into the harbor at Cape Town, South Africa, for docking. Dolphins jumped in the water as though welcoming us to their home. A gorgeous morning with clear blue skies, it was late spring in Cape Town.

On our first day in port, we took advantage of an "official" tour by bus. We traveled through the city to Table Mountain, overlooking Cape Town.

Although fog is a common occurrence, our weather was ideal and clear, and we were able to ride a cable car — these hold 65 passengers, have a revolving floor, and are glass on all sides — for a fantastic 360 degree view of the city, suburbs and the Atlantic and Indian oceans to the south. At the "table top" of the mountain, we saw interesting vegetation and many adorable hyrax (one with babies) that are similar to a woodchuck in size and appearance but are actually related to the elephant. In clear view in the bay was Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for so many years. It was a breathtaking view and memorable experience.

After descending the mountain, we had a panoramic drive along the coast with many bays and beaches: Camp's Bay, Bantry Bay and Clifton Beach, with its upscale homes. At one area we saw many seals among the quantities of kelp, and at the same time, mountains were ever in our view: the Twelve Apostles, Lion's Head, the massive Table Mountain which we had just descended and others.

We continued for a tour of the city, including city hall, Company Park, the South African museum, Parliament building and various market areas. Finally, we walked through the impressive Victoria and Alfred waterfront complex (named after Queen Victoria and her second son, Alfred, who had visited Cape Town), which includes a huge mall with hundreds of shops, a hotel complex, an aquarium, many ships and boats in a busy boatyard, and other interesting features.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 — On our second day in Cape Town, we hired a taxi for a tour of the area south of Cape Town. Our pleasant and well-informed driver first took us through Bishop's Court, where Bishop Desmond Tutu had lived; to the Botanical Gardens; up and around a mountain past an abandoned silver mine area; and on to Simonstown.

Here we drove into the naval base, where an American ship was in port and under very tight security. We went on to the Boulders, a penguin colony preserve where we were within feet of hundreds of sweet, docile penguins. We then stopped at Fish Hoek, where local fishing boats had just arrived with a catch that they were "auctioning" for sale to the best hawkers.

On our return to Cape Town, we stopped for a view of the rich Constantia vineyard region, visited the lovely and stately Rhodes memorial commemorating Cecil Rhodes, saw the very large and impressive hospital where Dr. Christian Barnard performed the first human heart transplant, passed Cape Town University (where blacks are now able to attend — one of the many positive results of the post-apartheid policies) and then stopped at Greenmarket Square, where I purchased two pieces of silver jewelry at very reasonable prices at an outdoor vendor's booth. Finally, back at the waterfront area, we saw several sailboats participating in the Volvo Ocean Race and shopped for gifts for family.

Later, back on the QE2, I joined other passengers in the Mid-Ship Lobby to complete forms enabling us as non-residents to receive refunds of the 14 percent South African Value Added Tax (VAT) for any purchases totaling over 250 Rand (equal to approximately \$125).

That evening, members of the Cape Town Opera give an exciting performance in the ship's Grand Lounge theater, after which the QE2 sailed away at about midnight under clear, mild skies, with most passengers on deck and sad to leave what we had found to be an exciting, cosmopolitan city with so much to see and do. Situated between the Atlantic and rugged, ever apparent mountains, it is strikingly beautiful and a place to which we hope to return.

Saturday, Nov. 10 — We arrived at St. Helena again, and with our special friends John and Susie Tupper from Hereford, England, we first walked to the home of a retired English police official and his wife, who had been born on St. Helena, so John could give them greetings from a mutual friend in England.

The four of us then hired a taxi to tour the interior of the island, where saw many exciting sights: Heart Shape Waterfall; Briar's Pavillion, where Napoleon lived for two months when he first arrived in exile; and then Longwood House, where he lived for almost seven years before his death.

The house itself is a "museum" now, containing many impressive documents, photos, paintings, original furniture, mirrors, etc., and its gardens, sunken paths, pond and gazebo — all designed by Napoleon. We then drove to Napoleon's tomb in the Sane Valley, a location chosen by him because of its peaceful beauty and because it had been the source of a spring that provided water for Longwood. Although buried here in 1821, his body was moved to France in 1840, as he had requested.

We continued to Plantation House, the residence of the governor, a large gracious home where Jonathan the Tortoise (over 160 years old and huge) grazes in the sprawling front lawn with three other tortoises not quite as large as he is.

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Board member says process was issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

These has been much confusion over my motion to postpone consideration of Howard Engel's nomination to the planning board. I made the motion not because I was opposed to the person but because I was opposed to the process.

Here are the facts. On Dec. 31, the town board held an executive session to interview candidates for the planning board. An executive session is a confidential meeting not open to the public, where potential candidates can be privately discussed by the town board.

After a lengthy conference, no candidate for the planning board commanded a majority of the board, and the board decided not to act and to seek other candidates.

On Monday, Jan. 7, less than two days before the town board meeting, I received a fax of Howard Engel's résumé. This short notice precluded full review of Mr. Engel's candidacy, I know Howard Engel and considered him to be an excellent candidate for the planning board. Moreover, Howard is a good friend of my family. After my father was killed, Howard took time off from work to comfort my family. As I said at the town board meeting, Howard is a man of integrity, who would serve this community with distinction and honor.

However, Mr. Engel's qualifications were not the issue for me. I made a motion to postpone consideration of his nomination because of the lack of an open and fair process.

Mr. Engel had not undergone the private review process like the other candidates who had applied for the position. In fact, because of the short notice of his candidacy, board member George Lenhardt did not even have the chance to speak with Mr. Engel. I think government should be open and fair to all those who seek positions and no one, no matter how well qualified, should be granted a short cut.

Also not to be overlooked, there were other candidates who had applied for the position on the planning board and who did not have a chance to be interviewed or considered by the board. Ramming through a nominee would not have been fair to the other candidates.

There should have been no rush to force a planning board nominee through the board on less than two days' notice, without the formal interview process. There is no law that prevents this, but it is not good government. A fair and open process is essential to the people's confidence in their government. I will stand for open government. Personal attacks won't change that.

I wish Mr. Engel good luck in his new position, and I am confident he will serve the entire community well.

Tom Marcelle
Bethlehem town board member

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.

Youth leader is grateful to bands

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank the youth who participated in a live band fundraiser on Jan. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

The event was sponsored by the RPM Youth Group. The band members and members of RPM raised \$1,000 for Make A Wish Foundation of Northeast New York.

These talented youth worked hard to produce an excellent show and should be commended for their effort. The band members are" Colin Summers, Dave Schwab, Alex Tabora, Alex Vaughn, Chris Brown, Caleb Bonnell, Hanna Lewis, Jake Bartfield, Bill Trimarchi, Chris Rooney, Mike Rooney, Ryan Weaver, Justin Collins, Alex Betterly, Andrew Eckel, Mike Schwab, Tommy Trimarchi, Kevin Gallagher, Mike Morris and Paddy Reagan.

Theresa Borchetta
RPM Youth Group leader

Reader enjoyed Point of View

Editor, The Spotlight:

What an interesting Point of View in the Jan. 16 issue.

It was written by Theresa Roderigues, a Red Cross mental health worker from Scotia-Glenville who was sent to New York City to the Family

Assistance Center after the Sept. 11 attacks.

She wrote a most informative account of the volunteers as the backbone of support to all the people involved.

Patricia M. Ryan
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Legion to fire up mid-winter steak roast

Nominating petitions available for board

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will host its ninth annual mid-winter steak roast on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4:30 p.m.

The menu will include steak, potato, vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required by Feb. 8. For information or to make a reservation, call 765-4712.

NEWS NOTES Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



Kiwanis to hold baseball registration

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for spring baseball on Tuesday and

Thursday, Feb. 12 and 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or in the Voorheesville School District. The program is for boys and girls ages five to 10.

Town to offer snowmobile safety class

A two-day snowmobile safety course will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at town hall on New Scotland Road.

Participation in both sessions is required to complete the course. The free course is open to town residents age 10 and older. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

For information or to register, call 439-4913.

State park to host Ice Fishing Contest

The 10th annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday,

Feb. 16, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Thompson's Lake. The day's events will include fishing competitions, food and outdoor fun.

The registration fee is \$6 per person. Proceeds will be used to support park programs.

The event is open to the public. For information, call 872-1237.

School accepting applications

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Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central board of education are available at the office of the district clerk, 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

The terms for seats currently held by Happy Scherer, Robin Storey and Warren Stoker will expire June 30.

Each term of office is three years, beginning July 1.

Each petition must contain a minimum of 74 valid signatures and must be filed with the clerk by 5 p.m. April 22, 30 days before the district's annual meeting and budget vote on May 21.

St. Matthew's sets Sports Night

St. Matthew's Mens Association in Voorheesville will hold its sixth annual Sports Night on Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the church social hall on Mountainview Street.

The featured speaker will be Mike Marshall, field manager for the Albany Diamond Dogs.

A former major leaguer in the National and American leagues, Marshall will share his inside baseball knowledge.

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Caldecott winner's work looks at 3 pigs afresh

Here's some advice — run to the library and take a look at the new presentation of *The Three Pigs* as written and illustrated by 2002 Caldecott Medal winner David Wiesner.

The opening few pages of the book may have you a little mystified why this illustrator won

the library. Copies of next month's book *The Blackwater Lightship* by Colm Toibin will be available at that time. Signup is necessary.

Creative writing meets next Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. No signup is required.

Please remember that the library will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 31; we want no one to show up at the door and be disappointed that we are not open.

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Barbara Vink

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the prestigious award. Then, wham, you will find yourself smiling at the turn of each page.

The book is whimsical, delightful, and a thoroughly original treatment of the old classic — maybe more fun for grownups than kids.

Youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa has arranged a display of many of the Newbery and other recently announced award winners that are part of the library collection.

The Caldecott is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Readers will be discussing *Life is So Good* by George Dawson on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at

Church to host program on Israel

The regular meeting of South Bethlehem Methodist Church United Methodist Women will be on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Pastor Charles Hayes will show slides of Israel. Marion Fross will lead devotions.

Rosemary Court and Millie Bittig will provide refreshments.

Men and youth are invited to attend this special presentation.

