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## Snow wrecks more havoc

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two nor'easters in fewer than 10 days each dumped a snowfall for the record books in the Capital District, with Bethlehem and New Scotland at their epicenter — leaving behind a challenge for local highway departments as they face a long winter ahead.

"The snowbanks are getting so high, especially in residential areas, that the plows can't push it up anymore," said Voorheesville public works superintendent Will Smith Monday. "You don't like to see these back-to-back because of having no place left to push the snow. But we had a lot of cooperation from residents and only a few complaints. You pretty much take it all in stride."

A Christmas Day snowfall of, at times, three or four inches per hour was followed by a second storm that began the morning of Friday, Jan. 3 and continued into the evening of Jan. 4 before it ran its course. The two storms each dumped upwards of 20 inches of snow locally, the area's ninth and 10th worst since record-keeping began in the

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Kevin, Doug and Elena Rooney clear their driveway on New Scotland Road last Saturday.

Jim Franco

## State rules truck traffic is legal

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Christmas Eve decision by the state Department of Transportation has invalidated Bethlehem's law banning car-carrier truck traffic from a residential stretch of road — eight days after it was adopted by the town board.

Officials at DOT's Region One headquarters in Albany granted a Sept. 25 petition by Callanan Industries, the South Bethlehem construction materials firm, seeking to have a stretch of road between the Delmar bypass and the Albany city line declared a designated access route for "special dimension vehicles."

So designated are county Route 52 — Elm and Cherry avenues — from the Delmar bypass to Kenwood Avenue; Route 140 — the Cherry Avenue Extension — between Kenwood and New Scotland Road; and Route 85 — New Scotland Road and the Slingerlands Bypass — from Cherry Extension to the I-90 overpass at the city-town line.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller confirmed last week that, on advice of Town Attorney Robert Alessi, the town will let the designation stand. "We will not be appealing," she said. "The federal law on designated highway access supersedes (our law)."

News of the DOT action came in a letter dated Dec. 24 from regional traffic engineer William Logan to attorneys at Couch White of Albany, representing Callanan. Copies were also sent to Albany County Commissioner of Public Works

George Nealon and to Fuller, as well as all police agencies that patrol the corridor. Fuller said that notice was received at her office on Dec. 27, but she did not see it until Dec. 30.

According to DOT traffic engineer Reid Sholtes, "special dimension vehicles" include "any truck longer than what's allowed in the vehicle and traffic law." That includes tandem trailers, tractor-trailers of 53 feet and over and auto carriers, including conventional and stinger-steered carriers. The determination applies to all such vehicles, not just those operated by petitioner Callanan.

Granting designated access status to the road effectively invalidates the local law adopted on Dec. 16 by the town board to restrict car-carrier traffic passing through Cherry and Elm avenues between Kenwood Avenue and the Delmar bypass. That law resulted from a petition from residents seeking such restrictions — citing concerns that Albany County's reconstruction of Route 52, scheduled for this year, would worsen existing traffic conditions.

The primary target of the petition

drive and the law: car-carriers traveling from the Selkirk rail yards to Thruway Exit 24, and points west and north, via the Elm-Cherry-Route 85 shortcut.

Callanan's action, prompted by public debate over the proposed local law, triggered a 90-day period during which, under federal Highway Administration regulations, DOT was required to identify a "quantifiable safety hazard" in the specified stretch of road, such as inadequate highway geometry, lanes less than 10 feet in width or a significant history of accidents or "off-tracking" (drifting outside marked bounds of a road) by large trucks — or DOT must automatically grant the request.

In August, DOT reported on a study of truck traffic on the town roads that suggested truck traffic on Route 52 was not excessive. In a second report, compiled for the town board in August, Deputy Police Chief Lou Corsi reported no significant accident history for large trucks on the Elm-Cherry stretch. Without any evidence

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## Delmar girls go to DC

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

As the rest of the nation voted, then watched election returns and considered what the results will mean for our country, two Bethlehem Central High School juniors were in Washington, D.C., trying on democratic procedures with 400 other high school students from around the country.

During the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) that took place from Nov. 5 through 10, Jessica Schoen and Jessie Brown participated in simulated press conferences, Supreme Court trials and a congressional session. Brown's guidance counselor nominated her to participate in the NYLC; Schoen's global studies teacher nominated her. While both described themselves more

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# Bethlehem police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested two individuals last week and charged them with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Timothy Joseph O'Hanlon, 43, of 30 McKinley Drive, Delmar, was stopped by Officer James Rexford on Delaware Avenue in Delmar shortly after 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29, and cited for speeding and for failure to keep right.

After field sobriety tests, he was also charged with DWI. O'Hanlon is due in Town Court on Jan. 14.

Rexford also arrested James Steven Mayotte, 32, of Saratoga Street, Cohoes, shortly before 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1, after spotting him on Feura Bush making an illegal U-turn.

Mayotte was also cited for

crossing hazard markings.

After presenting an expired license, police said Mayotte was also charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

He was charged with DWI after submitting to field sobriety tests. Mayotte refused to submit to a chemical test.

He is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Jan. 21.

# Lend a hand



Ross Hendrick, a Bethlehem Highway Department worker shovels snow to clear a hydrant. The town has more than 1,600 fire hydrants — and many are still buried in snow banks. If you can clear snow from a fire hydrant near your home please dig in.

