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Dem leader dies in crash following heart attack

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Michael Burns, chairman of the Albany County Democratic Committee and a key figure in the Democratic Party in New Scotland, died Friday, Dec. 20, in a two-car accident on Route 155 in Gunderland, en route to his home in Voorheesville.

Burns, 60, was pronounced dead at Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was taken by Gunderland EMS following the crash at about 2:30 p.m. The results of an autopsy conducted at the hospital Saturday morning confirmed that Burns died of a massive heart attack apparently suffered while behind the wheel, and not of injuries sustained in the accident.

According to a statement released Friday night by the Albany County Sheriff's Department, which investigated the accident, cardiac arrest apparently caused Burns to lose control of his vehicle, which veered into the northbound lane of traffic, just north of the Normanskill Creek bridge, and struck head-on a vehicle driven by John G. Bullock Jr., 56, of Schenectady.

A sheriff's deputy on patrol in the area came upon the accident minutes later and summoned emergency rescue. Bullock, treated at Albany Med for

shoulder and back injuries sustained in the crash, was listed in fair condition as of Sunday.

Burns, a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and a prominent figure in the village American Legion Post and other community organizations, was a longtime leader of Ironworkers Local No. 12, serving as its president and its business agent before retiring nearly two years ago. He also served as New Scotland's

Democratic chairman, and as county committee vice chairman, before taking the reins as head of the county organization in 1999.

In that role, he was a key conciliator in a party with frequently

tense relations among its top elected officials — chiefly Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and County Executive Michael Breslin and his brother, state Sen. Neil Breslin.

The importance of Burns' role was

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Mike led with patience, integrity and always with a smile.

Hillary Clinton

Natural crafts



Nathan Liebert watches Alex Finkelstein make an ornament from natural materials Saturday at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Jim Franco

Long Lumber owner vows to rebuild

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A fire last week at Long Lumber Company in New Scotland, apparently sparked by an electrical heater, required the overnight effort of nearly 70 firefighters from four local volunteer companies to control, and left millions of dollars in damage in its wake.

Though frigid near-zero conditions hampered their efforts, firefighters managed to contain the damage to a single warehouse building and its immediate surroundings — and owner Richard Long predicted his business would be back in operation by spring.

Long Lumber is located between Tastee Treat and the CSX rail lines on the south side of New Scotland Road. The fire, in a 300-by-30 foot warehouse building, was first spotted at about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, by an engineer on a passing train, who alerted CSX dispatchers, who contacted fire officials.

Craig Shufelt, chief of the New Salem volunteer fire company, said first responders from his company were on scene about six minutes after the initial alarm, soon joined by mutual-aid units from the Voorheesville, Onesquethaw and Slingerlands companies. Albany County sheriff's deputies and Voorheesville Ambulance also responded.

"The building was fully involved when we arrived," said Shufelt. "The first thing we had to do was stop the fire before it got to the (nearby) showroom." Nearby stacks of wood were soaked to prevent the fire's spread, and it was contained within about 45 minutes, although it took until about 7 a.m. the following morning to completely bring the fire under control.

"It was difficult to get at because there were a number of pallets of wood and lots of machinery in the building," Shufelt said. Earth-moving equipment was brought to the scene to remove the building's metal roof, and a burning tractor unit was hauled out of the building to be extinguished.

New Scotland Road was closed for several hours in the vicinity, and nearby rail traffic was also halted due to its proximity to the blaze.

No damage was sustained in the showroom building.

"They did a fabulous job, absolutely spectacular," said Long. "It was a very difficult fire to fight, in that it was so cold. And they had limited access to the building. Basically they had only access to the front of the building."

"Everything got coated with ice, and it made for very slippery conditions. We had a couple of falls," said Shufelt. "Your hoses freeze up, the gloves on your hands, and your coat get covered with pounds of ice. It made it a little difficult."

One sheriff's deputy slightly injured his wrist in a fall, but no other serious injuries were reported.

"Tankers from several of the responding companies supplied water to battle the blaze until a partially-frozen hose, run from a hydrant adjacent to the New Salem fire substation across the road from

Tastee Treat, could be cleared.

The cold may also have indirectly caused the fire. Investigation of the blaze traced its origin to a point near the damaged tractor, where an electrical cord had been connected to a heater warming the oil in the vehicle's engine block, to make the equipment easier to start on cold mornings. "The wires probably crossed sawdust on the floor and set it on fire," Shufelt said. "There is no evidence of foul play."

There have been two previous fires at the business, Long said, one sparked by a passing train, another by a faulty electrical transformer on a utility pole. "It's a problem everyone deals with in the

lumber business," he said. "We've tried to take all kinds of precautions so that fires don't happen."

The building and its contents are a total loss, he said, though he was unable to estimate a value. "We will have to try to do an inventory from memory," he said. "We really don't keep an up-to-the-minute inventory. We're a custom shop, with a number of projects in various stages."

However, he added, "We've lost a considerable amount of custom machinery. At this point we're going to try to rebuild a

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6th graders got no lack of respect

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

They sat riveted in their seats, not even a whisper. Unusual for a group of about 60 Bethlehem Central Middle School sixth grade students, blessed at that age with boundless energy.

They were listening to 82 year old Holocaust survivor and keynote speaker Hedi McKinley, talk about Kristallnacht, Night of Broken Glass, in her native Austria on Nov. 10, 1938. McKinley was 15 years old at the time.

She told the sixth graders at their Respect Day about a small group of "brown shirt thugs, in their late teens, who turned me and my parents out of our home. We were not permitted to even take winter coats even though it

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Police arrest four on DWI charges

Four individuals face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) following arrests by Bethlehem police.

John Russell Turner, 53, of Esplanade Street, Selkirk, also faces multiple hit-and-run charges lodged by Albany police in an incident that led to his arrest on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Bethlehem Officer Chad Rice responded to a call shortly before 4 p.m. reporting an eastbound vehicle involved in three separate collisions on Delaware Avenue in Albany that had failed to stop and crossed into the town. Rice found the vehicle, driven by Turner, parked in a lot at 146 Delaware Ave.

After conducting field sobriety and preliminary screening tests, Rice arrested Turner for DWI. He was arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan and turned over to Albany police, who cited him for three counts of leaving the scene of a property-damage accident.

Turner is due to appear in Town Court on Jan. 21, on the DWI charge.

Three other DWI arrests occurred on the weekend of Dec. 14-15. Shortly before 5 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, Officer George Travis responded to a report of an erratic vehicle southbound on the Delmar bypass. Travis spotted the vehicle, driven by Dennis Roger Clarke, 21, of 92 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, in the vicinity of Elm Avenue Park, and followed it.

He attempted to stop Clarke as he continued south on Elm, and then onto Fairlawn Drive, Peel Street and eventually Vista Lane in Selkirk, where Clarke pulled into a driveway and exited the vehicle. Clarke submitted to field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening and was charged with DWI, speeding, failure to obey a traffic control device and a police order, and two license violations.

Officer Adam Hornick made two DWI arrests on Sunday, Dec. 15. Hornick stopped Thomas Robert McDonald, 26, of Floral Ave., Schenectady, at about 12:45 a.m., after observing him speeding and crossing hazard markings on Schoolhouse Road near Jean Lane in North Bethlehem.

Assisted at the scene by state troopers, Hornick administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening and cited McDonald for two traffic infractions and DWI.

Later, on patrol on the Slingerlands bypass near Maher Road at about 6 a.m., Hornick spotted skid marks leading off the roadway, where he found a vehicle that had struck a roadside traffic sign and then come to a halt in a nearby wooded area.

The driver, Robert Edward Freemantle Jr., 25, of 2130 Vermont View Drive, Watervliet, was found seated in the vehicle. After undergoing field sobriety tests, and allegedly refusing to submit to a preliminary screening, he was treated at the

scene for minor injuries by Albany County paramedics, transported to Albany Medical Center by Delmar Ambulance and released to police custody.

Arrested for DWI, he was also cited for his refusal of testing, driving at imprudent speed and two other violations.

Clarke, McDonald and Freemantle are due in Town Court on Jan. 7.

Appearing in Town Court on Dec. 17, Michael James Lauer, 22, of 330 Hudson Ave., Rensselaer, pleaded guilty to DWI in a Nov. 2 incident. He was fined \$500 and a \$125 state-mandated surcharge, and his license was revoked for six months.

Todd Alan Mollock, 26, of 963B River Road, Selkirk, pleaded guilty to a reduced count of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) stemming from his Nov. 24 DWI arrest. He was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Both Lauer and Mollock were ordered to attend a drinking-driver remediation program and face a Victim Impact Panel.

Students can serve on library council

Middle schoolers in grades six through eight are eligible for membership on Bethlehem Public Library's Youth Advisory Council. Council members provide input on youth-related library programs, books and website. Call 439-9314 for information.

Albany woman arrested for felony robbery count

An Albany woman faces a felony charge of attempted robbery after an alleged shoplifting attempt on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Hannaford supermarket at Delaware Plaza.

Lisa Marie Murphy, 26, of Central Avenue is due in Town Court on Jan. 21 to face a third-degree attempted robbery charge, along with a misdemeanor petty larceny count, after an alleged failed attempt to make a getaway from store employees — with four stolen packages of condoms worth less than \$35.

The incident took place shortly after 9:15 a.m., when a store employee reportedly spotted Murphy leaving the store without paying for the merchandise. In the parking lot, she then approached a man seated in his

car and knocked on the window, asking for a ride to Albany. When he refused, she allegedly forced her way into the vehicle and attempted to grab the car keys until restrained by two store employees who had followed her out of the store.

The employees recovered the merchandise and detained Murphy at the store's loss prevention office until police arrived to make the arrest.

Arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan, Murphy was ordered held at Albany County jail, pending a preliminary hearing last Friday. Egan also issued a three-month order of protection for the driver of the vehicle accosted by Murphy, and ordered her to appear in Town Court on Jan. 21 to face the charges.

Police investigating Selkirk arson fire

Bethlehem police are investigating an arson fire Saturday, Dec. 14, on a site owned by the town of Bethlehem on Rupert Road in Selkirk.

A town highway department official reported a fire on the site of a former stone quarry at about 4:30 p.m. Selkirk firefighters responding found a 1986 Pontiac ablaze and extinguished the fire.

Investigators found a damaged gate restricting access to

the site had been removed from its hinges, and the vehicle apparently driven on to the site and riddled with buckshot and rifle slugs before being set afire.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing a second vehicle, a red Honda bearing two white males dressed in camouflage, in the area at about the time the fire was first reported, but police are uncertain whether it is connected to the arson incident.

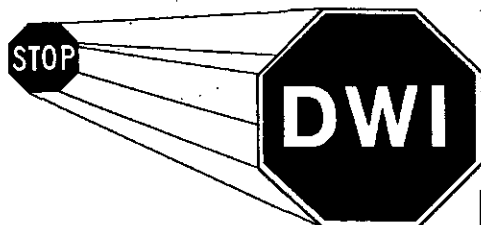


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Blackman to lead ad staff

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Corinne Blackman, a Delmar resident who has worked for Spotlight Newspapers for 10 years, has become the new advertising manager for the group's 10 newspapers.