Formed in 1988, Adamsville Ancients Fife & Drum Corps took on Delmar's early-19th century name, which honors Nathaniel Adams, one of the area's original settlers. The group's goal was and is to perpetuate the tradition of colonial fife-and-drum music and to promote camaraderie among



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Adamsville Ancients have played in local and regional parades since their inception, and have won trophies for their performances. As members of the Company of Fifers & Drummers, Inc., they have also taken part in more than 100 musters — weekend gatherings of other fife and drum groups — throughout New York and New England.

Adamsville Ancients shares its heritage next month in our display case.

"A Smorgasbord of Paintings," Eleanor Bolduc's sampling of oils

depicting the Catskills, Lake George and the hill towns of our area, is on display in the northwest hall next month. Bolduc's work is an example of "plein air" painting, that is, painting "in real time" out in the open rather than from memory back in the studio. Bolduc has pursued her art for 30 years.

"In the Midst," oils, pastels, watercolors and pencil drawings by Valerie Harris, will be exhibited in the southwest hall.

Our reference area exhibit case will feature an informational display by the Albany-Tula Alliance, founded in 1991 by Capital District citizens as a sister-city program with Tula, Russia.

The Alliance has grown into a vigorous organization that supports cultural, humanitarian, educational, health and economic exchange. You can visit their Web site at www.albanytula.org.

February's bulletin board display highlights the Caregivers Respite Program. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Albany Diocese, the program provides information, referral, respite

service and support to individuals caring for the frail elderly at home.

Executive Director Marty Haase established the program in 1987. In 1989, she received the first Capital Region Respite Program Grant from the state Office for the Aging.

She is creator and host of "Take Care," a regular program on TV-18, Bethlehem's public access station operating from a studio here at the library.

Mallory Bulman's collection of model horses and author Jimmy Preller are featured in the youth services area next month.

Louise Grieco

Five Rivers program to study animal tracks

A program on animal tracking "They Went That-a-way" is slated at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

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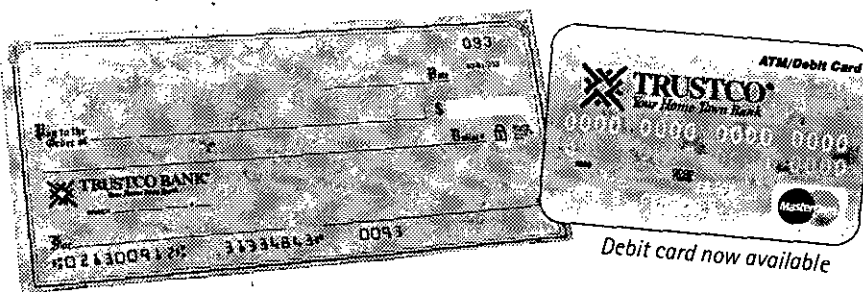
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QE2

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The countryside has breathtaking vistas — hilly, lush, very green and rich with an extraordinary variety of flora: many varieties of ferns, large white calla lilies growing wild everywhere along the roads.

On our return to Jamestown, many local people were out shopping and walking the streets apparently enjoying the activity

generated by the QE2's arrival. They were friendly and welcoming, and we again regretted having to leave their island.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 — Our visit to Dakar, Senegal, was interesting and eye-opening but disappointing, although we are glad to have had the experience.

Downtown Dakar was quite run down and poor, although many of the buildings had

apparently been impressive at one time. Although we tried to see the sights by foot, we were unable to get very far. Young aggressive, hungry vendors carrying lovely African carved masks and figures, clothing, hand-made dolls, fabrics, perfume, "Rolex" watches, and many other items swarmed us everywhere and were relentless in their appeals to have us buy from them.

Jim bought a wooden carved figure; however, this inspired the great numbers of men and women we encountered to want us to buy their wares as well. We passed, or were approached by, very young boys as well as older men with hands held out begging for money or food. We had been advised, however, not to give them money because of the chain reaction it would cause. Particularly disconcerting was one vendor who had set up an easel covered with photos of Osama Bin Laden.

The city has no traffic lights, but the streets are busy with cars, trucks and motorcycles. At crosswalks painted at every intersection, pedestrians must be careful, yet aggressive, in order to cross. In some cases, cars stopped just short of a person, and most motorbikes never stopped for anyone. The crosswalk at the post office on Delaware Avenue

in Delmar is a model of excellence in comparison to what we saw.

Friday, Nov. 16 — We docked at the port of Santa Cruz on Tenerife, the largest of the Canary Island's seven-island chain. A modern, growing city with a population of more than 200,000 (and Tenerife has a population of 750,000), it has much ongoing construction and is important for its art and architecture.

Our tour took us through the city, into the suburbs and then on a long, winding, narrow and scenic road through the lush La Esperanza forest of Canary Island pines, huge eucalyptus trees, heather, ferns and a variety of other vegetation. The scenery changed drastically as we entered what was a huge volcanic crater with a circumference of almost 50 miles on our drive up winding roads to the base of Mt. Teide, the highest point in Spain and the third-largest volcano in the world.

The landscape was extraordinary and eerie with steep cliffs, huge lava flow formations and volcanic rock. Because of its environmental significance, with 65 species of plants, shrubs and flowers, the entire park — Las Canadas Natural Park — is strictly protected by the government.

We ended our day with a late-evening dinner in a charming open-air restaurant where we were the only non-Spanish speaking patrons, and none of the waiters spoke English.

Sunday, Nov. 18 — We arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, in early morning and departed on a bus tour which took us first to Cape Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe. We took photos at a pretty lighthouse, quite different from the many we have seen in the states and particularly in New England.

Next we rode to Sintra, a small city that appears to be directly out of a fairy tale; in fact, Lord Byron, who stayed there frequently while

writing "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage," called the city "Glorious Eden."

We had an extended tour of the 14th-century National Palace, once the summer residence of the royal family.

When our tour ended, we returned to the ship and took a shuttle to downtown Lisbon where we walked and walked. Because it was Sunday, there was little traffic and traveling about was easy. As a result of the church's influence, shops, businesses and even most restaurants are closed on Sundays, so we probably did not gain a real sense of life on an average day.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 — We arrived in Southampton and prepared for disembarkation.

Our days at sea — when not in port — had been filled with many enriching activities. We attended many lectures on a variety of topics presented by impressive and well-qualified lecturers.

I loved the terrific jazz group that played each day for the first half of the trip, and missed them after their departure at Cape Town. Of course, we enjoyed some of the current films that were shown each day and most of the shows in the evenings, spent much time in the pool and jacuzzis, particularly on hot days; and were regulars in the gym or on the promenade deck most mornings and in the library on afternoons.

A special aspect of our experience was meeting so many well-traveled people and making wonderful new friends. We were very happy with our exciting experience but ready for our return to Delmar — after traveling approximately 13,000 miles by sea and 7,000 by air — in time to cook Thanksgiving dinner, enjoy our family's visit and return to the realities of daily life.

The QE2 and our trip were beyond our expectations. We will long remember them for what was truly our fantastic voyage.

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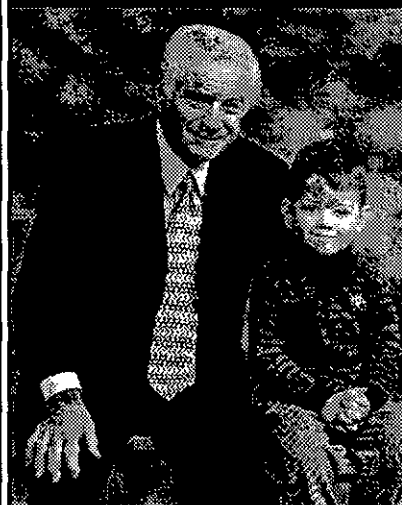
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Water

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water connections and extensions has also been imposed.

Public Works received more bad news Friday. It was notified by Albany Water Board chairman Anthony Ferrara that current sales to Bethlehem would be reduced from the 1.2 MGD purchased in December and January to 600,000 gallons a day in February.

"We are sure you understand that we, too, must carefully allocate our resources during this dry period," Ferrara wrote. Albany's principal municipal water source, the Alcove Reservoir, is also reportedly at record low levels — through the city has yet to put an emergency alert plan into effect, as Bethlehem did in December.

The water board's action precipitated Secor's request for yesterday's emergency session. He planned to request that the board consider temporary closing of the town's operating car washes, banning all non-essential water use and installation of new lawn-watering systems, closing the pools in public schools, and shutting off of water service for customers that do not follow conservation requirements.

Notice has yet to be sent to residents.

"I'm probably going to take some criticism for that," Secor said Monday. "But our message has changed from what it would have been even last week."

That was dire enough: At Wednesday's meeting, Secor warned that "As early as this weekend we could be out of water... we could have fire hydrants running dry" without immediate action.

He said the town's largest industrial customers have agreed to emergency conservation plans that would reduce consumption by 700,000 gallons a day, in addition to the 1 MGD cut already agreed to by Selkirk Cogen.

Secor also renewed his call to exercise the town's emergency agreement with Guilderland, under which the town can purchase up to 1 MGD a day for up to 6 months, depending upon availability. As a practical matter, he said, Guilderland will likely have surplus water available only until late April.

While noting the board's past reluctance in view of historic controversy over fluoride in Bethlehem's supply, Secor said, "The fact that Guilderland adds fluoride and we do not is an issue

we'll have to address. But we're getting to a point where we'll have to face the reality of no water versus water with fluoride in it."

Fuller resisted that proposition.

"The idea of a pipe in the river is drastic enough," she said. "For you to now ask us once again about Guilderland's water, which is short-term at best, I have to say I am very troubled by." But her board colleagues moved to authorize Fuller and Secor to proceed without further consultation.

"I think we're all, the council, willing to say let's get the water from the only source we have right now, which is Guilderland," said board member Tom Marcelle, who proposed the resolution. "We're not going to add anything to the debate except yeah, go ahead." Despite its permission, Fuller indicated she would not proceed without convening a special meeting.

Secor said Monday he has contacted county health Commissioner Dr. Frank Crucetti to clarify the health impacts of fluoride — but reiterated his view that the Guilderland option was essential. Recent precipitation, including snowfall two weeks ago that has now largely melted, has "probably reduced the rate at which the reservoir has fallen in the past week, but the reservoir continues to fall," he said.

The shortage, he said, underscores the need for an emergency residential source more reliable than Albany's.

"It's obvious now we need to look elsewhere for supplies," he said. "I would hope within two weeks I will have more detailed numbers and a better idea of what kind of contract the city of Watervliet might be willing to consider."