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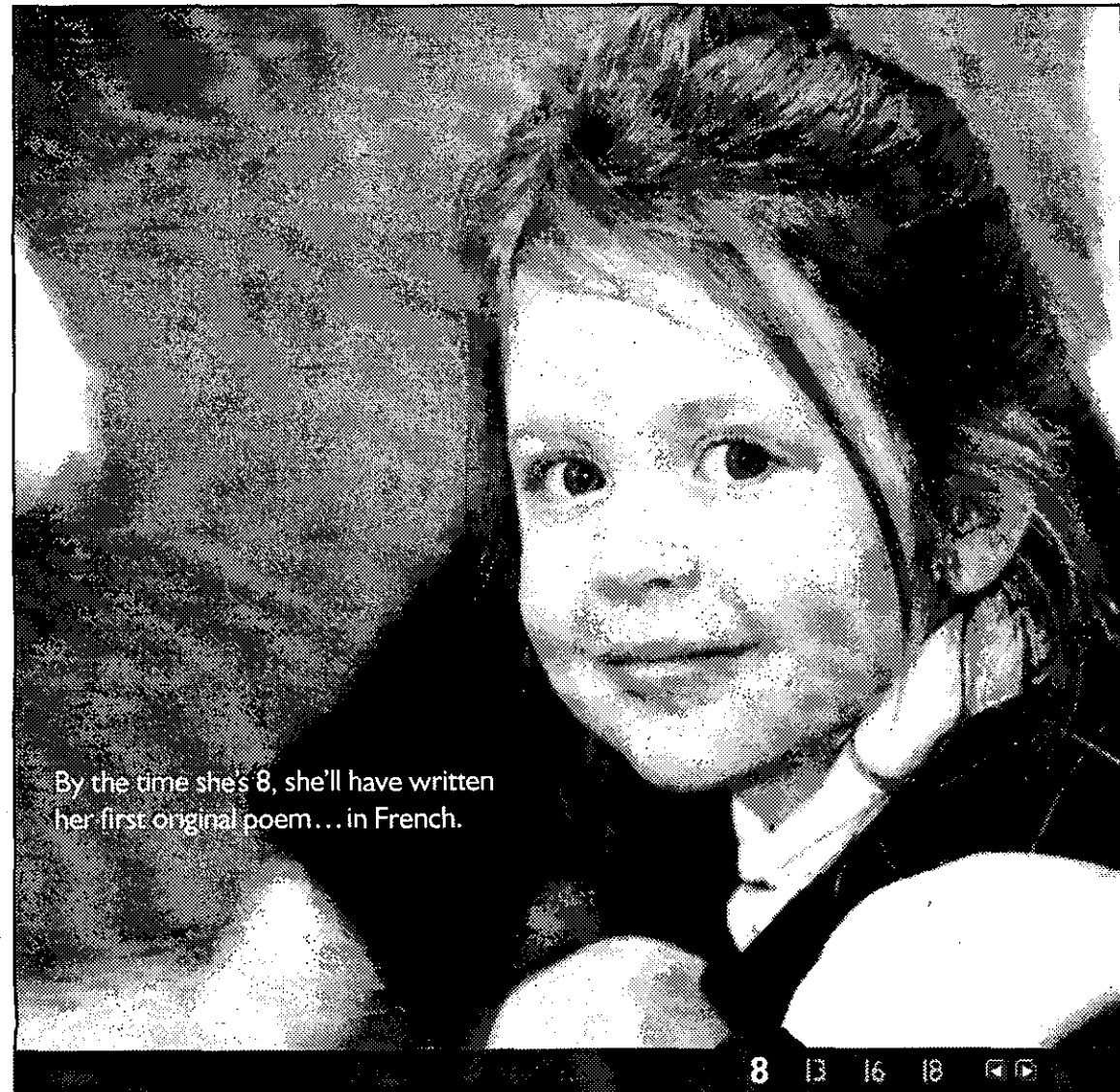
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Andrew Feffer, associate professor of history at Union College, will present "Martin Luther King's Legacy: The Struggle for Economic Justice."

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# Hamagrael educator returns from sabbatical

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Is there a special way for students to visit a museum? According to Hamagrael Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Barbara Cox, there is.

"I spent a five-month sabbatical developing the format for museum educators and secondary school teachers, to make each student visit very valuable as a learning experience," Cox said.

"Cox was with us at the Schenectady Museum for her sabbatical," said Cathy Eliseo,

"Immigration is a big fourth-grade social studies topic," said Cox. "One idea in my new format is to have a student scavenger hunt in an exhibit. Before leaving the classroom for a museum visit we suggest assigning artifacts to look for, to draw, and to write a description as to how the artifact had been used."

Another post-visit assignment, Cox said, would be to write an essay about what students would bring to a new country, if they could only bring one thing. Many of her fourth-graders selected their computers.

***I found museum teachers, who guide student groups, to be very knowledgeable about their material, but they are not educators.***

Barbara Cox

The artifacts on display in the immigration section of the museum often had a religious connotation, such as a family Bible, statues

school and group programs manager. "The museum hosts 18,000 to 20,000 local students a year for educational visits." The museum is on Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady.

Cox embarked on the sabbatical with 19 years teaching experience, all in the Bethlehem Central School District, a master's degree from Russell Sage in reading, a bachelor's from Siena College, plus New York state certification in secondary education. She is also an active member of the New York State Council for Social Studies, a professional association of teachers and supervisors from elementary through college and university levels.

"I found museum teachers, who guide student groups, to be very knowledgeable about their material, but they are not educators," Cox said. She was able to combine their knowledge with educational processes to make museum visits more meaningful.

and crosses. Family heirlooms were also included.

In addition to a "Teachers Guide for Visiting a Museum," Cox's material included an outline for brochures the museum could send to teachers who had scheduled a class visit.

In the initial contact with museum personnel, the teacher would describe what curriculum the class was studying and at what grade level. Well before the visit, the museum would provide brochures to teachers describing exhibits and artifacts in the exhibit which were closely aligned with the class's curriculum.

This approach gives teachers time to develop assignments to insure students are attentive to the material and presentations on the day of their actual museum visit.