An advertising representative for the past six years, Blackman will oversee the sales staff of six other sales reps; look for new advertisers; and continue to grow what she described as "our really good customer base."

"We are constantly looking for new ways to promote ourselves as Spotlight Newspapers," Blackman said. "The Delmar paper has been in business for more than 50 years, but a lot of people don't really know that we've expanded into so many other markets."

Since Eagle Media Partners bought *The Spotlight* four years ago, the chain has grown from *The Spotlight*, covering Bethlehem and New Scotland; the *Colonie* and *Loudonville Spotlights*. Newspapers bought or begun in the last four years also carry the Spotlight moniker: the *Guilderland Spotlight*, the *Clifton Park Spotlight*, the *Niskayuna Spotlight*, the *Scotia-Glenville Spotlight*, and the *Rotterdam Spotlight*. The company also has two monthly publications, *Capital*



Corinne Blackman looks forward to her new responsibilities.

"In the sales area, turnover can be high," she said. "We're fortunate that we have a number of longtime employees. That lets the sales reps really develop a relationship with their customers."

Blackman said one of Spotlight Newspapers' strengths is that ad reps spend a lot of time with their customers. "It used to be that we just sold ads," she said. "Now, we might work with them more on an entire marketing plan." Closing a sale isn't the end of an ad rep's deal; Spotlight Newspapers' sales staff work closely with the customer and the paper's production department to design ads that

will appear in the paper.

Blackman also likes being part of the business community where she lives. "It's challenging, in this day of big shopping centers, to work to help small businesses stay in business," she said. "The Spotlights can publish news about the community and local businesses, and the local businesses can benefit from the news and advertising in our papers."

Blackman, 32, was raised in Trinidad, and hints of her island home come through in her lilting speech.

"In the West Indies, it's not uncommon to be raised by your grandparents," Blackman said. "My parents went ahead of my two sisters, my twin brother and me to New York, looking for a better life." When Blackman was 11, she and her siblings joined her parents in the Bronx. Blackman's mother and sister worked for the Associated Press in New York, and when she was 14, Blackman started working there part time, too. Every summer until she graduated from college, she worked for Wide World Photos, selling AP photos to print and television outlets, and private buyers; and photos and packages to high schools for their yearbooks.

After living in New York City, attending a big high school, and working for an international news syndicate, Blackman said she knew she was "destined for smaller things."

"I came to The College of Saint Rose and it was just right," Blackman said. "It was small, I could study public communications and not get lost there." When her internship adviser heard of a position at *The Spotlight*, she knew it was right for Blackman. "I didn't have a car, so I took the bus out to Delmar," Blackman said. "When I came, I thought, 'What a pretty town. I'd like to live here.'" During her internship, Blackman worked in the editorial department, and after graduation, took a paying job in the front office, where she answered phones and worked on classified advertising and subscriptions. From there, she moved into advertising. "I've had the opportunity to wear many different hats, and I have a sense of the overall picture," Blackman said.

Eagle Media Executive Vice President Richard Keene said the organization considered a lot of candidates, externally and internally, before deciding on Blackman as advertising manager. "Corinne is clearly the best person for that job," Keene said.

McIntyre is pleased that he'll be working most closely with Blackman in the advertising area. "She's top shelf," he said. "She's been in this area for a long time, and she's a top-rate salesperson. She'll support the ad staff, and teach them a lot of what she knows."

Eagle Media Publisher Stewart Hancock said Blackman's promotion will add strength to the papers. "Her commitment to her advertisers and her attention to detail guarantee that she'll do a spectacular job," he said.

Blackman has many goals as she moves into her new position. After the growth of Spotlight Newspapers in the last four years, she wants to make sure her staff is comfortable in the company's expanded framework. She also wants to make sure Spotlight Newspapers' customers realize that the group's growth means more opportunities for them.

"With 10 papers, our customers can reach broader communities," Blackman said. "Also, with so many different products, we can really tailor them to our advertisers' needs. We offer a great deal of value and choice."

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John McIntyre

District Parent Pages, and the *Senior Spotlight*.

In addition, Blackman and her staff sell advertising for Eagle Media's quarterly statewide publications, *Empire Business*, *Empire Education* and *Empire Fun*. It's a big job, but Blackman is confident that the staff will continue to be successful. She gives a lot of credit to Eagle Media Vice President John McIntyre, who also functions as general manager of Spotlight Newspapers.

"John is great at developing community and business relationships," Blackman said. "We're involved in chamber of commerce and business-to-business functions. We're a small business, working with small businesses, and when we work together, we all benefit." Blackman said that the sales staff's experience also helps Spotlight Newspapers and its customers.

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Clarksville man walks after not guilty verdict

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Clarksville man accused of murder in the shooting death of a longtime acquaintance left the Albany County Courthouse a free man last week, following almost five days of testimony and nearly 15 hours of jury deliberation.

County Court Judge Thomas Breslin released Alfred S. Cook, 58, after the trial jury found him not guilty of two alternative second-degree murder counts — one that would have found his actions intentional; the other, that it reflected "depraved indifference to human life" — handed up last Feb. 26 by a county grand jury. Cook was charged in the shooting death of 53-year-old Richard Barber of Waterford on Feb. 20 at Cook's home at 158 Dunbar Hollow Road.

The jurors also reached not guilty verdicts on lesser included counts of first-degree (intentional) or second-degree (reckless) manslaughter.

Cook had been under 24-hour monitoring by county probation officials since posting bail last March, but Breslin ordered bail lifted, and Cook left the courtroom shortly after the verdict was announced.

"I don't think he's much inclined to speak about it and I don't think he's quite come to terms with the ordeal," said Cook's attorney, Robert Roche. "He's a very private man and it was a wrenching, draining experience for him."

But Assistant District Attorney Lawrence Wiest, who prosecuted the case, said: "I was disappointed in the verdict, I disagreed with the verdict, but I must respect the verdict. The jury has spoken."

Testimony in the trial began on Monday, Dec. 9, after the jury was seated, and concluded Friday, Dec. 13. Wiest and Roche offered final summations the following Monday before Breslin instructed the jury on the relevant law. Deliberations then began about 1 p.m., were suspended at 11:15 p.m. as Breslin sequestered the jury for the night, and resumed the next morning. The verdict was returned shortly before 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Undisputed by either side in the case was the fact that Cook fatally shot Barber once in the abdomen, in the presence of two eyewitnesses, after a late-afternoon argument over money and property of Barber's that Cook was storing in his garage.

During the argument, Cook first brandished a handgun he kept in the home, then produced the 12-gauge shotgun with which Barber was killed.

In his summation, Roche argued "justification," the proper legal term for self-defense. He maintained that Cook, at 5 feet 7 inches and about 140 pounds, felt threatened by the 5-foot-6-inch, 330-pound Barber whom, he had testified, he repeatedly ordered to

leave his home.

Citing a homeowner's right "to be safe and secure in his own home, and not to retreat," Roche said: "I'm telling you that man is before this court because he answered to a higher law. He answered to the natural law of self-preservation."

Wiest countered that Barber was not the physical threat depicted by the defense, calling him "morbidly obese" and "almost physically debilitated."

He argued that Cook had been the initial aggressor in introducing firearms to the argument — an important legal nuance, in that it would negate a self-defense plea.

"Who is the first person to use the imminent threat of deadly physical force? Why, it's the defendant," Wiest said — and maintained that Cook had alternatives to shooting Barber, such as calling 911, if he felt threatened.

Citing "this defendant's preoccupation with firearms as his salvation, the great equalizer," he said: "He saw it as inevitable that he had to shoot this guy. You as jurors have to decide whether that's reasonable conduct today in 2002."

Three times during their deliberations, jurors sought re-reading of Breslin's instructions on the legal definition of justification — that: "The defendant must have believed that Richard Barber was about to use deadly physical force against him, and that this defendant's use of deadly physical force was necessary in order to defend himself."

"Over the several hours they were deliberating, I said, wow, they were really wrestling with this justification issue," said Wiest later.

But, when the verdicts were announced and the clerk questioned the foreperson on each count whether the jury had found "justification," she replied "no."

"One can only wonder at how the jury arrived at that conclusion," said Wiest.

Roche said he later learned that, "the fact that it is called 'justification' apparently troubled one juror, who believed that only God is justified in taking a human life. He felt that the man was not guilty on the grounds of self-defense, but could not bring himself to say it was justified."

The compromise of a not guilty finding without "justification" apparently resolved his dilemma.

A civil suit on behalf of Barber's son was filed against Cook last spring, alleging wrongful death, and it remains pending.

"Whether they'll pursue it in the face of this verdict, I can't say," Roche said. "But if the jury found it was self-defense, it was not wrongful death."

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Lawrence Wiest

Christmas wishes close out the old year

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's been a quick season, from a very late Thanksgiving to Hanukkah to Christmas, with one snow day and a school delay in between.

Now, as we pass the shortest day of the year, we can look forward to lengthening days and the space to breathe a little more deeply in them.

For parents between now and Jan. 2, when the kids go back to school, it could be very hard to breathe. The pretty snow that made everything feel seasonal and bright — and offered the hope that during this year's long school break the kids might go outside, build snow forts, tunnel through their yards, or hurtle on their sleds down the country club hill — has diminished, reminding us of seasons past and seasons to come.

Any leaves that didn't get raked before the early snow embarrass us, luridly peeking out of the melting snow. They'll be there in the spring, sodden and heavy, chiding us for moving them to the bottom of the autumn chore list.

Patches of the front lawn bared by the disappeared snow are green, reminding us that although we have a few chilly, white and gray months ahead of us, we'll be mowing that lawn

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before we know it.

Now, though, we turn inward, to chimney checks and fireplace cleanings; to stockings hung on the mantel, and trees hauled indoors and put up with the usual amount of marital bickering. By the 24th, we will sink gratefully onto our living room couches for one last glance at the ornaments collected over the years, peacefully awaiting the frenzy of Christmas morning. Then there will be dinner and family and new toys — and the riotous aftermath of discarded paper and the warming smell of dinner in the oven.

Before the chaos takes over, then, time for a few Christmas wishes for all of us. As we stand on the brink of a war that some feel certain will happen and others can't believe in, the wish for peace that the star of Bethlehem might have promised is even stronger. In our forever-changed world, the wish for an end to terrorism is foremost, too; that people in Israel might safely ride buses; that refugees may find

new, safe lives; and that tourists can get on planes, tour museums and go to nightclubs without feeling endangered.

In our own country, as we move farther away from 9/11, we wish for a permanent feeling of security and that planes flying overhead didn't still make us look upwards. The wish for strong and positive leadership is an important one, too, in our too-volatile world.