Contractors for EarthTech, the firm upgrading the infiltration-gallery well system at Schermerhorn Island to produce a guaranteed minimum of 6 million gallons a day for Clapper Road, reported positive results of a test well two weeks ago. Secor said he will meet Friday with their representatives and officials of the state health and environmental conservation departments in hopes of expediting completion of the new wells, projected for next winter.

"The combination of getting the wells on-line on Schermerhorn Island and a reliable supply from the city of Watervliet would enable us to tell the community we'll never have this kind of situation again," he said. "The current drought is a once-in-a-lifetime event."

In the meantime, only a return of normal precipitation will spare the town water woes this summer. What if the drought persists through May, and Guilderland and Albany reduce their water sales? "Let's deal with May in May," Secor said.

Conserve water in the home

Reduce toilet water use. Check for leaks; in non-low-flow toilets, place filled plastic bottles and pebbles in the tank to displace water.

Minimize use of water-consuming appliances. Limit dishwasher and washing machine use to full loads — or at least match the washer's load selector to load size.

Check faucets and fixtures for drips and leaks. Replace worn-out fixtures, washers, O-rings and hose connections. Turn faucets off firmly. Don't let water run — while brushing teeth, for instance.

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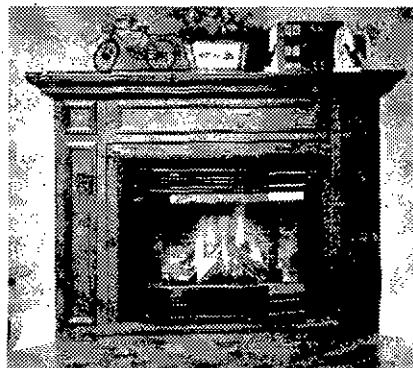
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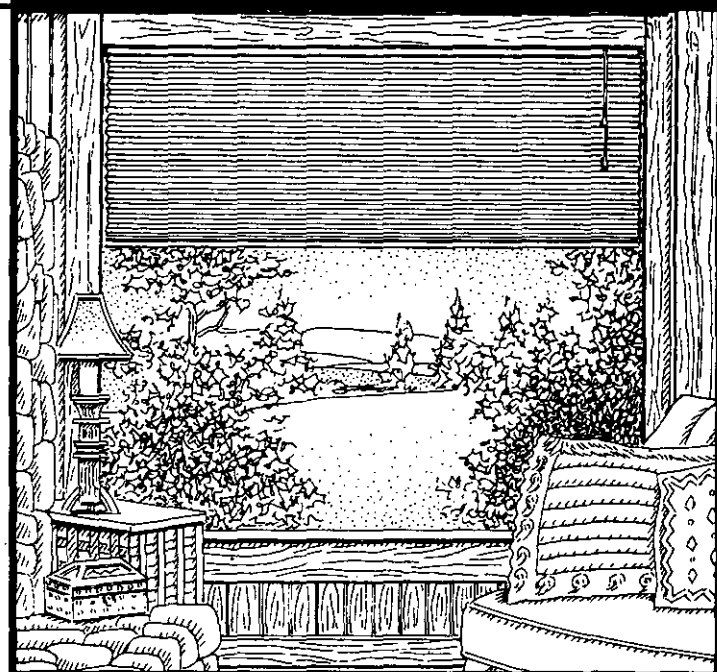
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Sports

Eagles edge Burnt Hills; Holy Names beats 'Birds

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys basketball team has sole possession of first place in the Suburban Council Gold Division. How long it lasts depends on what happens

this week.

The Eagles pulled out a 51-48 overtime victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Friday to move one game ahead of the Spartans for the divisional lead.

"They did a great job," Bethle-

hem coach **Chuck Abba** said. "They played really well in the overtime period."

The Eagles (6-1 league, 12-2 overall) trailed by as many as seven points in the third quarter before rallying to tie the game at the end of regulation. Bethlehem then scored the first four points of overtime to pull away for good.

"We started pressing, picking it up (on defense) in the full court and tried to raise the tempo of the game," Abba said.

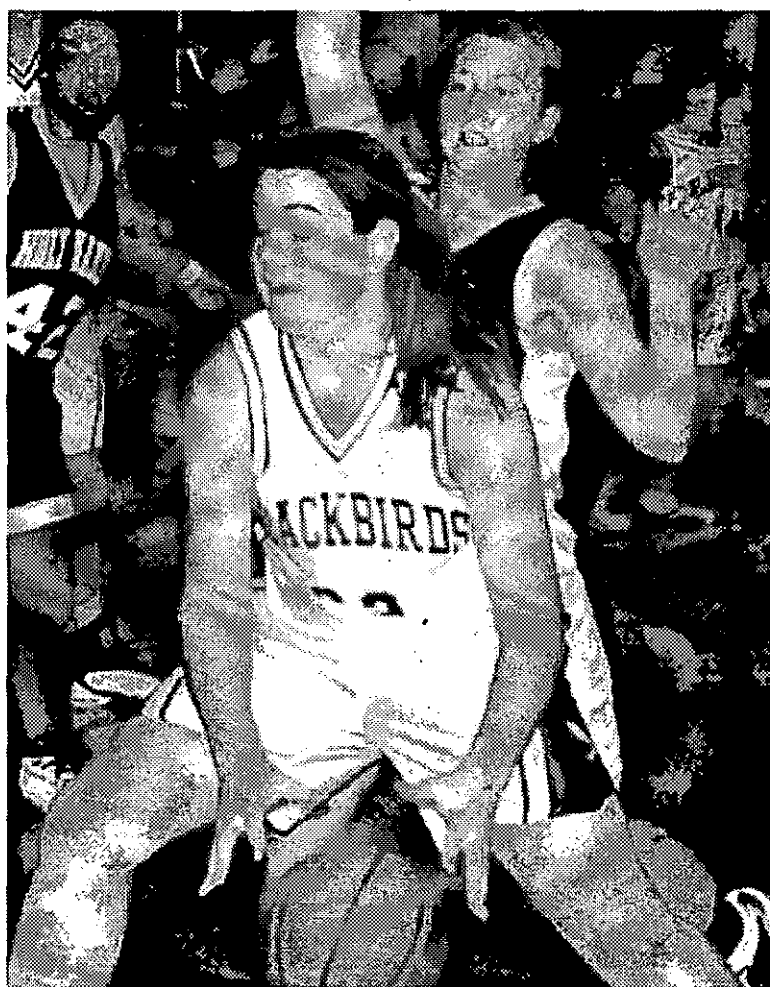
Tim Kindlon and **Matt Robbins** each scored 12 points to lead the Eagles, who were playing their first game since a 66-59 loss to Shenendehowa Jan. 18.

"I was very happy with the way we rebounded from the loss," Abba said.

The Eagles face a tough stretch of games to close out the regular season. After traveling to Colonie Central High School Tuesday, they host Columbia Friday before visiting Blue Division-leading Guiderland next Tuesday.

"I would say that they are playing better now," Abba said of Colonie. "Their personnel is pretty good, and they seem to be hitting their stride."

The Bethlehem girls basketball team also returned to action last Friday with a win as they beat Burnt Hills 54-38. **Kaitlin Foley**



Voorheesville's Jackie Markert dribbles in front of a Holy Names defender during last Friday's Colonial Council game. *Rob Jonas*

Lady Blackbirds fall

The Voorheesville girls basketball team saw a two-point lead evaporate in the fourth quarter in a 49-42 loss to Holy Names last Friday.

The Lady Blackbirds led after each of the first three quarters, but were outscored 18-9 in the fourth quarter.

Brittany Baron paced Voorheesville with 18 points, 11 of which came from the free-throw line. **Andrea Burch** chipped in nine points.

The Voorheesville boys basketball team suffered a similar fate, losing to Albany Academy 63-55 last Friday in Albany.

The Blackbirds built a 27-19 halftime lead, but the Cadets poured in 44 second-half points to pull off the comeback win.

Bill Schlappi scored 14 points, **Kevin Vanderwarker** contributed 13 points and **Chris Bechard** added 11 points for Voorheesville.

In other Colonial Council action last Friday, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team lost to Lansingburgh 50-38. **Chris Currey** and **Ricky Rider** each had 15 points for the Indians.

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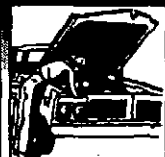
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Dolphins receive a visit from an Olympic champion

By ROB JONAS

Dara Torres was between meetings at her New York City office last Wednesday when she received a call.

The Delmar Dolphins swim club was holding a special clinic at Bethlehem Central High School in a few days, and Olympian Amy Van Dyken had just pulled out due to a schedule conflict. Could Torres fill in?

The four-time Olympian didn't think twice. Torres readily accepted and made the three-hour trip north from New York last Saturday to spend some time with the Dolphins.

"Usually, my forte is giving inspirational speeches and signing autographs," Torres said. "I hadn't really done clinics, but I worked with the (Dolphins) coaches and mapped out what I wanted to go over."

The 34-year-old Torres dove right into the morning clinic at the high school pool. She demonstrated the techniques that earned her nine medals at four different Olympic games (1984, 1988, 1992 and 2000) and even swam a couple of 25-yard legs during a freestyle relay competition between the 100 swimmers that participated in the clinic.

"Even though it seemed that some of them hadn't understood what I was trying to teach them (in the clinic), when we did the relay, it seemed that everyone had gotten the strokes down," Torres said.

"I think the nicest thing is she reinforces what the Dolphins are teaching (the kids)," Delmar Dolphins assistant coach David Burns said. "It's going to make our jobs easier when we get back

to the pool."

The young swimmers, who ranged from elementary school-age to high school varsity athletes, were appreciative of Torres' efforts in the clinic.

"I thought she did a really great job," said James Traylor, a member of Bethlehem's boys varsity swim team. "She had a lot to teach us, and that will help us with our strokes — not necessarily this year because we're very close to Sectionals, but down the road."

"It was fun," 10-year-old Marie Kalet said. "I liked to see her swim."

Torres concluded the day-long event with a question-and-answer forum, during which she hoped to impart her advice on the next generation of swimmers.

"I never say, 'Don't do this, don't do that.' I tell stories to try to tell them what not to do," Torres said. "Hopefully, the message gets through to them."

Torres said her experience training and competing in four Olympics — where she won a five of three gold medals in relay events and four individual medals — proved to be valuable away from the pool.

"It definitely taught me sacrifice, discipline and dedication," Torres said, "and those three things carry over into other aspects of life."