Eliseo said that Cox' sabbatical was an incredibly invaluable learning experience for the museum and will soon be developed into printed brochures.

# Selkirk man dies in car after heart attack

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Selkirk man died Sunday, Dec. 29 from a heart attack suffered behind the wheel of his car in front of his home at 6B Barry Court.

Bethlehem police and emergency rescue personnel from

Bethlehem Ambulance responded shortly after 2 p.m. to a report of a man slumped over the wheel of a car with its engine running in the roadway, and found Charles L. Ginnett, 88, unconscious. Efforts to revive him failed, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Albany County coroner William Loetterle also responded and an autopsy performed under his authority determined the cause of death to have been a heart attack.

There were no witnesses to the incident at the time of death, but a relative contacted by police said he had complained of back pain shortly before he was last seen alive, at about 1 p.m. that day.

Police have ruled the unattended death not suspicious.

# Shoe-in



Harm and Marietta Velvis get some exercise at Five Rivers last Sunday.

Jim Franco

# DOT sets hearing on S'land bypass

**Study includes seven potential designs**

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Bethlehem town hall as the long-awaited Slingerlands bypass inches closer to fruition.

The latest target date for getting under way with the first phase of the almost two decades old proposal, according to project manager Rob Cherry: late fall of 2005.

The hearing will focus on the Draft Design Report prepared by the Region One Design Group of DOT in consultation with Creighton Manning Engineering and Clough Harbour Associates. It focuses on a stretch of Route 85, from the Thruway overpass at the Albany city line to Cherry Avenue Extension near Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands.

Phase I of the project focuses on a proposed design solution to the last half mile of that route, relieving traffic congestion on New Scotland Road between Maher Road and Cherry Avenue Extension. It also includes widening the stretch between Maher and Blessing roads to four lanes.

Seven different design alternatives — in addition to two other options, one that would rehab the existing road configuration and another, to do nothing at all — were on the table at DOT's last public presentation of the project more than two years ago. All seven will be presented for discussion at the January hearing, Cherry said.

"One design alternative, which we call 3-F, is our preferred alternative," Cherry said. "But the little caveat that goes along with that is that all of the other feasible alternatives are still on the table,

and a final determination of the preferred alternative will not be made until after the public has had its say. But 3-F is the one that best meets the needs and serves the purposes identified for this project."

The goal of Phase I, he said, is to widen the existing roadway from two lanes to four to ease heavy commuter traffic from I-90 to the southern suburbs, while minimizing the impacts on exiting businesses and residences along New Scotland Road.

Four of the proposed alternatives, including 3-F, would extend Route 85 from a point near Maher Road — where the current roadway takes a sharp curve around the former Blue Cross building to hook up with New Scotland Road — and loop behind Price Chopper Plaza, connecting with LaGrange Road near the intersection with the extension.

Three other alternatives — one to reconstruct the existing alignment as a four-lane road, one to divert 85 to a point northeast of the intersection, and the most radical, to join 85 with the extension at a point almost as far southeast as McCormack Road — are deemed the least feasible by DOT, Cherry said, because they would require many eminent-domain takings of existing residential and business.

Of the four behind the plaza alternatives, 3-F, Cherry said, presents the fewest issues of terrain and wetland impact — and would require no acquisition of existing homes to accomplish. And its configuration best achieves the goal of a mid-speed transition alignment between the high speed Route 85 and the residential character of Delmar beyond the Cherry Avenue Extension.

"One of the primary things in its favor is that due to its geometrics, it helps to diminish the speed of motorists coming off 85 as they enter into the town of Bethlehem," Cherry said. "That's

one of the main things that the town has emphasized as we've gone through the design process."

What has taken two years to get the Draft Design Report to the point of a public hearing? "Before this document was available for public review, it had to go through considerable administrative review," Cherry said, particularly from DOT's own environmental analysis bureau and the Federal Highway Administration, which will underwrite the bulk of the project's \$20 million-plus cost.

"Each of those groups had a number of comments and concerns," he said. "Noise mitigation was a particular concern." The design report includes an Environmental Impact Statement outlining DOT's plans for mitigation, subject to comment at the public hearing or in writing by Feb. 18.

Representatives of the Region One design team, Creighton Manning, Clough Harbour, and DOT's Real Estate Office, which will oversee land acquisitions for the project will be at the hearing.

Detailed design drawings of the seven reconstruction alternatives will be available for inspection an hour before the 7 p.m. public presentation. In the event of inclement weather, the hearing will be postponed to Jan. 29.

Copies of the draft report are available at public libraries in Bethlehem, Guilderland and Albany, at Albany City Hall and at the Bethlehem town clerk's office — and can also be obtained from DOT.

"It will take almost two years to finish things up and to complete the property acquisition process," Cherry said.

No timetable has yet been established for Phase II — reconstruction of the two lanes between Blessing Road and the Thruway overpass as a four-lane road.

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# Snow is a reminder of nature's power and bounty

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Our backs may ache from shoveling, we may feel like we live in Buffalo this winter, and those who've lost power in the recent storms surely have cause for complaint.

Stop and look, though, at the white stuff filling our yards, making white shadows on dark tree branches and luring children from their indoor winter lairs to play outside well past weekend darkness.

It is beautiful, and long past the days when it has melded in our adult brains with many other backbreaking winters, this will be the defining winter for our children. They will insist there were many just like it when, as adults, their children ask them if their Christmases were always white.

Their responses will be like Dylan Thomas' description of "eternal snow" in his captivating poem, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*: "I can never remember if it snowed for six days and six nights when I was 12, or for 12 days and 12 nights when I was 6."