Let there be no excuse for cover-ups and injustice — here's

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In our state, we face some tough times, as we feel too directly the financial pinch brought on by Sept. 11 and the tightening economy. Let's wish first for responsible corporate leadership and a spirit of compromise, as all the parties with individual interests put the good of the whole state at the top of their wish lists.

We are fortunate in the Capital District to be looking ahead at significant growth as the

technology boom gets ready to explode here. We'll get an influx of new people, and with them, new ideas. Let's welcome the growth, but think best about how to preserve a lot of the small-town, small-city feel that so many of us take for granted here.

As the area develops, maybe we can move away from isolated developments to some mixed use that might put small shops, cafes and restaurants close to homes, so that our children have a sense of growing up in functional

neighborhoods. Let's hope developers and town governments have the wisdom to incorporate two elements that can give new developments an immediate community feel: pocket parks for families to gather in and sidewalks they can use to walk to them.

Here's a wish for light rail and public transportation as the area grows, and the mindsets that will let people use it.

It's a tough time to be raising a family, and here the wish-list grows long. We all wish for the health and safety of our children and extended families.

There are specific wishes, too, that our grandparents and elderly aunts and uncles not going south for the winter don't fall on the ice and snow; that their aging bones remain resilient and that winter's

chills don't get to them.

As we go into the busiest part of the school year, there's the wish that proves that hope springs eternal: may all of our kids just sit down and do their homework and not fuss about it. May there always be plenty of empty shoe boxes, a variety of construction paper, plenty of glue, the good scissors in a handy spot and may we always be able to find that most elusive of elements: the Scotch tape.

As our kids get older, may we parents achieve that perfect balance of giving them autonomy, fostering their independence and letting them learn for themselves, still supporting them and helping them to learn and grow. May this struggle not cost us too many gray hairs and too many fine lines from pursing our lips shut so we don't say the wrong thing. Let us as parents not be afraid to say the right thing, regardless of the protests our kids will utter.

Let us be willing to override what's presented as the sentiment of the day — everybody gets to stay up as late as they want, everybody gets to watch South Park, everybody gets to go to a friend's house when a grown-up's not home — in favor of what we believe in our hearts is right. Let us be willing to scar them for life if it means that they are well-rested, have done their homework and are safe.

In this holiday season, the biggest wish is that we all have time together, and in that time, I wish you peace, love and joy. Merry Christmas.

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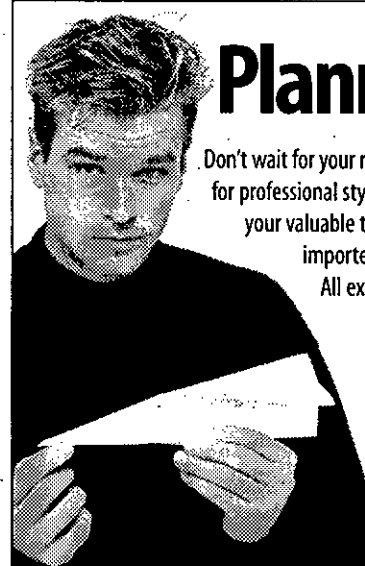
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EPA probing river sediment sites

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Federal officials who will oversee the controversial Superfund cleanup of PCBs from the upper Hudson River conducted a series of "availability sessions" in two locations recently to update the public on the siting of sediment processing and transfer facilities along the target area — a topic of widespread concern in river-edge communities, including Bethlehem.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency will oversee a \$500 million project to dredge contaminated sediments from "hot spots" along a 40-mile stretch or river bottom under the terms of a "record of decision" issued by the agency last February. Representatives of the EPA's field office in Fort Edward, created to oversee program, conducted a pair of two-hour sessions on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the field office, and two more the following day at the campus center at Sage College of Albany.

The four meetings — attended by roughly 100 people altogether, including local officials, representatives of environmental organizations like Scenic Hudson and others — outlined the criteria and timetable for selecting two 30-acre "dewatering sites" where 2.65 million pounds of sediment removed from the river bottom will be dried and prepared for processing and removal. One or more "transfer stations" will also be selected along the river to store processed waste en route to eventual off-site disposal.

Perspective sites for these processing and transfer facilities will be industrial or commercial sites within a half mile of the river edge, with sufficient space for facility construction and operations, access to rail and road transportation and utilities, and proximity to the dredging sites. According to the site-selection timetable discussed last week, EPA hopes to publicly issue a "preliminary candidate sites list" of perhaps 30 suitable locations by next spring, to hone that down to a final candidate list by next summer after analyzing local environmental impacts, and to recommend sites by next winter.

According to literature posted at last week's sessions, the search area extends "from Hudson Falls to just downstream of the Port of Albany." As recently as February of last year, an EPA official confirmed that a site just south of the port district in Glenmont — once a Texaco tank and terminal facility, targeted by Spurlock Industries a decade ago for a formaldehyde processing plant that was never built due to local opposition, and purchased by the Albany Port Commission last year for possible development as a warehouse and bulk cargo distribution site — was under consideration as a dewatering site.

That news prompted the Bethlehem town board in April of 2001 to pass a resolution strongly opposing "the use of any land, structure, or location within the town of Bethlehem for the dredging, storage, or disposal of any kind of dredged spoils resulting from the USEPA's proposed dredging project" — making Bethlehem one of

numerous riverfront municipalities to declare such opposition.

Officials at last week's sessions maintained that over a decade of research to identify processing sites has now been laid aside, as the EPA starts from scratch.

"We looked at a number of sites a number of years ago, but the way we're looking at this process for selecting facilities, we're looking at it with fresh eyes," said EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Leo Morales. "We're starting that process now, but we haven't selected any preliminary sites just yet." Nevertheless, he added, "Those sites we've looked at in the past, we may very well look at again. We need to consider 80 miles or riverfront, and there are only so many sites that fit our criteria."

The two dewatering sites, Morales said, are likely to be at opposite ends of the cleanup area. "The one thing we do know for certain is, we have to have a facility up north," he said, as he indicated on a map the area around Fort Edward, Moreau and Northumberland. "That's a certainty. As far as down south goes, access to transportation and to the river will be key considerations. I think we need to maintain that balance of north and south." Albany, Saratoga and Washington counties will be prime candidates for the site-selection process. To look for a site south of Albany County, he said, "is just not realistic."

Morales said state and county officials, including county assessors, will be contacted in upcoming months as EPA identifies appropriate industrial and commercial sites for consideration. The agency, he said, plans to announce those sites "around March or April."

"When we do present the public with those 30 or so sites, we know people will start to get anxious," he said. "We're discussing right now as to what the best approach to presenting that to the public will be." But response to the general criteria outlined last week by those who attended the sessions, Morales said, was generally positive.

Parallel to the site selection process, EPA officials are continuing to work a more detailed analysis of the riverbed "hot spots" where PCB-laden spoils are believed to be concentrated, from the Thompson's Island Pool near Fort Edward to as far south as Halfmoon. Those sites were initially identified in surveys conducted in the early 1990's under EPA auspices, but in October, survey crews began gathering samples in a reassessment of that data, beginning with sediment taken from sites near Thompson's Island Pool.

Those operations were halted by the onset of winter but will resume after warm weather returns. "What we'll be doing next year is, we'll have the survey boats back in the river, going back to these hotspots," said Morales.

Fabric softener sheets have multiple uses

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

During the holidays, there is more laundry than normal due to children coming home from college or relatives making their annual visit. If laundry increases, the use of fabric softener increases along with it.

Liquid fabric softener bottles can be recycled. To get the maximum out of the bottles, put some water in, hand shake the bottle to do another load or let it drain on an old washcloth that can

substitute as a fabric softener sheet in the dryer.

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A lost year

Looking back on 2002, as newspaper editors are wont to do in late December, it seems that this year will be remembered for lost opportunities at the national and state levels.

Last year at this time, the major issue nationally was the war against terrorists who had killed 3,000 American civilians in a most spectacular way. And the big issue at the state level was related — how to recover from the devastating attacks that brought down the World Trade Center.

Thankfully, there has been no other major terrorist attack on our people, but the war against al-Qaeda and their allies is by no means won.

It is shocking that those who funded and trained the mass murderers of Sept. 11 are still at large, that the most powerful country in the history of the world cannot find and kill a few hundred Islamic fanatics in the mountains of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Even more astounding is that our nation's leaders, of both parties, no longer seem to care that bin Laden and the rest of his cutthroats remain alive and plotting to do us even greater harm.

Sure, finding and eliminating al-Qaeda's leadership will be hard and will certainly result in casualties — our own this time, not those of our clearly untrustworthy allies on the ground in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But what good is all our military power if we can't avenge Sept. 11 the only way that really matters — by killing bin Laden and smashing his organization to bloody bits?

Closer to home, the state faces the greatest fiscal crisis of modern times — a deficit of at least \$10 billion — largely caused by the economic after-effects of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The area that drove New York state's economic growth in the 1990s was southern Manhattan; now its grievous wound is the main reason that state tax receipts come in consistently under even lowered estimates.

Gov. Pataki was roundly criticized by his fellow Republicans when he asked the federal government for \$50 billion for the recovery from Sept. 11. It now appears he was right, and that the \$20 billion or so the feds have allegedly come up with will come nowhere near making the state and city whole.

But state leaders have clearly been derelict on the spending side, digging the deficit hole deeper by doling out scarce state resources to special interests like the city health care workers union in return for political support.

Throughout most of this year, very expensive campaigns were waged across the country and around this state that did remarkably little to address, let alone resolve, these paramount problems.

Let's hope our leaders do a much better job in 2003.

Editorial

Security snafu at train averted

By LORRAINE SMITH

Smith, a Delmar resident, is an active hiker and free-lance writer.

"You'll need photo ID and cash for the train," the Amtrak agent explained just as I completed telephone reservations for returning to Albany.

Here I was, on a leisurely boat ride, sans the encumbrances of purse or wallet or the photo IDs therein. My husband and I had been idling north on the Champlain Canal on *Plan B*. *Plan B* is the registered name of our boat, so chosen, because to navigate through life, when *Plan A* doesn't work, one needs a *Plan B*.

Now it was time for me to return home, and *Plan A* had been for me to take the train. Except there was that last instruction from the phone reservation, "You'll need photo ID."

No problem, I first thought. Since I always have a pile of projects to catch up on when we're cruising along, I had a lot of things with my name on it, name and address, and so forth. But since the conductor would undoubtedly have been instructed to accept as valid photo ID, only a driver's license, passport or other government document, then my collection of alternative ID might not succeed in getting me home. So I opted for *Plan B*.

Plan B would be to bus home. I made a few phone calls to determine schedules and locations.

"Will I need photo ID?" I asked the agent.

All I would need, he explained, was something, anything, with my name on it. Good.