Dolphins co-president Honor Kennedy said that the idea of bringing in an Olympian to talk to the swimmers was brought up by some of the parents.

"We wanted the kids to not only get a message, but also learn about the choices they have as to (the level) they can take their swimming to," Kennedy said.



Four-time Olympian Dara Torres dives into the water during a relay competition at a Delmar Dolphins swimming clinic last Saturday at Bethlehem Central High School. The nine-time Olympic medalist was on hand to serve as an instructor and a motivational speaker at the day-long event.

Rob Jonas

Eagles lose to Niskayuna/Schenectady

The Bethlehem hockey team allowed seven straight goals to Niskayuna/Schenectady in a 7-3 loss last Saturday in a Capital District High School Hockey League game.

Charles Chapple gave the Eagles a 1-0 lead with a goal 3:57

into the first period before the Mohawks went on their 7-0 run. Chris Abbott contributed a goal and an assist, Jon Bartow tallied and Jim Moehringer added an assist for Bethlehem.

The Eagles began the week with a 6-1 victory over Burnt Hills-

Ballston Lake last Monday.

Nate Drake recorded a hat trick, and Jeff Kattrein added three assists for Bethlehem. Moehringer netted two goals, while Ben Hager had a goal and two assists. Joe Hughes contributed two assists.

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MONDAY, JAN. 21

HOCKEY

BETHLEHEM 6, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 1

Goals: Bethlehem — Nate Drake (3), Jim Mochringer (2), Ben Hager. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake — Brian Cocco.

Assists: Bethlehem — Hager (2), Jeff Kattrein (3), Brian Maher, Chris Abbott, Joe Hughes (2), Andrew Wendth.

Pat Riegel. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake — Travis Larsen. Saves: Bethlehem — Jordan Murray 15, Greg Pittz 9. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake — Mark Howell 25.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

BOWLING

BETHLEHEM 29, AVERILL PARK 3

High series: Bethlehem — Chris Olsen 725, Jeff Young

669.

VOORHEESVILLE 18, COHOES 14

High series: Voorheesville — Katie Duncan 694, Nick Silvano 618.

WED., JAN. 23

BOWLING

BETHLEHEM 24, SARATOGA 8

High series: Bethlehem — Jeff Young 707, Billy Comtois 651, Matt Young 644.

SCHALMONT 24-5, VOORHEESVILLE 7-5

High series: Voorheesville — Ryan Blakeney 649, Nick Silvano 584.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

BOYS BOWLING

RCS 23, COBLESKILLE-RICHMONDVILLE 9

High series: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Jason Houghtaling 692, Shawn Harris 625, Mike Zambelli 618, Dan Kindlar 615.

WRESTLING

BETHLEHEM 58, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 25

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Andy Olinzick (103 pounds), Matt Olinzick (125), Jeremy Siegel (130), Dan Dugas (135), Peter Privitera (145), Mike Walker (160), Bill Courtney (171), Dan Hazen (215), John Pietrafesa (275).

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

BOYS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 51, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 48

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Matt Robbins and Tim Kindlon 12 points.

LANSINGBURGH 50, RCS 38

Leading scorers: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — Chris Curry and Ricky Rider 15 points.

ALBANY ACADEMY 63, VOORHEESVILLE 55

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Bill Schlappi 14 points, Kevin Vanderwarker 13 points, Chris Bechard 11 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

GLOVERSVILLE/MAYFIELD 95, GUILDENVILLE 55

Individual winners: Guildenville — Dan Kollar (200- and 500-yard freestyle), Bruce Maki (100 backstroke), Schuyler Nachod (100 breast stroke).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BETHLEHEM 54, BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE 38

Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Kaitlin Foley 21 points, Sue Kelly 12 points.

HOLY NAMES 49, VOORHEESVILLE 42

Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Brittany Baron 18 points, Andrea Burch 9 points.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

HOCKEY

NISKAYUNA/SCHENECTADY 7, BETHLEHEM 3

Goals: Bethlehem — Charles Chapple, Jon Bartow, Chris Abbott. Niskayuna/Schenectady — Chris Caruso, Dan Nolan, Ben Kelly, Chris Welde, Chris Barach, Tom Gatta, Armin Warner.

Assists: Bethlehem — Abbott, Jim Mochringer. Niskayuna/Schenectady — Welde (4), Nolan (3), Gatta, Chris Pierpoint, Marc LaBelle.

Saves: Bethlehem — Shay McGlynn 19. Niskayuna/Schenectady — Shawn Hartz 14, Steve Kennedy 4.

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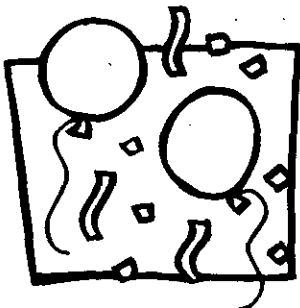


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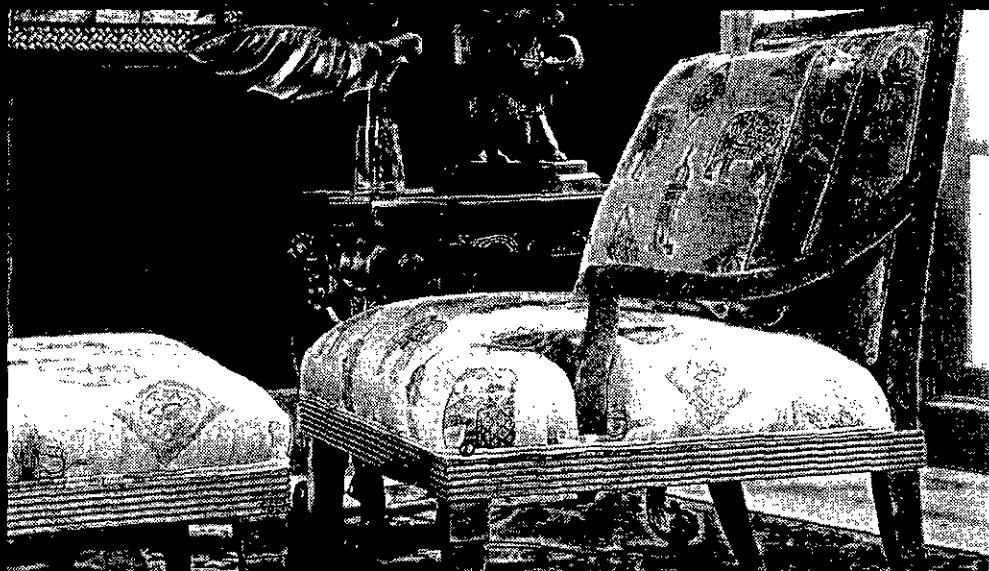
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Gennie Shuk Yee Wong

Wong, Waters engaged

Gennie Shuk Yee Wong, daughter of Hung Chak Wong of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and the late Wai Heung Tam of Hong Kong, and Edward Waters, son of Lois and Thomas Waters of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Carol Morgan School in Santo Domingo, Manhattanville College and is currently attending

Student to attend leadership challenge

Kevin Gutman of Delmar has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from March 19 to 24 in Washington, D.C.

The NYLC is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Gutman will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars from around the country to attend the conference.

The program includes welcoming remarks from the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dean's List

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Nathan Dederick and Stephany Warner, both of Voorheesville; Tina Fiore and Alissa Simons of Selkirk; Beth Fuchs and Katherine Riedel of Delmar; Nicholas Hammond of Glenmont

Colby College

Alexis Grant of Glenmont.

Binghamton University

Timothy Nevinger and Kristin Bills of Glenmont.

Muhlenberg College

Lauren Lohman of Delmar.

University at Albany

Laura Khoury of Delmar.

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Amy Prest of Selkirk.

United States Air Force Academy

Mason Jones of Delmar.

Clarkson University

Andrew Tanner of Voorheesville.

Basketball clinics scheduled at BCHS

Bethlehem Central High School's assistant women's basketball Coach John Hooper will hold three basketball clinics on Feb. 10, 17 and 24.

The clinics are for all girls grades two through six from 10 a.m. to noon in the BCHS lower gym.

The cost for all three clinics is \$30.

Participants can register the day of the clinic or mail their information to Coach John Hooper, 48 Murray Ave., Delmar, 12054.

For information, call Hooper at 439-1917.

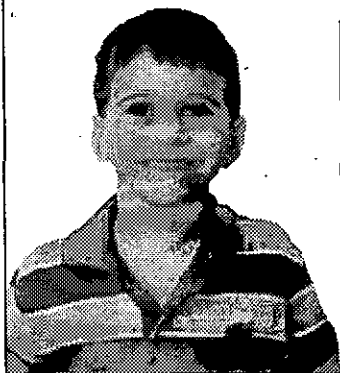
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The couple plans a March 23 wedding in Las Vegas.

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Vadneys celebrate 50th

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The couple was married on Oct. 20, 1951.

In honor of their anniversary, they were surprised by an anniversary party in September given by their children, Jeff and Karen Vadney Chuck and Lynn Dente and Joel and Mariellen Vadney.

Several of their closest friends and relatives attended the party.

A few days after the party, Lois and John traveled to Hawaii.

The couple was also treated to dinner at the Butcher Block Restaurant on the day of their anniversary by their three children and spouses, and their six grandchildren.

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Chess club to meet at library

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Players of all levels are welcome. There is no fee. Participants can bring their own chess sets. For information, call 439-3616.

Obituaries

James Nichols Jr.

James W. Nichols Jr., 53, of Voorheesville died Saturday, Jan. 19, in a swimming accident while vacationing in Grand Cayman Island.

Born in Newark, N.J., he was a graduate of Mansfield University in Pennsylvania.

He was the owner of SuperValu Foods in Voorheesville.

Before moving to Voorheesville, he worked for peck's market in Callicoon, Sullivan County. He helped organize an employee purchase of the chain when the previous owner retired.

He and his wife Elaine opened the Voorheesville store in 1995.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed canoeing, hiking and mountain climbing.

Mr. Nichols was a member of Voorheesville United Methodist Church, New Scotland Kiwanis Club, the Sons of the American Legion and Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Dell'Armo Nichols; two daughters, Kjersti Nichols of Brooklyn and Kelsey Nichols of Voorheesville; three sons, Jaret Nichols, Jordan Nichols and

Tyler Nichols, all of Voorheesville; four sisters, Penny Fields of Illinois, Vicki Beam of Pennsylvania, Shirley Richa of Maryland and Susan Best of New York; and two brothers, William Nichols of North Carolina and John Nichols of Utah.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Jim Nichols Memorial Fund, to be used for community needs, PO Box 557, Voorheesville 12186.