Growing up in Burlington, Vt., there were hours on end that we neighborhood kids would ride

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our sleds down Howard Street's snowy sidewalks, impatiently tolerating admonitions from hardy senior citizens heading for the corner store about the dangers to pedestrians of a fleet of Flexible Flyers in full forward mode. Maybe there was only one winter that I slid down our street, but I would tell you I did it every winter between the ages of 6 and 16, when I dodged younger, sledding kids on my way to work at that corner store.

I live now on a flat street falsely named for a high piece of land, but this winter, there actually are ridges on Ridge Road. The kids on the street may not be hurtling down a whole block of hilly snow, but they are taking their tubes and making the best of the mountains that plows, snow blowers and shovels have made for them.

Looking up the street from the corner reminds me of another

hometown street before Dutch Elm disease, when the enormous elms arched overhead. The snow that fell all winter, every winter, bent the branches close together, making Caroline Street a darkened tunnel on our early morning walks to school. Light still mixes with the snow on our street, where the snow-covered branches of maple trees intertwine in a black-and-white latticework that rises—thankfully—just above the power lines up through the snow that never seems to want to stop falling.

There is more beauty than meets the eye in this snow-covered idyll, for in our town that had a limited water supply all last year, this winter's 60-plus inches of snow means water in the reservoir come spring. Conversations about snow in this town cover three main points: whether or not we own a snow blower; what a pain in the neck school closings, delays or early dismissals are; and whether the town will lift the water ban next spring. I hope they don't.

Perhaps this winter's white abundance is our reward for conserving such a valuable resource last summer, and we shouldn't take it for granted. Sure, a lush, green lawn is a thing of beauty, but not if it means depleting our stores of water. Every-other-day watering for a few hours can sustain a garden, or a lawn, but if we run out this reserve next summer, where are we then?

Water might be the easiest way for this generation of boomer consumers to save one resource. How many of us who oppose opening up the Alaska National

Wildlife Refuge drive gas-guzzling SUVs or have lawn sprinklers that run continuously in the summer?

For all of Howard Street's winter beauty in my childhood, lush lawns weren't one of our summer treats. Burlington is a smaller Albany, and we rode bikes in the road or headed for the neighborhood park to play. Our neighbor's yard was permanently carved into a baseball diamond, its cherry tree an incongruous infield spectator's box, providing the perfect vantage point for the home-run slides that guaranteed just enough grass for a pitcher's mound. When it rained, we made mud pies, and our front lawns turned green again.

In my adult life, I lived for a long time in Manhattan, where green grass was such a rarity it was usually behind a chain, and our children knew not to walk on it. It took more than one Vermont visit to get them to actually leave the sidewalk and walk on Grandma's grass.

Leaving there, I knew that the greatest blessing of upstate life would be a house with a yard. We keep it as nice as we can, but you can still see where the new pipe was laid between the sidewalk and the house, and the dog has walked a path from the house to the side of the backyard, where she can bark at every passerby and child playing in our road.

We chose our town and neighborhood because it feels like the sort of town everyone grew up in. The streets wind in and out, and connect back and forth to each other so that there's always another way to go to get there just a little more quickly.

Houses of differing value sit next to or in close proximity to each other, and once upon a time, somebody clearly planted two trees in front of every house on our street. There's a center of town, and stores and schools in walking distance.

Our community, along with the entire Capital District, is poised for change. The secret's out: we're just miles in all directions from mountains, lakes and farm valleys. Albany, with the Pepsi Arena and the recently refurbished Palace Theatre, has created an entertainment district to complement the Capitol and state offices — and enhance the area's reputation as a great one for the arts.

This coming growth will be a good thing — it will bring new people and new ideas into the area, and for those of us already here, new jobs and new opportunities. As our communities expand, let's try and keep some of the old.

My New Year's wish is that all new developments be connected to existing neighborhoods, with roads that lead to more than home. I hope there are pocket parks, so kids can get to know each other. Maybe there will still be corner stores (like Stewart's), so that senior citizens can walk out for a paper, a cup of coffee, or a quart of milk. I hope that trees get planted near the roads, so that in all the snowy winters yet to come our children can feel enchanted by the branches of snow overhead, and tell their own children someday that they lived in the best neighborhood in the world.


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The focus of the slide show will be HIV/AIDS education in rural Ghana, a country Cornelius describes as "a lush environment with hospitable people and enough yams to sink an aircraft carrier."

Cornelius spent 26 months in Ghana working on activities ranging from fund-raising for the construction of a water pump to coordinating a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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# Committee: Go slow on water district extension

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An advisory committee created by Voorheesville's board of trustees has recommended a go-slow approach to extending the village water district beyond the village limits.

That recommendation came in a report presented to the trustees on Dec. 17 — and is likely to be topic A of their next meeting on Jan. 28.

The status of the water district — and particularly, of the proposal to build a half-million-gallon storage tank in New Scotland and new water mains to connect it with the rest of the district — was one of several infrastructure issues discussed by the trustees in December. But the committee's recommendations, received by Mayor Jack Stevens and distributed to the board were tabled until January.

The five-member water committee, chaired by former trustee Kevin Garrity, was charged with evaluating existing regulations, recommending guidelines for considering the applications of new users, and reviewing the fee structure of the water district.

The committee was created by the trustees in response to a rising number of requests from developers on the periphery of the village for access to the system — including the owners of Colonie Country Club on Route 85A, who have proposed a new residential development on the club grounds, and several

landowners on the northwest corner of the village. That demand was prompted in part by the proposed new storage tank, which could increase the system's reserve capacity by 50 percent.

After a review of the water district's existing infrastructure and the planned improvements, the report stated, "The Committee concluded that while there may be opportunity for financial and political gain by extending the water resource to outside users on a more liberal basis, the first and most important priority remains maintaining the integrity of the system for the current and future users inside the limits of the Village of Voorheesville."