So, first, from the boat dock, I took the Fort Edward city bus to the Glens Falls Greyhound station; there I caught the bus to bring me to the Albany bus station. Up to this point, I was ahead cost-wise, until the last trek, when I incurred taxi fare plus tip to the Amtrak train station, where we had left my car a few days before.

So, now I'm at Amtrak, planning ahead, needing a train

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ticket to rendezvous again with my husband on *Plan B* next week. I knew my credit card number and expiration date by heart, plus I had my AAA membership number for the discount, and I would, of course, be certain to have photo ID when I got on the train this time.

The agent made a reservation for me, assigning me a number and everything. However, now he wanted photo ID, before giving me the ticket! That threw me off course. Didn't I only need photo

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ID when I took my seat on the train?

I voiced my exasperation at this switch in the tracks and explained, "I don't have photo ID now!"

So he suggested that I use the pay phone to call the toll-free number, ask to make advance payment on my reservation he had just assigned me. Telephone agents, he noted, obviously wouldn't ask for photo ID.

But, the nice lady on the phone couldn't take payment. She had other reasons, something about time restrictions, something in the computer, none of them having to do with photo ID, so I hung up and walked back to the booking agent.

I did have another option, of course, drive home, retrieve my photo ID, be legal driving again, and return with my photo ID for getting my train ticket, but I really didn't want to create all that extra car pollution.

I asked the agent how long he was going to be on duty. Until 10 tonight, he said. It was only 5. Fine, plenty of time for him to hear me out. Sometimes one needs plenty of time to hear me out. I didn't have photo ID, but I did have that pile of projects that would identify me more than routine photo ID ever could.

I sifted through my pile. Since I had been cleaning out my hiking memorabilia, I had all kinds of paper documentation. I began my narration of my sorted papers for the agent: "Work with me here a little, OK?"

1. This is a newspaper photo of me, front page. There's my name right here in the caption, when I completed the Adirondacks 46 High Peaks.

2. Since that made me a 46er, this is the mailing label from the 46er newsletter.

3. Here's my invitation letter, complete with my picture, inviting friends to join me on my final hike to finish the Catskills 35 High Peaks.

4. Here's another newspaper photo of me when I completed the Catskills. (Hiking High Peaks is big news in our small town.)

By this time, other agents, who were nowhere to be seen earlier, had gathered around, "Oh, no photo ID, huh." I ignored their comments and continued with Exhibit No. 5:

"Here's my membership card from the Catskill 3,500 Club. The reason it's outdated is the reason why it's in this pile of things to clean out.

6. Here's another outdated membership card from the Rip Van Winklers, another hiking club."

That curious name got some teasing so I offered some history.

I concluded with my big finish, No. 7 — Since I always wear a hat on the boat, I pointed to my new Rip Van Winklers hat. "Now who else would have this collection of hiking stuff but the same Lorraine Smith who wants to buy this train ticket!"

The agent conceded, gave me the ticket, then asked me how to get into these hiking clubs. I would call him when I got home, I promised, and give him the information.

Some time later, after running errands, getting home, getting the mail, unpacking, I pulled out my current hiking newsletters and called the agent to give him some phone numbers.

"Jeff? It's Lorraine Smith."

He knew exactly who I was.

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'Unadvertised specials' set in coming weeks

The library is offering four programs in January and February that are not advertised in the latest edition of the library newsletter, *footnotes*.

They span the globe from New



York to Ghana, and range from local pottery to local politics, from HIV/AIDS education in rural Africa to shining the Big Apple here at home.

Cabaret

On Friday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m., "A Musical Journey Through New York City" features a cabaret-style performance by Diane Geddes and Quency René, a.k.a. Two Broads With Alotta Sound.

Slide show on Ghana

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., Delmar native Shannon Cornelius will present "Ghana: the smiles and trials of a Peace Corps volunteer." The focus of this slide show will be HIV/AIDS education in rural Ghana, a country Cornelius describes as "a lush environment with beautiful, hospitable people and enough yams to sink an aircraft carrier."

Cornelius has worked in Ghana for the past 26 months. Her activities have ranged from fundraising for the construction of a water pump to coordinating a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS. Cornelius is the

daughter of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney.

From clay to cachepot

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., professional potter Lisa David will talk about different pottery techniques in "It All Starts with a Lump of Clay."

David, who owns Picket Pottery in Delmar, will bring samples of her work. Attendees will receive a Valentine ornament. This program is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects.

Dan Button takes city hall

Author, journalist and former Congressman Dan Button reads from his new book, *Take City Hall!* on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. The book focuses on the late Thomas M. Whalen's historic decade as Albany's mayor from 1983 to 1993, a crucial period of reform against the O'Connell-Corning machine.

Button, who served two terms in the U.S. Congress, is a former editor of the *Times Union* and editor of *Science Digest* magazine. In the eight years he worked on this book, he held several interviews with Whalen and numerous political and governmental figures.

He has also written a book about former New York City Mayor John Lindsay. The author is the husband of library board member Rena Button.

All programs are free and open to the public. Call 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

Staff offers best wishes for a peaceful 2003

The library staff offers its best wishes for a safe and peaceful 2003, with a reminder that the library will be closing at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 and remain closed for New Year's Day.



Why not check out a video or DVD from our collection and begin the new year watching movies at home?

There is also a display of books with reader recommendations on the carousel next to the CD racks. Pick out a good read that may become one of your favorites, too.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will be celebrating the holidays at the home of Elizabeth Partington at 7 p.m. on Dec. 26. Call the library for details.

Kids can fight the winter

vacation blues. It's not too late to sign up for this Friday's "School's out, Library's in" program called "Snowman in a Snowstorm" for kids in grades five and up. Participants should bring a white T-shirt or sweatshirt to the library at 10 a.m. to make a great wearable craft.

A vacation program for age 5 and older begins at 2 p.m. on Dec. 30 featuring "Russian Folktale Favorites." Sign up for a video/art/story event.

Regular story times resume on Jan. 6.

Adult book discussion of *Year of Wonder* by Geraldine Brooks meets on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Library closings due to inclement weather will be programmed on the library answering machine, call 765-2791.

The annual Food for Fines program will be held in February this year.

Barbara Vink

Kids program features nature

A children's program to celebrate New Year's Eve is set for Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. at Thacher Nature Center at Thacher Park.

It will feature a story about nature in winter and a walk and is appropriate for children ages 5 through 8.

To register, call 872-0800.

Crosbys to perform at high school

The Crosbys from SUNY Binghamton will appear in the new Performing Arts Center at the high school on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The Crosbys are an award winning all-male group that will entertain with their singing and antics.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and will be sold at the door.

Dionysians Drama Club to present "Hamlet"

The Voorheesville Dionysians Drama Club will present "Hamlet" on Friday, Jan. 10, at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2:15 p.m. in the new Performing Arts Center at the high school.

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library will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Jan. 6.

Five Rivers to host bird count

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host the annual New Year's Day bird count at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1.

The count began 22 years ago, and more than 66 different species have been observed.

Visitors can use binoculars outside or stay inside and record the birds at the feeder.

For information, call 475-0291.

Board schedules meeting

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was cold—close to zero. We were told to leave all of our belongings and possessions and never come back. But I kept a key and sneaked back the next night. The Nazis had wrecked and stripped our home, but I did find warm coats for each of us."

The German Nazis burned 2,000 synagogues, destroyed 7,500 businesses and arrested 30,000 Jews and sent them to concentration camps that night

according to the history books.

McKinley continued, "the humiliations we endured, those of us not arrested were on the streets with no income or food in the bitter winter. My father was grabbed on the street and sent to a work camp, but later escaped."

"My parents and I were lucky in that we found decent people who were able to get us out of the country and eventually to the United States. More than six million Jews were not so lucky and were murdered by the Nazis, intent on building a master race by eliminating all Jews, gay people, people with low IQ," said

McKinley. In her story of unspeakable crimes, McKinley made it clear they had a root in total intolerance and lack of respect for any one different than the Nazis.

Siena woman's basketball coach Gina Castelli was equally riveting as another speaker. She spoke to the students first about sportsmanship and team work. She split her session into two groups and each was provided a puzzle about 30-by-24 inches with very large pieces. Students were asked to assemble the puzzle, which they did, and then were asked to remove one piece.

The missing piece left a big hole in the picture. The lesson was no team is complete without all the members. And teamwork not only requires all members working together but giving their best.

One important point Castelli made is that, "You have to learn to respect yourself before you can learn how to respect others."

Students met with members of the Capital District Center for the Disabled and learn about the equipment and devices many people require to function.

Workshops were available on stress, safety on the Internet,

cultural diversity, controlling the temper, bullying, gossiping and friendship.

Assistant principal, Sandy Morley said: "Self respect precedes the ability to respect others. At this age in a students development they are beginning to look beyond themselves toward others needs and beliefs. I was very impressed with the attention and focus and respect our students demonstrated in all the workshops."

Here are some students' comments:

"I learned that winning at all expense isn't always the best decision."

"I learned that people with disabilities have abilities."

"I learned that having a disability does make you different. It just means you do things differently."

"I learned that humor will make you live longer. Also I learned how to deal with my temper."

Lumber

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portion of our business and we hope to have it back in operation this spring. Our custom fence shop is out of business temporarily, but we have a target date for the end of February to be back in production. Fortunately, this is the slow time for us."

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Sports

Strong inside game fuels Blackbirds victory

By ROB JONAS

In the movies, a one-man wrecking machine can beat an army. On a real-life basketball court, it usually doesn't work the same way.

The Voorheesville girls basketball team welcomed Siena-bound **Katelyn Dooley** and her Lansingburgh teammates to town last Friday, and though Dooley scored 25 points, it was the Blackbirds

that walked away with the 67-49 Colonial Council victory.

"She is a legitimate (NCAA) Division I player, there's no two ways about it," Voorheesville coach **Jon McClement** said of Dooley. "The kids knew they were in for a challenge."

Dooley had to take a lot of shots to reach 25 points, and not a lot of them went in. Other than a 14-point performance in the third quarter, the senior strug-



Voorheesville's **Brittany Baron** drives the lane during last Friday's Colonial Council game against Lansingburgh. *Rob Jonas*

gled against Voorheesville's defense.

"I thought we did a tremendous job (defending her)," McClement said. "**Michelle Nadratowski** did the bulk of the work, but the other kids helped out."

Meanwhile, the Blackbirds dominated the low post. Forwards **Jackie Markert** and **Catherine Nicholson** combined for 33 points and 14 rebounds against a smaller Lansingburgh front court.

"Jackie draws a lot of attention," McClement said. "Tonight, she drew most of the attention in the post, and Catherine took advantage of the opportunities she had."

The third quarter was especially pivotal for Markert, Nicholson and the rest of the Blackbirds. With Markert and Nicholson providing much of the scoring in the period, Voorheesville turned a six-point halftime advantage into an 11-point lead. The Blackbirds then closed the game by outscoring Lansingburgh 16-9 in the fourth quarter.