Bernard Horowitz

Bernard Horowitz, 85, of the Beverwyck in North Bethlehem died Saturday, Jan. 26, at his home.

Born in Amsterdam, he was a graduate of Wilbur H. Lynch High School and Syracuse University. He received a master's degree from SUNY Oneonta.

Mr. Horowitz was director of counseling at SUNY Cobleskill for many years before he retired.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany and B'nai B'rith.

He was husband of the late Helen Goldmeier Horowitz.

Survivors include a daughter, Dr. Susan Horowitz of Springfield, Va.; a brother, Irving Horowitz of Portland, Ore.; and a sister, Florence Savier of Montgomery, Ala.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 30, at Beth Emeth Cemetery on Turner Lane in Loudonville.

Arrangements are by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Horowitz Scholarship Fund at SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill 12043.

Mary Datri

Mary C. Travis Datri, 63, of Selkirk died Friday, Jan. 25, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk and Ravena.

Mrs. Datri was a bus driver for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district for eight years. She also worked for the state Department of Motor Vehicles for 13 years before she retired.

She helped to initiate the Miss Soft Ball program in Ravena.

She was a past president of the Ravena Women Bowling League and former vice president and treasurer of CSEA. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene R. Datri; two daughters, Lauri Anderson of

Ravena and Terry Vautrin of Alcove; a son, Eugene Datri of Surprise; her mother, Ruth Travis of Colonie; a sister, Elaine Margiasse of Ravena; a brother, Richard Travis of Florida; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143.

Agnes Seyboth

Agnes McNary Seyboth, 92, of Tallahassee, Fla., and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Tallahassee Community Hospital.

Born in Albany, she lived in Voorheesville before she moved to Florida.

Survivors include sons, Richard Seyboth and Donald Seyboth; two sisters, Bertha Ernst and Loretta Fink; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were from Solid Rock Family Outreach Center in Glenmont.

Arthur Avery

Arthur W. Avery, 64, of Clarksville died Wednesday, Jan. 23, at his home.

Born in Stockport, he worked for Chapman's Mobil Station in Albany for many years. He also worked for Pacific Molasses and D&K Carriers in Albany.

He was husband of the late Jacqueline Hoffman Avery.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Gleason Avery; five daughters, Denise Dooley and Jackie Avery of Delmar, Gloria Parks of Feura Bush, Sherry Schneider of Albany and Kim Franz of Utica; a son, Arthur Avery of Delmar; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Greenbush Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to Onesquethaw Volunteer Co., Clarksville 12041.

Marie Mead

Marie B. Mead, 75, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

She was a graduate of Albany

High School.

Mrs. Mead worked for Protective Loan before her marriage. She then became a homemaker.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. She was a member of the Bethlehem Knitting Club, a volunteer for the town GOP and a member of the Monday mixed bowling league.

Survivors include her husband, Warren S. "Pete" Mead; a daughter, Marianne E. Kendrick of Slingerlands; two sons, Peter Mead of Selkirk and Stephen Mead of Albany; a brother, Jack Braman of Colonie; and a sister, Elizabeth McGraw of Michigan.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd, Albany 12208.

Mary Ann Bearss

Mary Ann Bearss, 67, of Green Manor Nursing Home in Ghent, and formerly of Selkirk, died Friday, Jan. 25, at the home.

Born in Freeman, Maine, she lived in Schenectady and Selkirk before moving to Ghent.

Mrs. Bearss worked at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady for 10 years.

She was a former member of the Women's Social Bowling League in Schenectady and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

She was the widow of Lanny Rich and Norman W. Bearss.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Brault of Vermont; a sister, Colleen La Glasse; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Services are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143.

Cabaret scheduled

The Harlequin Players will present an evening of music from the 1920s through the 1990s on Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church on 1499 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

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Woody Guthrie's musical America on stage at Cap Rep

By DEV TOBIN

Woody Guthrie may be better known today as the father of "Alice's Restaurant" Arlo than as the pre-eminent folk singer of the 1930s and 1940s. *Woody Guthrie's American Song*, now playing at Capital Repertory Theatre, will set that right for several thousand lucky area theater-goers.

The show tracks Woody from his hardscrabble birth and youth in Oklahoma, to California by rail to look for work during the Depression, then to New York where he became more a folksinger than a laborer.

The play has an easy informality, as if a bunch of talented singers and musicians had gotten together to sing Woody's songs and tell Woody's stories to each other. Indeed, as the audience walks into the theater, before the play officially starts, they are gathered on a porch singing-along.

Three men play/sing Woody at various times and two women singers and three acoustic musicians make up the rest of the ensemble. All are excellent.

While it's a little confusing having three actors portray Woody, it's usually pretty clear who's who — the Woody character's center stage with a guitar.

Early on, one of the men portraying Woody says he wrote "songs about what I thought

was wrong and how to make it right." And during the Depression and the Dust Bowl, there was plenty wrong for Okies like Woody and his family.

For those who think the only Woody song they know is "This Land Is Your Land," which has become one of the post-Sept. 11 anthems, the show will dispel that notion.

Among the songs often made familiar by other singers are "Bound for Glory," "Nine Hundred Miles," "The Sinking of the Reuben James," "Ain't Gonna Be Treated This Way," "Better World" and "Oklahoma Hills." And "Deportee," sung after the context of a 1948 plane crash of 28 Mexicans

being sent back to their native land is made clear, is not only memorable but also heartbreaking.

Closing the show, the treatment of "This Land Is Your Land" is

wonderful — director and singer/actor David Lutken as Woody begins in almost a whisper, and the final choruses end with a standing sing-along by the audience.

Besides the great folk songs, the play also provides some of Woody's folk wisdom about the

dignity of the American working man and woman, from Oklahoma oil fields to California construction camps to the Lower East Side of New York City.

"Remember me as the man who told you something you already knew," says the Woody character, adding that he tried to write "songs that make you take pride in yourself and your work — love songs, work songs, new hope songs!"

The set is remarkable, anchored by a general store with porch on the right that also serves as a base for the three musicians. A structure on the left is a bar in the New York City scene, and also shelters a rail car that emerges twice to make riding the rails real. A center screen provides an artistic background for the different parts of America Guthrie visited and wrote songs about.

Woody Guthrie's American Song will be performed through Feb. 17, Tuesdays to Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 8:30, and Sundays at 2:30.

After the shows on Fridays, Feb. 1, 8 and 15, the cast will lead an old-fashioned hootenanny.

Tickets are \$28 to \$36, \$10 for a child under 19 accompanied by an adult at matinees.

For information or reservations, call 445-7469.



James J. Stein Jr., tackles the role of legendary folk singer/songwriter Woody Guthrie in the Capital Repertory Theatre production of *Woody Guthrie's American Song* which is being presented through Feb. 17.



David Lutken as the Cisco Kid and James J. Stein, Jr. as Woody Guthrie lose the hat and sing "I Don't Feel at Home in the Bowery No More," for coins in a Bowery bar.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

WOODY GUTHRIE'S AMERICAN SONG

new musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 17, \$28 and \$36. Information, 445-7469.

LADIES OF SONG

with Lynnie Godfrey, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Feb. 16, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF

Albee drama, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 9, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

CURTAINS

Stephen Bill comedy, Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., through Feb. 3, \$12. Information, 382-2081.

Music

WOLFGANG HOLZMAIR AND RUSSELL RYAN

baritone, pianist performing lieder by Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Wolf and Mendelssohn, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

JOHN PIZZARELLI TRIO

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Feb. 1 and 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 381-1111.

MARDI GRAS FEST

with L'il Band of Gold and Geno Delafosse, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., \$25. Information, 346-6204.

NEW YORK VOICES

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

CHRISTINE LAVIN

The Eighth Step at Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen Street, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., \$17. Information, 434-1703.

CHERISH THE LADIES

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

MARY J. BLIGE

Palace Theater, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., \$28.50 to \$40. Information, 465-4663.

THE TEMPTATIONS

with the Marvellettes, Palace Theater, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., \$29.75 to \$39.75. Information, 465-4663.

COMMANDER CODY

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Feb. 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$12. Information, 381-1111.

THE AHN TRIO

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and

Second streets, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

BILL STAINES

Old Songs concert, Altamont Masonic Temple, Route 146, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children. Information, 765-2815.

PAMELA AND CLAUDE FRANK

violinist, pianist performing sonatas by Brahms and Beethoven, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

ROOMFUL OF BLUES

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

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

CATHIE RYAN BAND

The Eighth Step at Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen Street, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 434-1703.

Dance

SEAN CURRAN COMPANY

Irish/contemporary dance, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., \$24, \$21 for seniors and students, \$15 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

American Sculpture, 1940 to 1960, through Feb. 24; A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, through March 17; Ancient Life of New York, through March 31; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Circa 1900: From the Gentle Tradition to the Jazz Age, American art at the turn of the 20th century, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Invitational, featuring works by Warren Craighead III, Ellen DeMarco Cervera and Rob O'Neill, through Feb. 15, opening reception Jan. 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., 161 Washington Ave. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Private Eye, unusual local collections, third floor of terminal building, through March 17, two hours free parking. Information, 242-2241.

Call For Artists

FEESTELIJK

local entertainers and performers for Bethlehem community arts celebration on April 27. Apply by Feb. 1 at 439-0512.

AUDITION

for April-May Curtain Call Theatre production of "The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Feb. 9, 1 to 4 p.m., parts for three women and two men. Information, 877-7529.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in strings, especially cello and bass, and in French horn, rehearsals Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Coburg Village, Rexford. Information, 383-1718.

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.

PAINTERS WANTED

the Colonie Art League seeks local two-dimensional artists to exhibit at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

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.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Classes

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENT CLASSES

fiddle, guitar, banjo, pennywhistle, hammered dulcimer and bodhran, six-week sessions on Tuesday evenings at the ROI Smith Center, Route 155, Gunderland, sponsored by Old Songs, \$75. Information, 765-2815.

DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

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

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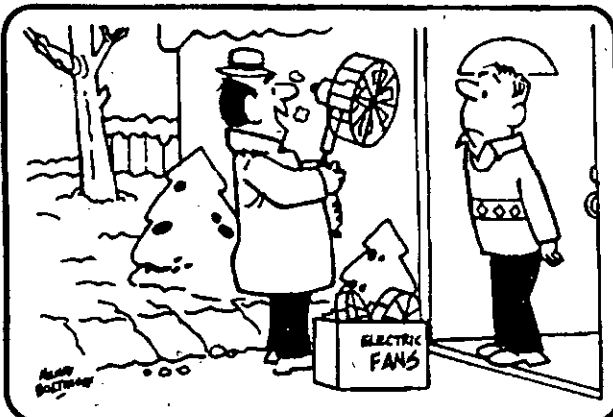
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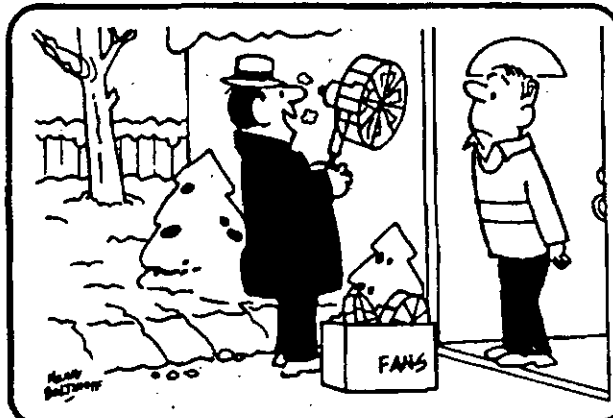
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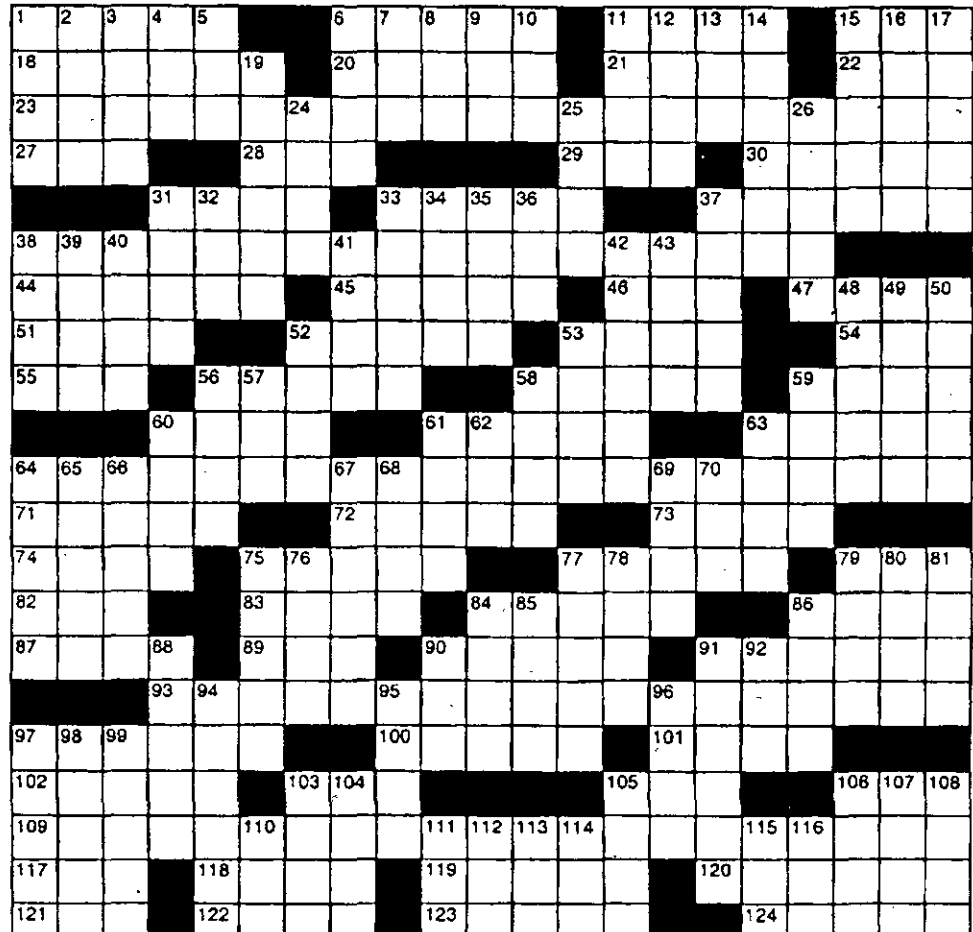
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The Super CROSSWORD

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|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| ACROSS
1 Merman or Mertz
6 Party hearty
11 Green bean
15 "Mohair" ("65 song")
18 Porthos's pal
20 Cara or Castle
21 Limerick's land
22 Arafat's grp.
23 I resolve to ...
27 Tighten the tent
28 NASA affirmative
29 Yes
30 Actress Zellweger
31 Nimble
33 Subject
37 Geneticist Gregor
38 I resolve to ...
44 Personality
45 "Wait — Dark" ("67 film")
46 Groan producer
47 Imported cheese
51 Unisex garment
52 Helmet part
53 Writer Harte
54 Flock of docs | 55 Kreskin's letters
56 Location
58 Western capital
59 Worry
60 Primer pooch
61 Violinist Isaac
63 "Crazy" singer
64 I resolve to ...
71 Scope
72 Evidence
73 — de-camp
74 Final
75 Creature for taming?
77 "Roots" writer
79 Energy
82 Dug in
83 Take a gander
84 Stout
86 Mosaic bit
87 Deadly septet
89 Quiet — mouse
90 — -garde
91 The Bastille, e.g.
93 I resolve to ...
97 They've dropped a few bricks
100 Poem
101 Loathe | 102 Light metal group?
103 Exist
105 Gazzara or Vereen
106 Enjoy the
109 I resolve to ...
117 Laura — Giacomo
118 Very impressive
119 Like a basket
120 Tree trim
121 Before, to the Bard
122 Late-night name
123 Serengetti sahib
124 Abolitionist author | DOWN
1 Tombstone lawman
2 "— Colors" ("86 hit")
3 Suspend
4 Cassowary kin
5 Mouth piece?
6 Springfield or Moranis
7 Muft
8 Center of gravity?
9 Remnant
10 Maui memento | 11 Goranson of "Roseanne"
12 "Dies —"
13 Russian space station
14 One of the Jacksons
15 Shell out
16 "A Delicate Balance" playwright
17 "Psycho" setting
19 Unctuous
24 Mr. Ma
25 Secure a carpet
26 Thick
31 "Rob Roy" extra
32 Third degree?
33 On edge
34 Palindromic name
35 Couple
36 Out of sorts
37 — Carlo
38 "— Got Tonight" ("83 hit")
39 Singer/actor Ed
40 Recipe abbr.
41 Destroy
42 Short race
43 Tints
48 "Mack the Knife" singer | 49 Change for the better
50 Spouses
52 Reject
53 "— Too Late" ("58 hit")
56 Mini-misunderstanding
57 Corn holder
58 Complaint
59 Chimney part
60 Agitated state
61 Pack the provisions
62 Terrible age?
63 "Wild West" showman
64 Wing-dings
65 Fancy fiddle
66 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
67 Clamor
68 Expedition
69 New England campus
70 Bakery buy
75 Poles and Russians
76 Gardener's need
77 Ergo
78 — Spumante
79 Tower town
80 "The Time Machine" people | 81 Quaker colonist
84 Done
85 Music measures
86 Buster Brown's dog
88 Dry
90 What a feller needs
91 Oil source
92 Squeal
94 Kind of paint
95 Neck and neck
96 Writer Silverstein
97 En — (as a group)
98 Hitching post?
99 Teatime treat
103 Similar
104 Puerto —
105 — fide
106 Mediocre
107 Felt certain
108 Resque — ME
110 Fossey's friend
111 White House monogram
112 Quarrel
113 — Marie Saint
114 DC figure
115 "— the season ..."
116 Part of UPI |
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 1/30
BETHLEHEM
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-4:30 p.m. *Also Mon.* Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 1/31
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., weekly, 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.

Fri. 2/1
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 2/2
BETHLEHEM
ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIR

Sponsored by Bethlehem Business Women, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-6873.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 2/3
BETHLEHEM
WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND
WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church,

Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. 2/4
BETHLEHEM
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 PROGRESS CLUB

General meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-3916.

PARENT-CHILD CHESS CLUB

February meeting of The Chessmates, all levels welcome. Bring a chess set if available. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 6-8 p.m. Information, 439-3616.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

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
QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 2/5
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. information, 439-9144.

PLANNING BOARD

Public hearing scheduled on site plan for first Columbia LLC, New Scotland Road. 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.

NEW SCOTLAND
NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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.

Wed. 2/6
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

Creative Arts Group to discuss decoupage on a candle. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-3916.

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, "Long Term Care Insurance," and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND
V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 2/7
BETHLEHEM
TRAVEL DISCUSSION

Delmar Progress Club Travel Group on "Yugoslavia As It Used To Be." Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

FAMILIES FIRST

support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD).

AA MEETINGS

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

Fri. 2/8
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

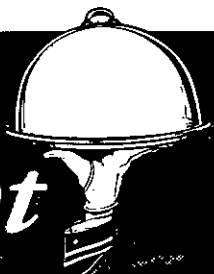
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CABARET IN SLINGERLANDS

Harlequin Players present "Decades of Song And Dance: A Cabaret", reservations required, refreshments served; admission \$10, seniors/students \$8. Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 8 p.m. *Also Feb. 8, 15, 16.* Reservations, 355-6694.

Sat. 2/9
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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



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is sponsoring a **Garage Sale** on **Saturday, February 2nd,**
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This fund raiser will benefit the Lab School's Field Trip
to Washington DC, 2002.

The Lab School is accepting donations of household items, toys,
clothes, furniture, and small appliances, in good condition only.
To arrange pick-up of donations, or for more information call:

Christine Owens at 439-0593

or

Patty Eames at 439-8536

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BDH, LLC.

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law The Undersigned, being authorized to execute and file these Articles, hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is BDH, LLC.

SECOND: The County of the office of the Company in this State is Albany.

THIRD: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as 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 is 926 Nineteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189.

FIFTH: The name and street address in New York of the registered agent of the Company upon whom and at which process against the Company can be served are Breakell & Couch, P.C., Suite 1200, 11 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by one (1) or more members, provided, however, that the managing members may only bind the limited liability company in accordance with the terms of the operating agreement of the limited liability company.

SEVENTH: The business purposes of this limited liability company are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law; provided, however, that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without first obtaining the consent of such body.

EIGHTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution the subject to Section 508 of the Limited Liability Company Law, such managers acts were not performed in accordance with Section 409 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision. This Article shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the adoption of this Article.

NINTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the Limited Liability Company Law, as amended from time to time, all person whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed this 27th day of December, 2001 by the undersigned who affirm that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

S/ MARK W. COUCH

Organizer

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Capacity Financial Services, LLC. LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/24/01. 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: Carl A. Gerson, 120 Pleasant Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

(January 30, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for Capital District Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 21, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 11 Century Hill, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CapitalSource Finance LLC. Fictitious name in N.Y. State: CSF. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/25/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office of LLC: 1133 Connecticut Ave. NW, Ste. 310, Washington, D.C. 20036. Attn: Steve Muscles, Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Charter Communications, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/30/2001. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/22/1993. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office of the LLC: 12405 Powerscourt Dr., St. Louis, MO 63131. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CIMCities LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/2002. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/27/1999. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Principal office of LLC: 1400 Lake Hearn Drive, Atlanta, GA 30319. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of one (1) 10-ton Vibratory Compaction Roller for use by the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on February 15, 2002 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC,
RMC
Town Clerk
Dated: January 23, 2002
(January 30, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EMAK HOLDING LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

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FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: EMAK HOLDING LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

23A Walker Way
Albany, New York 12205

FOURTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 28th day of December, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of EXTENSIS VI LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/02. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/11/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: P.O. Box 248, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC

Fillpoint, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware whose Certificate of Formation was filed on April 20, 2001 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 State Secretary of State on December 11, 2001. 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 c/o Glenn Rockwood, 51 Maplewood Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. The address of its Delaware office is 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, 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.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Gold Rock Realty, LLC, filed with SSNY on 12/31/2001. Office Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to: 3 Bonnie Drive, Guiderland, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purposes.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Greene Imaging, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on December 19, 2001. 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 Greene Imaging, LLC, c/o Vincent L. Valenza, 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

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the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following items for the Bethlehem Highway Department and other Town departments, as and when needed:

COMMODITY: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 2:30 p.m.

COMMODITY: Heating Oil

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 2:40 p.m.

COMMODITY: Crushed Stone

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 2:50 p.m.

COMMODITY: Gravel

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 3:00 p.m.

COMMODITY: Topsoil

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 3:10 p.m.

COMMODITY: Guide Rail

BID OPENING: February 14, 2002, 3:20 p.m.

COMMODITY: Rental of Track Excavator

BID OPENING: February 15, 2002, 2:40 p.m.

COMMODITY: Rental of Construction Equipment

BID OPENING: February 15, 2002, 2:50 p.m.

COMMODITY: Utility Repair Crews

BID OPENING: February 15, 2002, 3:05 p.m.

COMMODITY: Milling

BID OPENING: February 15, 2002, 3:20 p.m.

COMMODITY: In-Place Paving

BID OPENING: February 15, 2002, 3:30 p.m.

Bids will be received on the dates and prior to the times indicated at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC,
RMC
Town Clerk.

Dated: January 23, 2002
(January 30, 2002)

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Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Insurance Agency of Massachusetts, LLC.

LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/17/2001. 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: Ronald S. Zaiger, 1 Industrial Avenue, Suite 1100, Lowell, MA 01851. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of HMT Lessee LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/10/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 10400 Fernwood Rd., Dept. 72/923, Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of iMark of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: sales organization.

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Notice of Qualification of Ingomar Limited Partnership. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/26/2001. LP formed in Nevada (NV) on 7/26/1996. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 323 Fifth St., Eureka, CA 95501. Name/address of each general partner available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with NV Secy. of State, 101 North Carlson St., Ste. 103, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(January 30, 2002)

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INSURANCE AGENCY CONNECTION OF NEW YORK, LLC. Notice of formation of Insurance Agency Connection of New York, LLC, a limited liability company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/8/02. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Peter C. Staniels, 24 Greystone Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186, the Registered Agent. The purposes of the LLC are to act as agents or brokers or aid in any manner in the business of soliciting, negotiating, or procuring the making of any insurance contract for, or in the placing of risks or receiving applications for life, health, accident, fire, theft, casualty, fidelity, surety, guaranty, indemnity, property, mortgage, rent, use and occupancy, income, marine, automobile liability, homeowner's liability, employer's liability, and all other liability insurance of all kinds, and all other kinds of insurance against loss or damage of any kind form any and all causes, and other insurance and reinsurance of all kinds; to investigate, collect, and report the causes and extent of damages on insured losses, to adjust and to act as agent in the payment of such claims; to collect premiums on all policies of insurance, to cancel, alter, or extend such policies; to conduct agencies for the doing of all such business; to do all things necessary, incidental, or desirable to accomplish such purposes; and generally to transact a general insurance agency business, and to carry on all kinds of such business.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of L & I REALTY, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/20/2001. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1817 Kings Hwy., Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the limited liability company is: LAS ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001. 3. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Albany Redevelopment company, LLC 85 Watervliet Avenue Albany, New York 12206 5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the

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New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAS REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001. 3. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Redevelopment company, LLC 85 Watervliet Avenue Albany, New York 12206 5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.

(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAS WATERVLIET REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2001. 3. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LAS Watervliet Redevelopment company, LLC 85 Watervliet Avenue Albany, New York 12206 5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LETCO/Omega, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/11/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 2/26/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 220 Bush St., Ste., 565, San Francisco, CA 94104. Arts. of Org. on file with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: the trading of securities on the International Securities Exchange.

(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law §206, One Life Enterprises, LLC publishes the following legal notice: 1. The name of the limited liability company is: One Life Enterprises, LLC, (the "Company") 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on December 19th, 2001. The Company came into existence on January 1st, 2002. 3. The offices of One Life Enterprises, LLC will be located in Albany County, New York. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to the Company at c/o Robert L. Sadler, RD 2, Box 144, Schoharie, New York 12157. 5. No registered agents have been designated for service upon the Company. 6. The Company has not specified a date of dissolution, or any events that will automatically cause the dissolution of the Company. 7. The Company shall be engaged in software consulting services, as well as any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

(January 30, 2002)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following items for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, as and when needed:

COMMODITY: Materials
BID OPENING: February 13, 2002, 2:30 p.m.

COMMODITY: Chlorine
BID OPENING: February 13, 2002, 3:00 p.m.

COMMODITY: Water Meters
BID OPENING: February 13, 2002, 3:15 p.m.

Bids will be received on the dates and prior to the times indicated, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
Town Clerk

Dated: January 23, 2002
(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Risk Protection International, LLC dba RPI Insurance Agency LLC was filed with the SSNY on 07/16/2001. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Thomas J. Malloy, Risk Protection International, LLC, 500 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, CT 06615. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
(January 30, 2002)

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ROMA BROTHERS REALTY, LLC

Notice of formation of Roma Brothers Realty, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/28/01. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 9 Cobbee Road, Latham, New York 12110. The purposes of the LLC are to own, acquire, manage, lease, develop, operate, buy, sell, exchange, finance, refinance, and otherwise deal with real estate, personal property, and any type of business, as the Managers may from time to time deem to be in the best interests of the Company.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
1. The name of the professional service limited liability company ("PLLC") is: S. Michael Fuhrman, D.O., LLC.
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is: December 12, 2001.
3. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 363 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
5. The purpose of the business of the PLLC is to engage in the practice of medicine and any other lawful purpose.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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NAME: SDS PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/15/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2077. 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, 26 Cross Street, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(January 30, 2002)

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Notice of formation of SMOOTH DENTAL, P.L.L.C. a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 01/03/2002. 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, 208 Avenue U-LL, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for the Elm Avenue Park swimming pools of the Town, as and when required. Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 19th day of February 2002 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
Town Clerk
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STEP ONE TECHNOLOGY, LLC

(Pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of STEP ONE TECHNOLOGY, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 14, 2002. The purpose of the Company is to invest in companies owning medical equipment and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. 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 905 Melville Court, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
(January 30, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF STOCKBRIDGE CAPITAL, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Stockbridge Capital, LLC."
SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2065.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Stockbridge Capital, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be

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the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 4th day of December, 2001 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
Frank A. Tate, Jr., Attorney in fact for the Organizer
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for STRATEGIC PENSION SERVICES, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 13, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 33 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for STRATEGIC RESOLUTIONS, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 13, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 33 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability

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companies may be formed under the law.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Ted Cillis Jr. Builders, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/4/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 7 Rainbow Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of TNT Realty, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2001, effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 89 Consaul Road, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the conduct of a real estate acquisition, development and management business and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith, or incidental thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York.
(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP. Authority filed

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with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/13/01. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 702 SW 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716-0555. Name/address of each general partner available from SSNY. Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: retail sales.
(January 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wal-Mart Transportation, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/26/01. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 702 S.W. 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(January 30, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is WCC PROPERTIES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were

LEGAL NOTICE

filed with the Secretary of State on December 11, 2001.
THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: WCC PROPERTIES, LLC, 135 Paine Street, Green Island, New York 12183.
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement.
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.
(January 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WEST AMERICAN RUBBER COMPANY, LLC

The name of the LLC: WEST AMERICAN RUBBER COMPANY, LLC. App. for Auth. Filed with Sec. of State 11/07/01. Juried. And date of org: CALIFORNIA 10/24/01. NY State office loc: Albany County. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: 750 North Main Street, Orange, CA 92868. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 750 North Main Street, Orange, CA 92868. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with: California Secretary of State, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The character & purpose of the LLC is to transact any lawful business.
(January 30, 2002)

Supplements

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JANUARY

> BRIDES AND GROOMS

Issue Date: Jan. 9 • Ad Deadline: Dec. 28

> HEALTH, DIET AND FITNESS

Issue Date: Jan. 23 • Ad Deadline: Jan 9

FEBRUARY

> UPDATE I — BUSINESS & FINANCE

Issue Date: Feb. 13 • Ad Deadline: Jan 30

> UPDATE II — SERVICES

Issue Date: Feb. 20 • Ad Deadline: Feb. 6

MARCH

> SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Issue Date: March 6 • Ad Deadline: Feb. 20