Noting that there are between 125 and 150 existing undeveloped building lots within the village, the committee recommended limiting future access to the district to properties within the village; those outside the village previously granted user status; improved properties outside the village adjacent to existing transmission lines or new lines at the time of construction; or any property deemed by the village board to serve "the interests of the Water System and its users."

"The committee could not agree on consistent criteria for the granting of an exception without creating precedent for future exceptions," the report stated. The committee also recommended structuring future rates to encourage conservation

but continuing to "zero-base" the rate structure — basing it solely on system costs and the funding of necessary reserves. It called for establishing more district-to-district inter-connects with neighboring systems, a continued search for additional well sites within the district and a systematic upgrade of the metering system.

As for the tank proposal, Stevens discussed the presentation of the site plan at a Dec. 3 public hearing before the town planning board. The proposal includes installation of new 8-inch mains along Route 85A, replacing current 4-inch mains along part of that route. Stevens said that during construction of the new mains, the village intended to offer connections to that main to homeowners along the existing right of way.

Town engineering consultant Mark Dempf suggested that such additions might require creation of a new water district outside village bounds. That prospect is still in discussion with the DEC and the town of New Scotland, Stevens said, but added, "We don't want to walk into something (where) it's our tank, our line, but they dictate to us with their district."

Several business owners attended the meeting to express concern about the county Highway Department's plans for sidewalk improvements on Main and Voorheesville avenues. Those plans called for installing 5-foot

sidewalks on both sides of South Main, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. But the narrowness of the road would require eliminating on-street parking if both sidewalks are installed at the new width.

In a letter to the board, Cindy Crouse, proprietor of Redefined Designs, said, "I strongly believe that the problems created by eliminating on-street parking overshadow the good of this proposal." Fellow businessman Peter Luczack concurred, saying eliminating village parking "reflects a lack of awareness of the needs of small business."

Stevens reported his discussions with engineer Jeff Pangburn of Creighton Manning, overseeing the county proposal, about eliminating the sidewalks on one side of South Main to

preserve parking there. County and village officials, he said, had been "unaware of this problem. Now we are."

The board adopted an "improvement agreement" with the state Department of Transportation to install sidewalks along Prospect Street — and to fund the village's \$37,000 share of the \$180,000 project.

The board also adopted Local Law No. 4, which amends provisions for public notice of hearings before the various village bodies. The new procedure requires the applicant to assist the village clerk in identifying property owners for notification — but leaves determination of an appropriate radius of notice to the clerk, consulting with the mayor and code enforcement officer.

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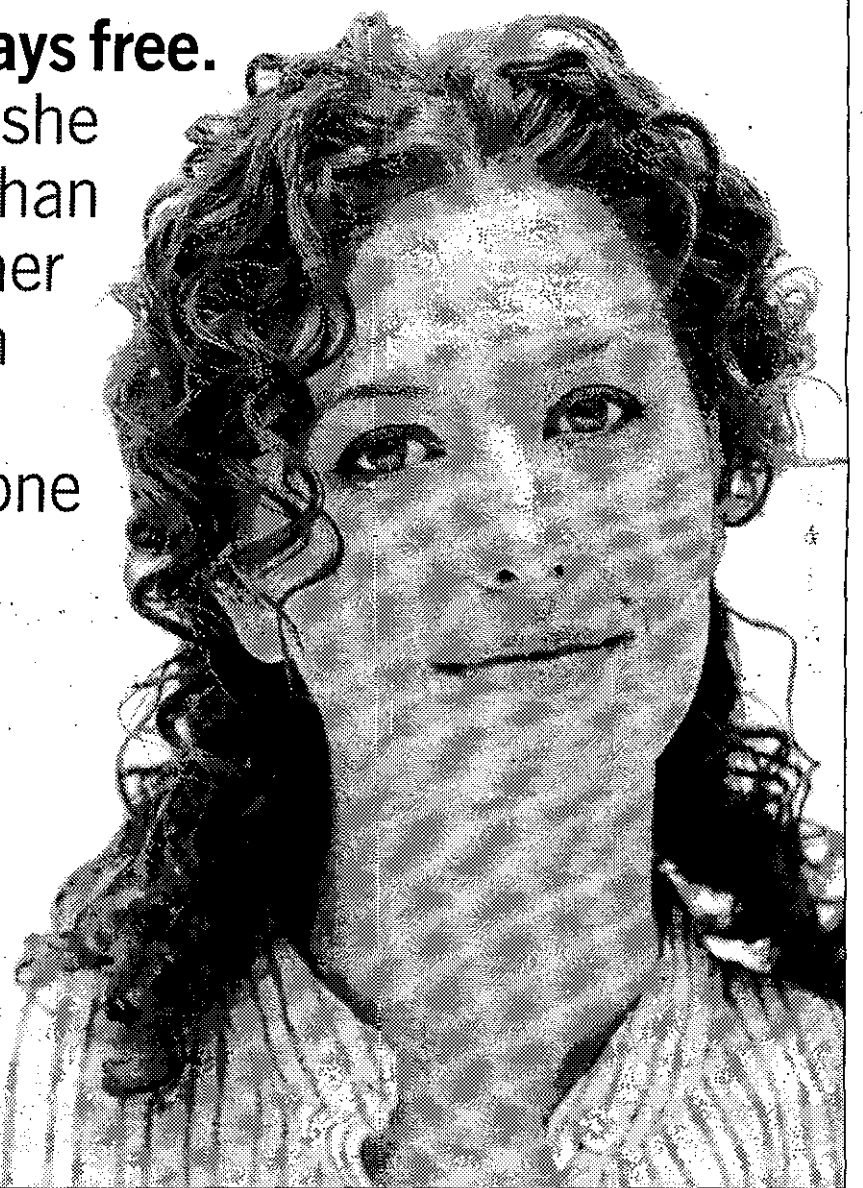
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# Matters of Opinion

## White wonders

It sure is pretty outside lately, with the snow from our second big storm of the season frosting trees and creating beautiful vistas in winter white. Even the towering parking lot snow piles are still mostly white.