Markert finished with 19 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots, while Nicholson contributed 14 points and five boards. Junior guard **Brittany Baron** also had a strong performance, as she chipped in with 19 points, 12 rebounds and six assists.

Arduini signs with Manhattan

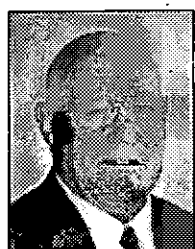
Bethlehem Central High School senior **Courtney Arduini** has signed a national letter of intent to swim with the Manhattan College women's team next year.

Arduini has been one of the leading swimmers for the Lady Eagles the past several seasons. She also swims with the Adirondack Bluefins at Siena College, and she was voted by the Adirondack Region to be the student athlete representative at the United States Swimming national convention in Dallas.

Arduini is the first athlete to commit to the Manhattan College women's swim team during the early signing period.



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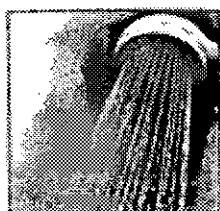
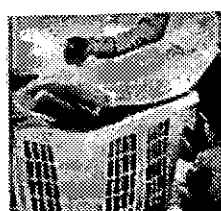


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underscored by statements of sympathy issued Friday by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Congressman Michael McNulty.

Clinton hailed Burns' "passionate voice," adding, "Mike

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Michael McNulty

led with patience, integrity and always with a smile."

McNulty said, "Mike Burns was a great friend, an outstanding labor leader, and a wise and effective public servant."

Burns' loss in a car accident was the second such blow to the county Democratic Party this year, following the death of former Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen last March in a crash in Feura Bush.

His death leaves the county

committee temporarily under the leadership of Vice Chairman and city of Albany Treasurer Betty Barnette.

No decision has been made about selecting a permanent replacement.

The funeral was Christmas Eve at the McVeigh Funeral Home and St. Mary's Church, both in Albany.

Burns is survived by his wife, Constance; a daughter, Deborah Kiley Corbari of Feura Bush; and two sons, Michael and Thomas, both of Voorheesville.

Slingerlands man named director

Omni Management Group, LTD. has appointed Slingerlands resident Rance Gregory the new director of Quality Assurance. He will be charged with maintaining the highest quality of office accommodations in those offices which Omni manages.

Delmar resident joins association

David Miller of Delmar has become a member of the American Angus Association. The Association is the largest cattle registry in the world with more than 36,000 members.

Library to close

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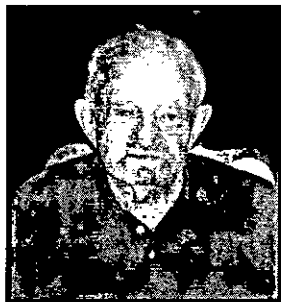
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Plaque is an initiating factor in gingivitis and studies have shown

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Obituaries

Kenneth Veit

Kenneth E. Veit, 75, of Glenmont died Sunday, Dec. 8, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Astoria, Queens, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in China.

He retired as a manager for New York Telephone Co. after 40 years of service.

Mr. Veit was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was husband of the late Joan Thilman Veit.

Survivors include his wife, Doris M. Keefe Freeman Veit; three daughters, Linda Allocco of East Durham, Mary Buck of Ballston Lake and Kathleen Veit of Ballston Spa; a stepdaughter, Linda Freeman of Clifton Park; two sisters, Lillian Bond of Tennessee and Mildred Bayles of Connecticut; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Marie Harris-O'Shea

Marie Jean Harris-O'Shea, 80, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and formerly of Voorheesville and Albany, died Saturday, Dec. 7, at Jay Robert Lauer Hospice in Atlantis, Fla.

Born and raised in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School.

Mrs. Harris-O'Shea worked for

Hartford Insurance Group in Albany and in Florida for 28 years. She was an associate member of the Sisters of Mercy in Albany and a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post Auxiliary No. 1493.

She was the widow of Charles F. Harris.

Survivors include her husband, John J. O'Shea; a son, Charles M. Harris; a stepdaughter, Sandra Wilmot; a brother, William VanWormer; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and two step-granddaughters.

Services were from the Sisters of Mercy Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, 634 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Shirley Houk

Shirley J. Hamlin Houk, 63, of Voorheesville died Thursday, Dec. 19, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Delmar, she worked in facilities management for the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center before she retired.

Mrs. Houk then worked for the Voorheesville Central School District.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and arts and crafts. She was an avid bowler.

She was a life member of the New Salem auxiliary.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorraine L. Houk of Rotterdam and Valerie J. Houk of Voorheesville; and a brother, James R. Hamlin of Morrisville.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in the spring.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or the Leukemia Society, 6 Automation Lane, Colonie 12205.

Leon Holden

Leon "Gus" Holden of Glenmont died Saturday, Dec. 14, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Mr. Holden worked for Fort Miller Vault Co. at the Port of Albany until his retirement.

He was a member of the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Department No. 2.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Asprion-Holden; five children; two brothers, William Holden and Don Holden; a sister, Dorothy Kirby; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Crystal Graffunder

Crystal R. Graffunder of Voorheesville died Saturday, Dec. 14, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., she attended Voorheesville and Guilderland high schools.

She was a graduate of the New School of Contemporary Radio in Albany.

She worked for OTB in Schenectady as a customer service supervisor and at WGNA in Latham.

She enjoyed music and was an avid NASCAR fan.

Survivors include her parents, Victoria LaDuke of Schenectady and Gary and Eileen Graffunder of Albany; a sister, Domenica Wagoner of Berne; two brothers,

Gary H. Graffunder of Schenectady and Joseph A. Graffunder of Altamont; her paternal grandmother, Domenica F. Graffunder of Voorheesville; and her maternal grandparents, Louis and Elsie LaDuke of Voorheesville.

Services were from St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, Mass. 01932.

Edward Cady

Edward G. Cady Sr., 70, of Delmar died Friday, Dec. 13, at his home.

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

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Cady was a laborer and truck driver for Bohl Construction in Bethlehem. He was a member of Teamsters Local 294.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Reed Cady; five sons, Edward G. Cady Jr., David L. Cady, Wayne A. Cady, Keith Cady and Alan C. Cady; four sisters, Jennie Woltjen, Marietta Denney, Elvira Davis and Jeanette Martin; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3 Winners Circle, Suite 300, Colonie 12205.

Joseph Donnelly

Joseph F. Donnelly, 59, of Slingerlands died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in New Haven, Conn., he attended high school and college in Vermont. He also attended Albany Law School and was an assistant district attorney before entering private practice as a

criminal defense lawyer.

He was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne M. Donnelly; a son, Joseph Donnelly; a daughter, Susan Donnelly; his mother, Virginia Bohan Donnelly; and a brother, John Donnelly of Essex Junction, Vt.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or to the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association Scholarship Fund, c/o Scott Carlton, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Ruth Wroblewski

Ruth Hunter Wroblewski, 85, of Delmar died Friday, Dec. 20.

She was the widow of Victor J. Wroblewski.

Survivors included a daughter, Adrienne Wroblewski Mason; a sister, Rhoda Hunter Nicklas; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Library to host New Year's Eve event

Bethlehem Public Library's annual New Year's celebration for children in kindergarten and up and their families will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m.

Festivities include a puppet show, stories, dancing and refreshments.

Call 439-9314 to register.

Elks announce holiday party for kids

The Bethlehem Elks will hold a holiday party and dance for kids on Friday, Dec. 27, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the lodge on 1016 River Road in Selkirk.

There is an \$8 admission charge, and only the first 300 kids will be allowed in.

A DJ and a karaoke contest will be featured.

The dance will be held weather permitting.

If the weather is questionable, call the lodge at 767-2886.

Library to close for New Year's Day

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed from 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday.

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The Rev. David McDowell performed the ceremony at Bard College Chapel of the Holy Innocents.

Debra Kolberg was matron of honor.

Kathleen McAllister, sister of the groom, Peggy McNamara and Diane Donohue were bridesmaids.

Brian McAllister, brother of the groom, was best man.

John McAllister, the groom's brother, Rick and Robert Zinnanti, both brothers of the bride, and Jeffrey Kinsey were ushers.

The couple honeymooned in Cape Cod.

The bride is a graduate of Red Hook High School, SUNY Plattsburgh and The College of Saint Rose. She is a music teacher for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and Sage Graduate School. He is a social studies teacher in the Schalmont Central School District.

They reside in Delmar.

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Bethlehem Elks to host Sunday breakfasts

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The menu will include pancakes or French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon and toast. Home-fries are \$1 extra.

The lodge will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The cost per person is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and \$3 for kids ages 3 to 12.

For information, call Michelle at 767-3080.

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The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will host the annual New Year's Day bird count at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Visitors can use binoculars outside or stay inside and record birds at the feeder.

For information, call 475-0291.



Amy and Dean Shultes

Frattura, Shultes wed

Amy Frattura, daughter of Joan and Frederic Frattura of Glenmont, and Dean Shultes, son of Patricia and the late James Shultes of Selkirk, were married on Aug. 10.

The Rev. John Barrick performed the ceremony at Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush.

Sherri Newton was matron of honor. The bride's daughters Lindsey, Stephanie and Sarah Smith and the bride's sister Nancy Burlingame were

bridesmaids.

Joe Klink was best man.

Mike Klink, Jeff Stannard, Dave Ingraham, the groom's brother-in-law, and Jordan Newton were ushers.

Following a reception at Pegasus Restaurant in Cossack, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

Both the bride and groom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School. He works for Sano-Rubin Construction. They reside in Ravena.

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Singing and dancing the night away at First Night

By DUNCAN CAMPBELL CRARY

Technically, First Night occurs on the last night of the year, but the nonalcoholic family oriented celebration is about looking forward. According Susan Cleary, spokesperson for the city's department of special events, people of all ages have a lot to look forward to at Albany's 16th annual First Night Celebration.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Let's Dance the Night Away," and performances range from traditional Chinese dancing to break dancing.

Those who think Riverdance is the only Irish dance act around should be sure to drop by the Palace Theatre to catch one of 2

headlining performances by the Emmy Award winning Trinity Irish Dance Company, at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Not only are the performance an opportunity to see world renowned dance, but people will also get their first look at the newly restored interior of Albany's historic vaudeville theater.

The celebration will also include dance performances by Shekhina Shatki Dance Collective, Chinese Community Dance Center

Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, Soular Power'd and Kuumba Dance and Drum. While some people are satisfied just watching, there will be

a variety of dance workshops between performances for those who want to participate.

People who prefer to work up a sweat in other ways can register for the Last Run, a 5-kilometer race from State Street up through the

Capital Lights show in Washington Park and back, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Registration is \$20. For information, call 434-5415.

Bluz House Rockers, Jose Gonzalez and Criollo Clasico, Heavenly Echoes, Franklin Micare, Nikki Cleary and Doc Scanlon and the Rhythm Boys are

some of the musical acts slated to perform. The acts cover a variety of music genres, including blues, gospel, jazz, pop and swing.