> HEALTH CARE

Issue Date: March 20 • Ad Deadline: March 6

APRIL

> HOME AND GARDEN

Issue Date: April 3 • Ad Deadline: March 20

> SPRING AUTOMOTIVE

Issue Date: April 17 • Ad Deadline: April 8

MAY

> SENIOR LIVING

Issue Date: May 1 • Ad Deadline: April 17

> WELCOME SUMMER

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JUNE

> HOME IMPROVEMENT

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> HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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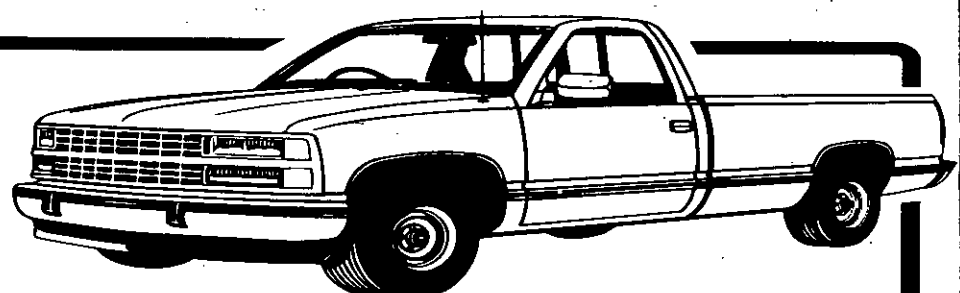
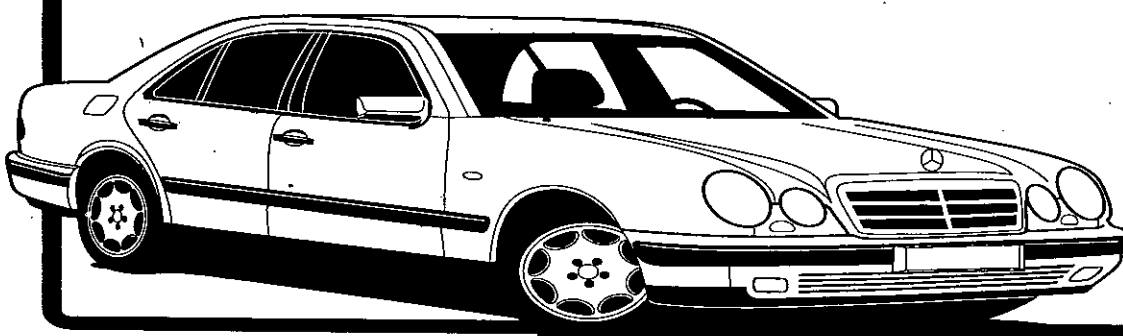
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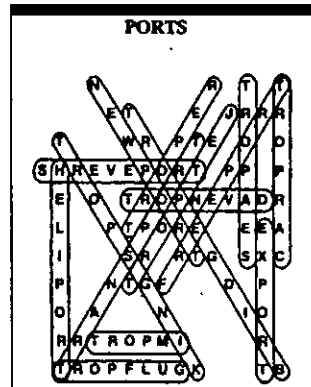
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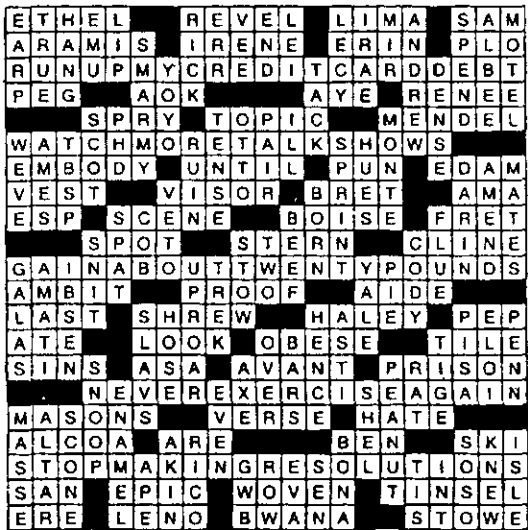
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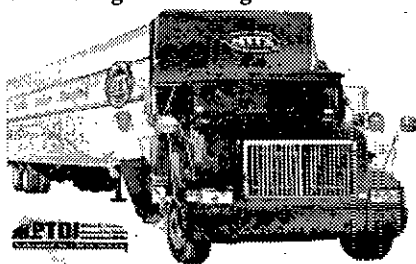


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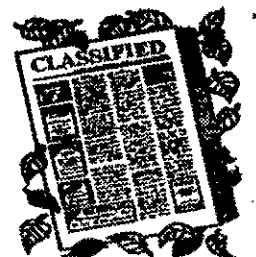
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The musical is the adaptation of the biblical story about Joseph, whose 12 brothers sold him into slavery. Joseph's interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams prevent starvation during a time of famine in Egypt and elevate Joseph to great importance. When his brothers, stricken by the famine, come to beg food from the Pharaoh, they encounter Joseph, who they do not recognize.

"The show, essentially, is about

learning not to be a snob," Leavitt said. "The brothers don't know Joseph, and they have changed. Joseph has learned a lot. The values and themes are wonderful, and the characters are very broad."

Leavitt and choreographer/director Fran Coccozza have attempted something different with this show.

"We keep all 41 members of the cast on stage all the time," Leavitt said. "The audience is seeing a group of actors, who know the story and tell it, but the audience doesn't know who will be who until they step into their

roles. It's improvisatory for the audience." Characters will receive a different prop or part of the set to identify their character.

"Whether they're in a dance scene, the chorus, or a main character, everybody in the show is a storyteller," Leavitt said. In addition to the 41 actors in the show, about 50 kids have worked on the technical crew. Without parental support, Leavitt said, the show could never have taken place.

"We have the most wonderful bunch of parents," Leavitt said. "Our parent coordinator, Debbie Dorman, has been phenomenal."

There will also be a live pit orchestra for the show. David Beck, who teaches strings at the high school and middle school, will play bass and tuba; Richard Hihn, a Skidmore professor, will play piano; Jason Dashew, the high school choral director, will play synthesizer; and Lenny Tobler, the band teacher at Glenmont Elementary School, will be the percussionist.

David Peterson will play Joseph, and Dan Bell will play Jacob, Joseph's father, and Pharaoh. Aaron Dorman will play Joseph's brother Reuben, and Matt Davison will be Levi.

With less than a week to go before the show opened, Coccozza, who is the secretary to the principal at the high school, said the fun part was just beginning.

She grinned as tech crew members tested a disco ball, different colored lights flashed on the backdrop, and a few girls asked if their hairdos were what

Coccozza wanted.

"The hard, hard work is done," Coccozza said. "We've taught the singing, dancing and blocking. Now it's just clean up and polishing."

For Coccozza and Leavitt, there's one main reason they've devoted so many afternoons, evenings and weekends to this show since October, and that's the students.

"I love to see how the kids have developed," Coccozza said. "Some of these girls have never danced, and now they're dancing like they've always danced. It's a lot of fun."

Leavitt said people are always amazed at the caliber of the middle school shows.

"After a rehearsal last week," Leavitt said this past Saturday, "I told the kids that if we did the show now, it would be pretty good. But I know they're capable of more. If you give them the support and safety, they'll knock your socks off."

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be performed this Thursday, Jan. 31, Friday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue, at 7 p.m.

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Center

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improvement store, Wendy's and Applebee's restaurants and a drive-through Charter One bank.

Nigro vice president Steven Powers said that his firm is already at work on meeting the conditions incorporated in the building project approval document which must be met to obtain building permits. He said construction would likely begin this spring. The approval document stipulates that construction must be completed within two years.

The lone dissenter, Dan Plummer, broke ranks with his colleagues over his view that Nigro ought to be held at least partly financially responsible for installing sidewalks along a three-quarter mile stretch of Route 9W between the project site and the intersection at Feura Bush Road, the lack of which he later characterized as "an absolutely critical hole in this project."

While acknowledging the many mitigation measures to which the developer has agreed, Plummer said, "I think it's a fair policy to ask the developer to contribute to the cost (of building sidewalks). Without the project, the problem wouldn't be there."

Plummer said last week that the sidewalk improvements near the center are a clear invitation to pedestrians and bicyclists, including children, to patronize the plaza, despite the narrow, heavily-trafficked highway they will need to use to get there.

Plummer quoted an estimate from the state Department of Transportation that installing sidewalks along Route 9W would cost as much as \$300,000, and proposed that Nigro be asked to set aside \$50,000 in an escrow account for that purpose. He said the planning board recently stipulated a similar \$75,000 escrow fund from Schuyler Companies, developers of Town Square Plaza, as part of site plan approval for the Price Chopper market being built there.

His board colleagues agreed that 9W's traffic poses potential hazards: "9W is not a place that I want to see pedestrian traffic or people on bikes," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

However, she said, "I don't think it's right that the developer pay for something that's essentially the state's responsibility. We pay a lot of taxes to the state in this town... I think the ball should be in DOT's court."

"This developer has been very, very reasonable in agreeing to all of the requests and all of the issues that have come up (in the review process)," said board member Doris Davis. "And I don't think it's fair to hold this project hostage because of sidewalks."

George Lenhardt concurred. "This whole dilemma could be satisfied if DOT would just widen the entire highway up to Feura Bush Road," he said.

In other action, the board authorized Fuller to amend an existing intermunicipal agreement with the town of New Scotland, permitting owners of two lots in that town to join the Heldervale Sewer District. They also approved a name change for North Street Extension in Delmar, which will now revert to its historic name, Wright Lane.

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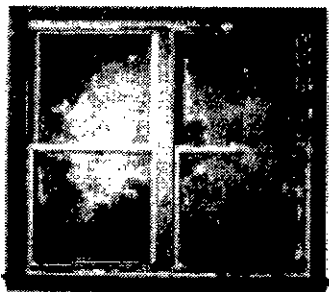
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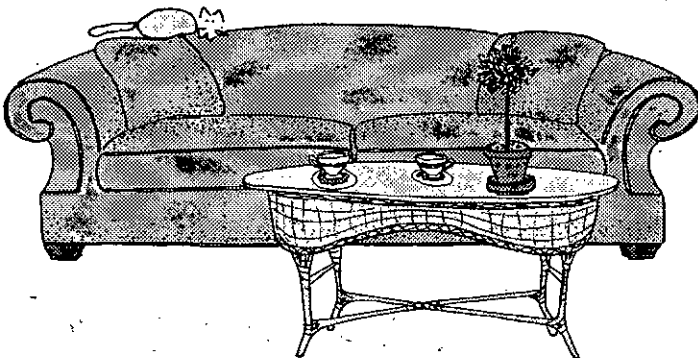
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