But there's more to big snowstorms than beauty. The Christmas storm and last Saturday's marathon, along with the New Year's Day freezing rain/snow event, was a major test of one of the basic government services around here — keeping the roads and streets clear of snow and ice.

### Editorials

While things were much better in the suburbs, where far fewer cars are parked on the streets than in the cities, town highway departments still have plenty of work to do — getting the major roads cleaned first, then moving to the residential streets.

Working around the clock, the town crews generally performed well and helped make two Top-10-ever snowstorms in 10 days bearable. Within 12 hours of the snow stopping falling, the main roads were mostly clear and most streets had seen at least one pass by a plow, allowing people to get out.

But dealing with these storms was not just a matter of civil servants doing their jobs.

The storms brought out the spirit of neighborhood cooperation, so often derided by social critics of the suburbs. People helped each other shovel out and took care of senior citizens in the neighborhood who were unable to clear their own walks and driveways.

People were also helping to dig out fire hydrants so that firefighters wouldn't have to do so themselves, wasting precious minutes, in the event of a fire.

More still needs to be done, even four days after the storm. Some commercial parking lots are still a mess, which can only discourage customers from patronizing businesses during what was already a pretty slow week.

Another problem is visibility — the big piles of snow at the curb make it hard for drivers pulling out on to a road or street to see if the way is clear.

As a result, people inch out into the roadway to see if traffic is coming, and some even pull out without looking carefully.

Town building codes generally restrict the height of fences or hedges that would interfere with motorists' line of sight. These snow piles are far higher, and more dangerous, than any homeowner's roadside shrubbery.

Town highway crews and local business owners have one final snowstorm chore left — to remove enough snow from roadside piles so that drivers in cars, not just SUVs, can have a clear view of oncoming traffic.



## Dolls are gifts that keep on giving

By MARY ARMAO McCARTHY

The writer is a Loudonville resident.

Each December, the doll displays beckon to me.

It started about a dozen years ago at Macy's. I stood transfixed for the better part of an hour, studying old-fashioned ladies in pantaloons and modern girls in Rollerblades. Rich colors brightened one outfit, pastel shades calmed another. Ruffles exploded in lacy froth from sleeves and hems.

Some dolls, apparently heading out on a brisk day, wore muffs and boots and lavishly trimmed coats. There were accessories to enchant the child in every woman. One doll pushed a tiny baby in a miniature perambulator. Another had her own fluffy puppy.

### Point of View

I studied the price tags, too. Not too high. I bought a serene lady dressed in white. And I did not give her away. She was my gift alone. I have enjoyed her on my dresser for many years now. And every December since, I have treated myself to that delightful hour of choosing a doll.

The dolls bring a sweet satisfaction. Perhaps they evoke the childhood excitement of receiving my treasured walking doll. Or it may be that they renew the pleasure my sister and I had as teenagers refurbishing an antique doll for my friend, Theresa.

Theresa's doll was balding yet beautiful. We fit her with a new

hairdo and made her a dress in pink check and cotton lace. Tiny phonograph cylinders in the doll's back let her recite nursery rhymes through newly rosy lips.

Years later, when my own daughter was born, Theresa's gift to her was that doll.

Each year since my impulsive moment at Macy's, another doll has made a joyful entrance. There have been porcelain dolls, wooden dolls, homespun dolls. A festival of nations. Sometimes I'm in a department store, other times at a craft fair. I ponder and scrutinize and enjoy making my purchase.

The dolls are my gifts, but for many years in a different way. Rather than joining my small display at home, they instead join other playthings in the collection barrel for Toys for Tots.

## St. Thomas PTO says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Thursday, Dec. 19, St. Thomas School held a Christmas concert followed by an old-fashioned Christmas party open to our community.

On behalf of the PTO of our school, we would like to thank the following businesses in town for their very generous donations toward this exciting event: The Floral Garden, Hannaford, Hewitt's Garden Center, McDonald's, Price Chopper

and Verstandig's.

These local businesses should be commended for "giving back" to the community.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Reader has background 'Lost year' editorial was offensive on Schoharie history

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with great interest the articles about Schoharie by Bill Fonda and William Zimmer and would like to offer some more information regarding this historic county of New York state.

In the very most southern part of Schoharie, in the town of Gilboa, there is an ancient cemetery on Bailey Road just off Route 23 south. Within this Brewster cemetery lies the family tomb of Judge John Brewster.

Judge Brewster was a seventh generation direct descendant of the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrim, the Elder William Brewster. He was born on April 10, 1767, at Norwich, Conn., raised on a 500-acre farm with a two-story home built with bricks imported from England, that his father purchased from then Gov. Chittenden in 1778. He married Rhoda Everest on April 5, 1789, and moved to Blenheim, Schoharie County, shortly thereafter.

They were among the very first settlers, and to John Brewster went the honor of erecting the first frame building and first gristmill. He also built the first area sawmill and in 1819 he was appointed an associate judge.