Throughout the evening, Charles Semowich and Amy Heebner will play the City of Albany carillon, a unique 49 bell instrument located in City Hall.

Some of the more unusual acts to catch are hypnotist Dr. Bengali, card expert Michael "Ace" Russo, psychic Ann Fisher and clairvoyant Tita.

Opening ceremonies, featuring the welcoming remarks of Mayor Jerry Jennings, will begin at 6 p.m. The first display of fireworks will occur at 6:15 p.m. on the lawn of The New York State Capitol Building. Later in the evening, at 11:45 p.m., there will be a conga line down State Street leading to another fireworks display at SUNY plaza at the corner of State and Broadway.

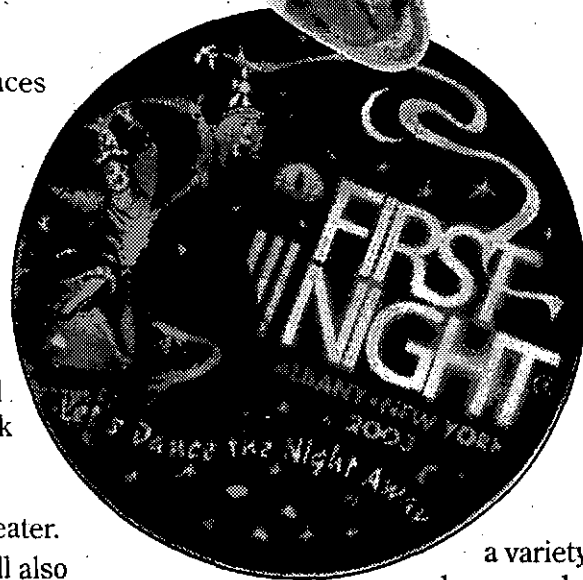
To check out the complete program and locations, log on to

☐ **First Night**

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Clockwise from top, Trinity Irish Dance Company, Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, clown William K. Whiskers and Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys. These are just some of the entertainers who will perform at First Night.



First Night

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www.albanyevents.org or call 434-2032.

For the first time, children will also have their own First Night. Kid's Picks, which includes sing-alongs, dance workshops and games, will last from 3 to 6 p.m. at four downtown locations. Jillian's Billiards will offer a First Night buffet for \$9.95 from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and kids who purchase the buffet will receive a free \$10 game card.

Since First Night is an alcohol free event, Jillian's will suspend its sale of alcohol during Kid's Picks events.

"It's a wonderful gesture of community involvement," Cleary

said of Jillian's accommodation.

Buttons that grant admittance to all First Night activities cost \$12 and are available at most Price Choppers and Stewarts' as well as City Hall, the Albany Visitors Center in Quackenbush Square, Empire State Plaza near the bus turnaround and Ben & Jerry's on Lark Street.

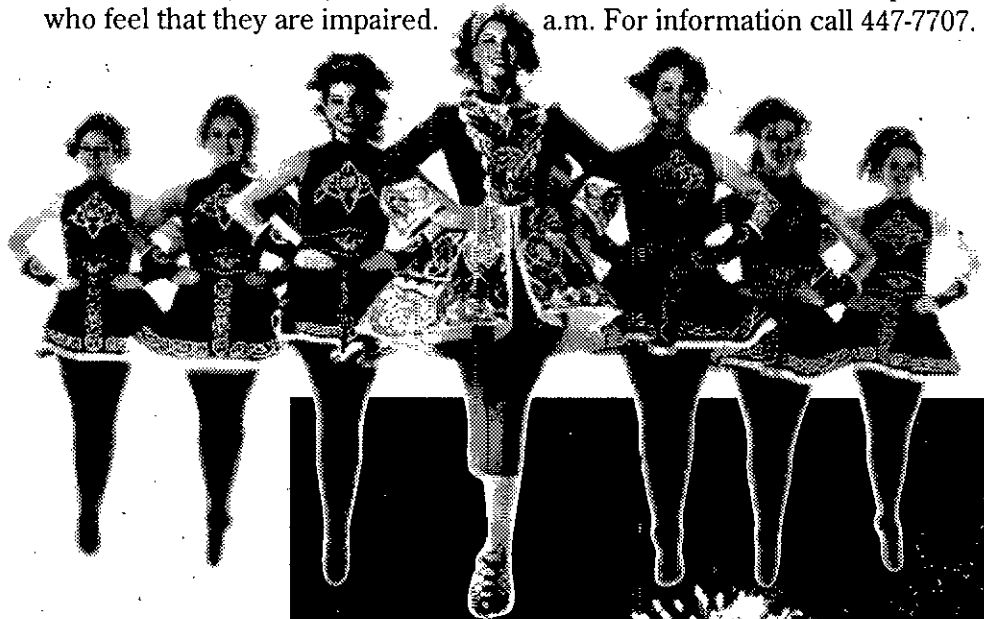
Free parking is available on the street, in state lots under I-78 and on Elk Street.

CDTA will provide free bussing to First Night sites for those with buttons.

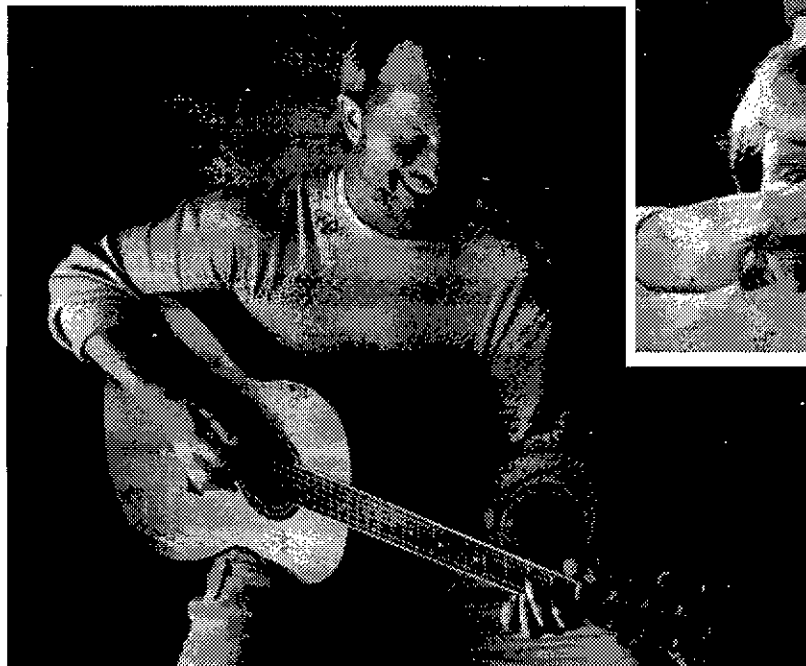
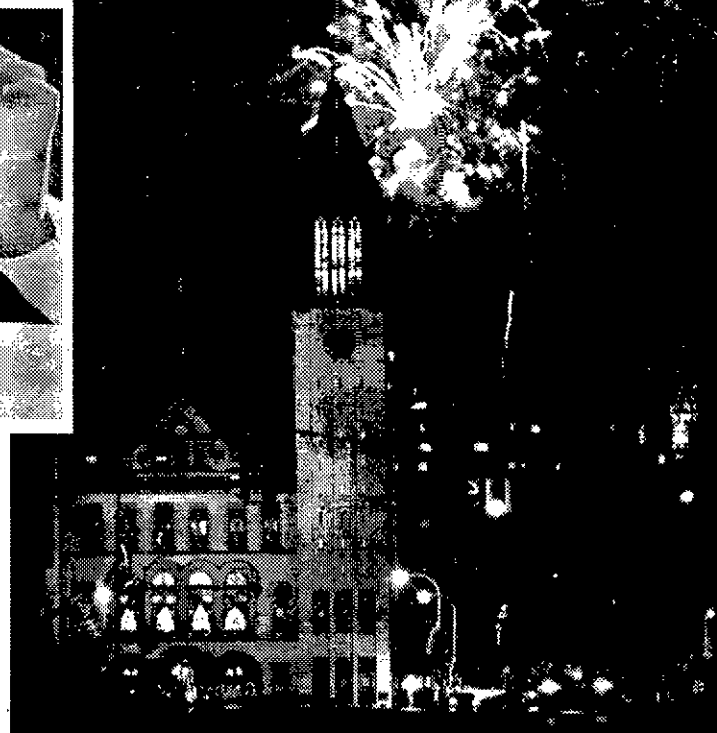
Now in its 20th year, the STOP DWI program will offer free rides

home to Albany County residents who feel that they are impaired.

Rides are available from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. For information call 447-7707.



Clockwise from top, Trinity Irish Dance Company, fireworks above City Hall, kids' entertainer Judy Pancoast and singer songwriter Mark Rust are some of the highlights of First Night this year.



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Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 29, 3 and 8 p.m., \$35 and \$42.50. Information, 346-6204.

GREG RAPOSO

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, Dec. 30, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 371-0012.

PHOEBE LEGERE

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Dec. 31, 9 p.m., \$75 includes dinner and champagne toast. Information, 381-1111.

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The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Jan. 10, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 473-1845.

Family Fun

FIRST NIGHT

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FIRST NIGHT

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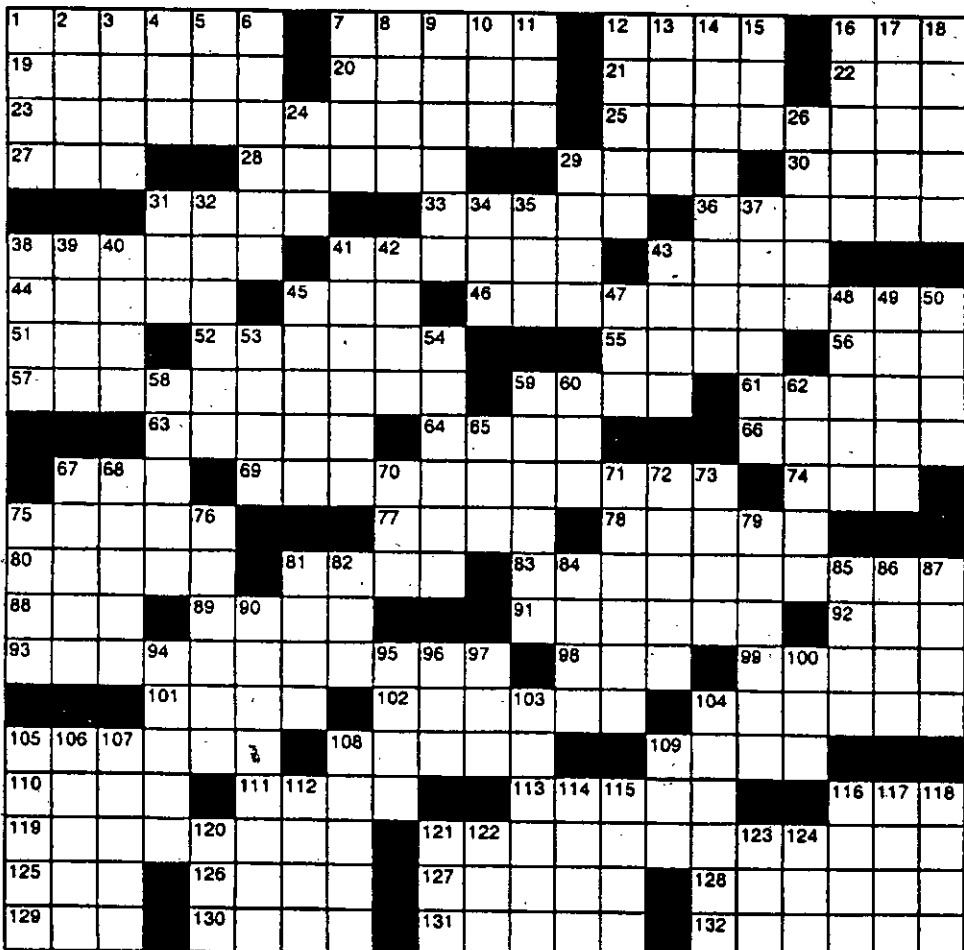
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

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Wed. 12/25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MEETING SCHEDULES

Public Libraries, municipal buildings closed in observance of holiday; check for reopening schedules. See Sunday for church listings; contact about special Christmas Day services.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

15th annual dinner, for town residents, community church members; Bethlehem Senior Services will provide transportation for those over 60. No charge for dinner, but good will offering accepted. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1:30-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

NEW SCOTLAND

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 12/26

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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POETRY GROUP

Every Other Thursday Night Poets move their meeting from Voorheesville Public Library to the home of Elizabeth Partington. 7 p.m.; call library for details, 765-2791.

Fri. 12/27

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

'SCHOOL'S OUT, LIBRARY'S IN'

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Sat. 12/28

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 12/29

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

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. 12/30

BETHLEHEM

VACATION PROGRAM

"Russian Folklore Favorites," video/art-story event. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m. Signup necessary. Information, 765-2791.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

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

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

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

Tues. 12/31

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Year Celebration: For children kindergarten and up and their families; puppet show, stories, dancing, refreshments. Community Room, 11 a.m. Holiday closing: Library to close at 5 p.m., reopen Jan. 2 to resume normal hours. Patrons can access catalog or other on-line services at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Information, 439-9314.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Early closing for New Year's, 1 p.m.; reopening Jan. 2 to resume normal hours. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road. Information, 765-2791.

Wed. 1/1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEETING SCHEDULES

Public Libraries, municipal buildings closed in observance of holiday; check for reopening schedules. Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals cancelled; next meeting Jan. 15. Contact Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, 767-2886; Bethlehem Lions Club, 439-4857; and Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 439-2181, which generally meet first Wednesday of each month, about meeting schedules.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 1/2

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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AA MEETING

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

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YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 1/4

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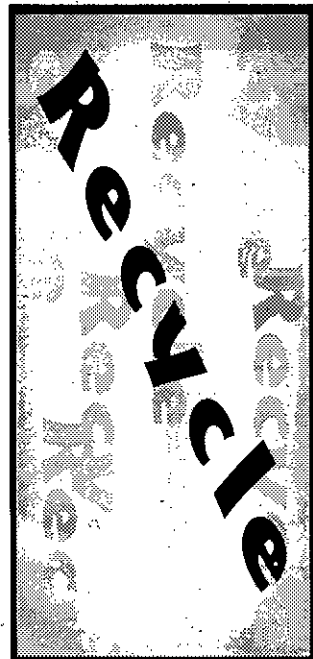
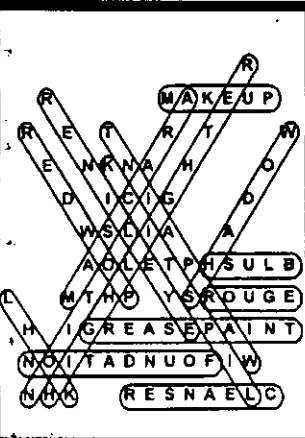
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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section

203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLC") certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Four Corners Luncheonette, LLC.

SECOND: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary is 2 Grove Street, Delmar, New York 12054.

FOURTH: The Company is to be managed by all of its members exclusively in their membership capacity.

FIFTH: The future effective date of the Articles of Organization which does not exceed 60 days from the date of filing is January 1, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed these Articles of Organization and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 9th day of December, 2002.

David Heffley, Member
2 Grove Street
Delmar, New York 12054
LD30002654
(December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of ALAN CLOUGH PRODUCTION SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/13/2002. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 170 West 23rd Street, Suite 4D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD30002615 (December 25, 2002)

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

The name of the professional service limited liability company is THE ANDERSON GROUP, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was July 22, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly, & Gable, P.C., c/o Timothy E. Casserly, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD30002639 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION

The name of the professional service liability company is ANDERSON HOLDINGS, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was November 15, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law LD30002622 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Blue Owl Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/8/02. Office location: Albany county. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Kevin M. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in information technology consulting and any other lawful activity. LD30002644 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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activity. LD30002655 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Chase Merchant Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/26/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/26/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6200 S. Quebec St. Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: credit card processor for merchants. LD30002616 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION

FROM A PARTNERSHIP TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is COLUMBIAWASHINGTON SQUARE, LLC. The Certificate of Conversion of COLUMBIAWASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES (a Partnership) to the LLC filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 29, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LD30002648 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Estherwood LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/02. Office location: Albany county. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC) 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400 Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State. Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Ste. 4 Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002614 (December 25, 2002)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FOUR BROTHERS, LLC Dated: November 27, 2002 Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company ("Company") for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Section 206

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of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York, your attention is directed to the following facts:

1. The name of the Company is Four Brothers, LLC
2. The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 21, 2002.
3. The County in which the office of the Company shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company to the following post office address: Four Brothers LLC, 6211 Johnston Road, Albany, New York 12203.
5. The character of the business of the Company is as follows: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law. LD30002610 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Glass Tapestry Concepts, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/8/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC served upon him/her to: Beth D. Webb, 35 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: To engage in custom glass painting and any other lawful activity. LD30002645 (December 25, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is GRECO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 15, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 801 Smith Blvd., Port of Albany, Albany, New York 12202. LD30002633 (December 25, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ISRAEL REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/25/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 42-12 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, New York 11104. Purpose: For

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any lawful purpose. LD30002612 (December 25, 2002)

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

Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/29/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CA address of LLC: 8105 Irvine Center Dr. Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St. Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: own and operate sports fitness clubs. LD30002616 (December 25, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is MP ADVISORY SERVICE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 8, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 15 Corporate Circle, Albany New York 12203. LD30002628 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a (2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 8th day of January, 2003 at 8:00 am, local time, at the Town Hall Auditorium located at 445 Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, New York in connection with the following matters: New Scotland Road, LLC (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider financing the cost of a project (the "Project") consisting of (A) (1) the acquisition of approximately 13 acres of land (the "Land") and an 80,000 square foot building to be used as commercial, medical and administrative office space (the "Facility") thereon located at 1251 New Scotland Road, town of Bethlehem in Albany County, New York; (2) the reconstruction and renovation (including site work thereof) of the Facility; and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment related thereto (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the financing of all of the costs of the foregoing by the issuance of revenue bonds of the Agency in one or

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more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$7,000,000 (the "Bonds"); (C) the granting of certain other "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854 (14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, sales tax and mortgage recording taxes (collectively with the Bonds, the "Financial Assistance"); and (D) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other persons as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project (B) to finance the Project by issuing from time revenue bonds of the Agency (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$7,000,000. If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, (A) the Project Facility will be subject to a financing agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds issued by the Agency and make certain other payments and (B) the Bonds of the Agency will be special obligations of the Agency payable solely out of the proceeds of the Agreement and certain other assets of the Agency associated with the Project pledged to the repayment of the Bonds. THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON. A copy of the application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. The Agency will at said time and place provide all interested persons reasonable opportunity both orally and in writing to present their views with respect to the Project.

Dated: November 29, 2002
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY
Michael Tucker,
Chairman

LD30002611
(December 25, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is NXIUM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 25, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 445 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. LD30002634 (December 25, 2002)

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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF ROTTERDAM ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, L.P.
UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

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

Shopping Center Development Co. III, LLC
596 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is November 4, 2102. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 4th day of November, 2002 and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. III, LLC
BY: KENNETH B. SEGAL,
Trustee/Member

LCD30002630
(December 25, 2002)

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

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

Shopping Center Development Co. V, Inc.
596 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is December 10, 2102.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 10th day of December, 2002 and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. V, INC
(December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of Sherwin Capital LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/2/02. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 15 Kunker Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD30002641 (December 25, 2002)

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. LL, LLC,

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 1, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110 LCD30002631 (December 25, 2002)

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO. LLL, LLC,

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 4, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York, 12110 LCD30002632 (December 25, 2002)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: T ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 3054 New Williamsburg Drive, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002608 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Spherion Atlantic Resources LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered

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agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002635 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF SPHERION ATLANTIC WORKFORCE

LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service, 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002636 (December 25, 2002)

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SRK ENTERPRISES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of SRK ENTERPRISES, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 6, 2002. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: SRK Enterprises, LLC, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Law Office of Kara Conway Love
450 New Karner Road, Suite
203, Albany, New York 12205-3898
LCD30002629
(December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Stock Transportation LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/30/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/2/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 9011 Mountain Ridge Drive, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78759. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Rm 105, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: school bus transportation services. LD30002606 (December 25, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is THE CROSSING, LLC. The Articles of

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Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 30, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. LCD30002627 (December 25, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of Thor Treatment Technologies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/6/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 720 Park Blvd., Boise, ID 83712. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity LD30002620 (December 25, 2002)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION of TW Flyers, LLC, a Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State and effective on November 4, 2002. The name of the Limited Liability Company is TW Flyers, LLC. The Principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purpose of the company is to do all things to the extent permitted by New York State and federal law. Management of the Limited Liability Company shall be vested only in a manager or managers and shall not be vested, either express or implied, in any member or members of the Limited Liability Company. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this State to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 73 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York 12077, Attention: Manager. LD30002607 (December 25, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishings of Uniforms for the Bethlehem Police Telecommunicator and Animal Control Departments. Bids will be received up to 3:00 pm on the 31st day of December 2002 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids

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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 bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY. The Town board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK
CMC, RMC TOWN CLERK
LD30002652
(December 25, 2002)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF VEHICLE PROTECTION PLUS, L.L.C.