Their six children were all born in Blenheim and all of their children and grandchildren were laid to rest in the family tomb that is contained behind a most amazing bronze vault door. The door is 7 feet high, 3 feet wide and was embossed with lettering as follows: "IN MEMORY OF JOHN BREWSTER BORN 1767 DIED 1834 AND HIS WIFE RHODA EVEREST BORN 1793 DIED 1851 WHO WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN LIE HERE — JOHN BREWSTER WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS IN THIS PART OF SCHOHARIE COUNTY AND THE HONOR OF ERECTING THE FIRST FRAME BUILDING BELONGS TO HIM — HE ALSO ERECTED THE FIRST GRIST AND SAWMILLS IN THIS PLACE — IN 1819 HE WAS APPOINTED AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THIS COUNTY — HE WAS A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF THE ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER WHO

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I was appalled by your Christmas Day issue editorial, "A lost year." Your shocking ignorance of the intricacies involved in our country's war on terrorism and your cavalier dismissal of the progress that has already been made by President George Bush and his able administration to rid the world of

Osama Bin Laden and the al-Qaeda menace is inexcusable.

I am by no means a military expert, but I certainly know that "finding and killing a few hundred (and where did you get that figure)? Islamic fanatics in the mountains of Afghanistan and Pakistan" does not constitute a walk in the park. Most people knew this as early as the day after 9/11/01. Why didn't you?

All of us in America should thank God each day of our lives that he has seen fit to bless us with a president who looks upward for his guidance and not to the polls, who has surrounded himself with capable people and who maintains a firm, unwavering, patient hand on the tiller.

Alan C. Hoffman  
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## Siena Looks to Capture Two Wins This Friday Night

Jansone and Jordan look to duplicate strong tournament performances

This Friday night both the Siena women and men will be in action at Pepsi Arena. The women open the evening at 6:00pm versus Manhattan, while the men take on Iona at 8:00pm.

### Fast Start Again

The women are off to another fast start this season, due in part to the strong efforts of junior center Liene Jansone. Jansone was named MAAC Player of the Week for the week ending December 29, following a pair of strong performances that helped the Saints capture the Hawk Classic Championship. Jansone led Siena through two games in points and rebounds (30 points, 23 rebounds), recording her fourth-straight double-double (13 points, 14 rebounds) in a 54-41 victory over host team Saint Joseph's to capture the Championship. A similar effort from Jansone can help Gina Castelli's Saints this Friday versus MAAC rival Manhattan.

Antoine Jordan

Liene Jansone

### Freshman Contributes

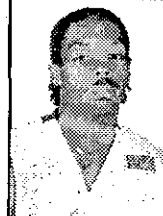
One of the bright spots for Rob Lanier's Saints has been freshman guard Antoine "Scoop" Jordan. At the Big R Holiday Stores Classic in Bozeman, Montana, Jordan sparked two Siena victories with his stellar performances off the bench. In the opener versus Loyola Marymount, Jordan scored 15 points in the Saints 79-71 victory. The following night Jordan came off the bench to score 16 points as the Saints captured the tournament title with a 71-58 win over host Montana State. Jordan was named to the all-tournament team along with Tommy Mitchell and MVP Prosper Karangwa. Jordan and the Saints will need a similar effort against Iona on Friday, who recently defeated #22 North Carolina at the ECAC Holiday Festival.

### Fun For All

Friday promises to be an exciting evening of college basketball. Your game ticket includes admission to both games and the Radio Disney Family Fun Zone. Plus the amazing "State of the Art" crew will be performing live at halftime of the nightcap. For tickets stop by the Pepsi Arena box office, call TicketMaster at 518-476-1000 or log onto [sienasaints.com](http://sienasaints.com).

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# 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 Voorheesville High School.

## Kiwanis slate blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue. This is a free service, open to the public.

## Nursery school schedules open house

Voorheesville Community Nursery School will hold its annual open house and enrollment informational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

The school is a nondenominational parent cooperative offering a pre-kindergarten

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experience to children who are 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2003. There is a morning and an afternoon program.

For information, call the nursery school at 765-4903.

## Friends of Music to sponsor concert

Friends of Music will sponsor The Crosbys in concert on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. They will be sold at the door.

## Town board schedules meeting

The New Scotland town board's next regular meeting is

today, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

## Senior citizens to meet today

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will meet today, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

## Kindergarten info meeting set for March

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

School officials will answer questions regarding registration and the screening program, introduce school personnel, distribute and explain forms and sign up your child for a screening time.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2003 to register. To confirm that your child is on the list, call JoAnn Donohue at 765-2383 ext. 514.

## Thacher Park offers winter botany walk

Learn about winter plants and trees with botanist Ed Miller on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at Thacher Park.

Depending on conditions the group will meet at Hop Field and either hike or ski, looking at winter buds, evergreen trees and ferns.

To confirm program and conditions, call 872-0800.

# Library online catalog to get brand new look

On Jan. 23, the library, along with the 29 other public libraries of the Upper Hudson Library System will begin using a new automation system.



We are planning carefully to make the transition as smooth as possible. To do this, for a few days beginning Jan. 20 we will be limiting each family to five items per checkout.

In addition, story hours will be canceled from Jan. 20 to 24.

The advent of Horizon will mean that our online catalog, referred to as the iPac, will have a new look, and the system we use to check out books will also be different.

Horizon is user-friendly, and will have many features you will enjoy. Patrons can still access their personal accounts to see what they have checked out and to request and renew materials.

The staff is excited about the enhancements this system offers and is looking forward to assisting you as we all familiarize ourselves with the new system.

There are openings in the library display case for the months of April and May of this year. If you have a collection you are willing to share, call the library at 765-2791.

This month stop in to see a wonderful and very colorful assortment of folk art that belongs to Ilse Baker. In the hall gallery are oils and watercolors by Kay Levine.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets, a writers support group, meet on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. No sign-up is necessary.

Preschool story hours will be held Fridays, Jan. 10 and 17, Monday, Jan. 13, Tuesday, Jan. 14, and Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 10:15 a.m. No sign-up is necessary.

Nimblefingers crafts and quilters meets on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m., and newcomers are welcome.