Authority filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 1/30/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 268 Christian Church Rd., Ste. 1, Johnson City, TN 37615, principal office of LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with TN Secy. of State, Corps., Sec., James K. Polk Bldg, Ste 1800, Nashville, TN 37232. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002609 (December 25, 2002)

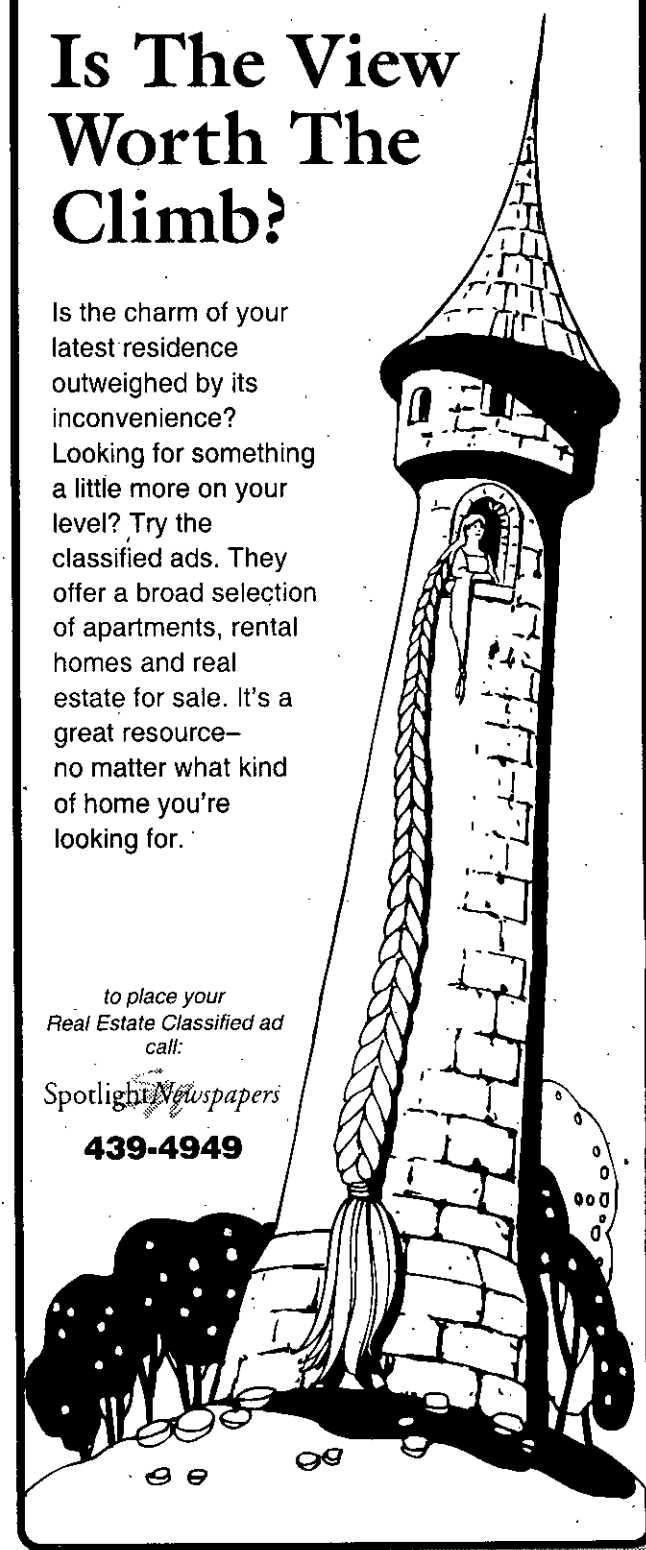
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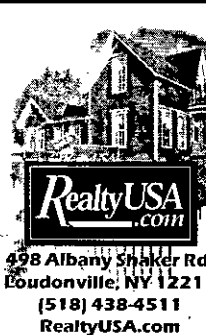
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As the winter season approaches, many of us will get out our cold-weather clothes to protect ourselves from the cold and wet. Your car also needs a winter wardrobe to maintain handling and control on icy or wet roads. The change in seasons affects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

"Winter weather driving is a concern for

everyone," says Mark Richter, Yokohama Tire Corporation performance marketing manager. "Stopping on a wet road can take up to four times the expected braking distance than on a dry road, making rain, sleet and snow treacherous hazards, especially if

your tires aren't matched for the weather."

It is important to check your tire pressure once a month and before any long trips. This includes

checking the spare tire as well. Keep in mind that winter temperatures can cause tires to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) of pressure for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature drop. In any season, check air

pressure when tires are still cold (before you've driven a mile) to make sure that your tire pressure is accurate. As the seasons change,

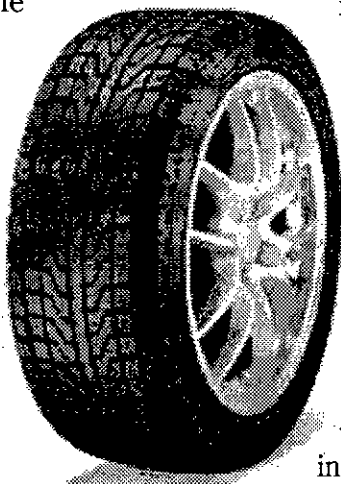
you may need to add air to keep the tire at its optimum pressure.

Some people incorrectly believe reducing tire pressure

can increase traction in snow, ice or mud.

Under inflating tires can severely damage the tire. Instead, choose a well-designed

all-season or snow tire that will resist hydroplaning, improve wet, ice and snow traction and enhance dry road stability.



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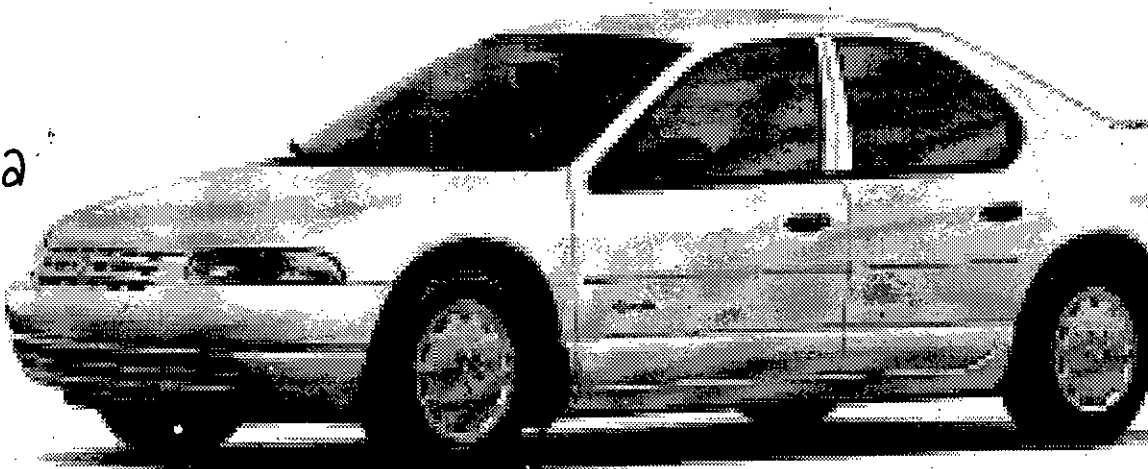
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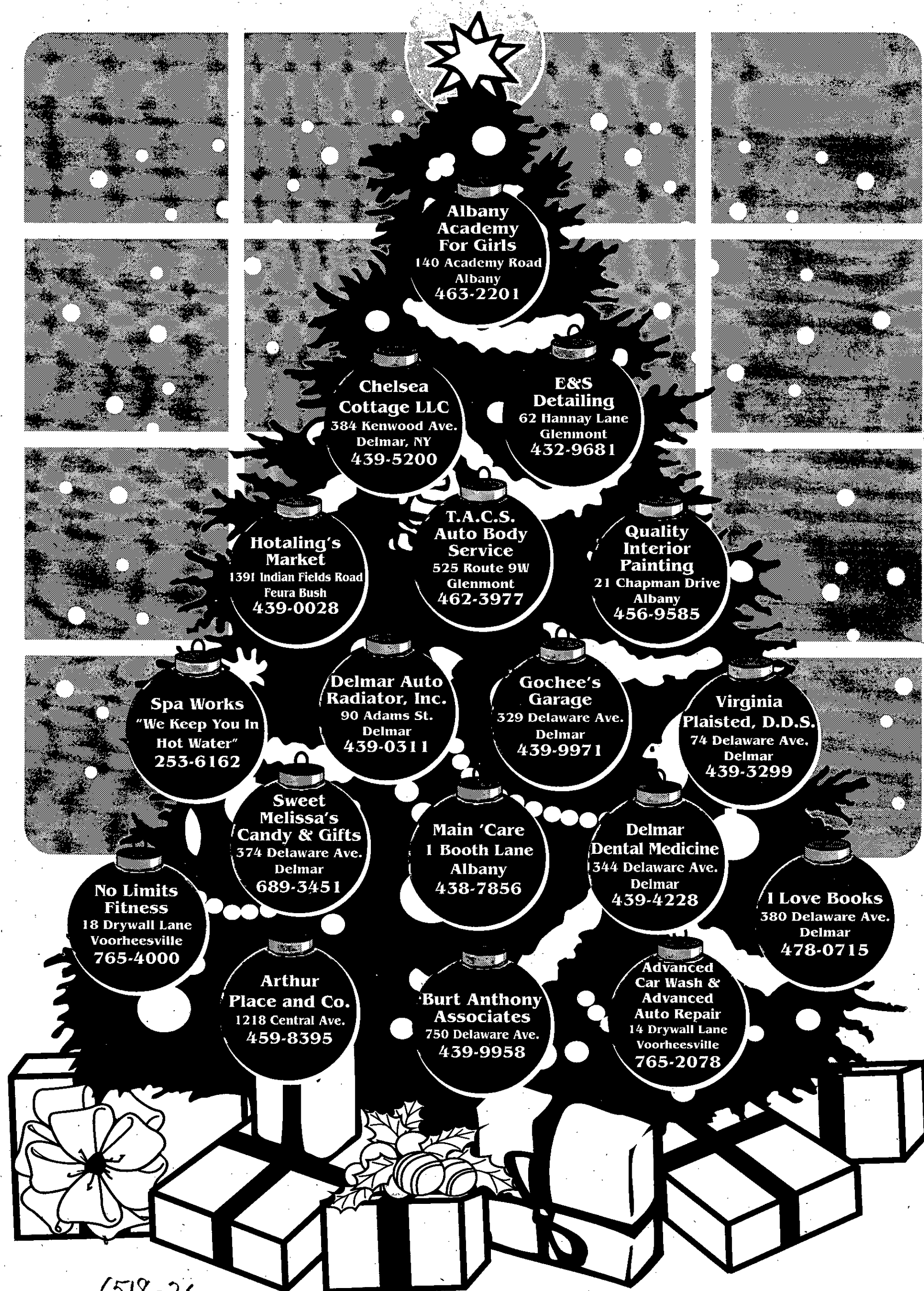
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