The January/February Bookworm should be in your home by now; if you did not receive one and would like to be added to the mailing list, call the library, or stop by and pick up a copy.

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

Visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

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# New Scotland town board gets organized for New Year

By MICHELE FLYNN

New appointments were made and some old business attended to at the New Scotland town board's organizational meeting of 2003 on Jan. 2.

But all was not routine business at the meeting, as the board members divided over whether to accept the pay raise for themselves included in the already-approved 2003 budget — and whether to reappoint the counsel serving the town's planning and zoning boards.

When the resolution to set salaries for all town employees according to the budget resolution was presented, Councilman Scott Houghtaling offered an amendment to it in a last ditch effort to persuade the board members to decline an already approved 3 percent raise in light of the tax increase.

He was reminded by fellow member Andrea Gleason that the

issue had been discussed. "It's already been decided. It's like hanging out the dirty wash again," Gleason said.

"I wasn't satisfied with the discussion," Houghtaling said.

"This was very much discussed during the budget workshops," said Town Supervisor Ed Clark. "It was resolved that we wouldn't do it (forego the raises) because elected officials should set the same pay raise for all town employees, but if any elected official wanted to forego the raise, they could."

A suggestion was made that any council member could donate his or her increase back to the town. Houghtaling said it didn't make sense to pay taxes on the money and then donate it back.

Houghtaling's amendment was put to a vote and defeated by a 3-2 margin, with board members Richard Reilly and Houghtaling in the minority —

and the salary resolution passed unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting, Clark offered a resolution to appoint Margaret Adkins as counsel to the town planning board and zoning board of appeals, positions she had previously held — and where she would replace Louis Neri, who currently serves in those positions. Clark's resolution drew objections from Reilly.

"He has done a fine job and I see of no reason to replace him," Reilly said.

In a vote on the appointment, Reilly was joined by Houghtaling and board member Cathy Connors in defeating Adkins' appointment. A resolution to reappoint Neri passed, 3-2, with Gleason joining Clark in opposition.

Clark said later that his resolution to oust Neri arose from his concerns about Neri's performance, particularly with respect to the nearly yearlong

debate over the Tower Ventures application, recently denied zoning variances by the town zoning board.

"I'm not happy with the way things have been turning out, particularly with the cell tower business," said Clark. "I think the board (zoning board of appeals) could have been better advised."

Other resolutions were unanimously agreed upon, including the appointment of John Biscone as town attorney and Darrell Duncan as deputy director for emergency management.

Robert Stapf was appointed chairman of the planning board and Ronald VonRonne chairman of the zoning board of appeals.

A cost-saving measure was also passed, decreasing the town contribution to health and dental plans for part-time staff. The town will pick up 50 percent of the premiums, with the employee

paying the other half.

The town had previously shouldered the entire cost.

In other business, the water board's meeting day was changed to the first Thursday of the month.

The water board will convene in the building department as the town meeting room is used for Town Court at that time.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by a workshop meeting at 6.



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# New registration policy in effect for storytimes

A new procedure for winter storytime registration has been devised this year. Youth services staff hope that this procedure will be more efficient and convenient for parents.

services desk. All registrations must be called in between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. No voice mail or e-mail registrations will be accepted.

Storytimes will run from Monday, Jan. 27, through Thursday, April 10. On days when Bethlehem schools are closed or have a delayed opening, storytimes are canceled.

There will be no storytimes during school vacation week (Feb. 17 to 22). See the January/February issue of the library

newsletter *footnotes* for the winter storytime schedule.

"A Musical Journey through New York City" is scheduled for this Friday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. Diane Geddes and Quency René blend comedy, songs and stories about the Big Apple in a cabaret-style performance.

Delmar native Shannon Cornelius will present "Ghana: smiles and trials of a Peace Corps volunteer" at the library this Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m.

Cornelius is the daughter of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney.

Call 439-9314 to register for these programs.

*Louise Grieco*

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Registration is by phone only, and has been scheduled according to storytime level.

Bethlehem Central School District residents may register as follows: Monday, Jan. 13, for toddler storytimes; Tuesday, Jan. 14, for preschool storytimes; and Wednesday, Jan. 15, for advanced and family storytimes. Call 439-9314 ext. 3026 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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# Sports

## BC faces test against Maginn HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 8-14

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is still searching for a season-defining victory.

The Lady Eagles own a 5-3 record entering this week, but they have not beaten any state-ranked opponents yet. They lost by three points to Colonie Central — currently ranked eighth in the state — at the Bethlehem Tip-Off Tournament in early December, and they were swept by Ursuline and Our Lady of Lourdes at a tournament in Poughkeepsie Dec. 28 and 29.

"I think we need a win against

a top team to make a statement to the rest of the Section," Bethlehem coach **Kim Wise** said.

The Lady Eagles, who are ranked 18th in the latest state Class A poll, will have a chance to do that Friday night when they host 10th-ranked Bishop Maginn in a non-league game. The Golden Griffins feature a three-pronged attack with **Tadj Williams**, **Keyhana Wakefield** and **Fran Payne**, all of whom average double figures in scoring.

"They've been consistent in that area, and that's something we need to work on," Wise said. "Our top scorers (**Kaitlin Foley**, **Jamie Mooney** and **Sue Kelly**) have

been inconsistent so far" in reaching double figures.

Bethlehem had hoped to work on that in the week leading up to the Maginn game, but those plans took a hit when its Suburban Council contest against Shenendehowa last Friday was postponed due to snow. The storm also canceled practice last weekend, making Monday's practice the first time the Lady Eagles had been on the court in several days.

"You hope with the extra time off due to the snow that you have even more desire to get back into the gym," Wise said. "The bottom line is, everybody is in kind of the same boat."

The Lady Eagles will have a chance to shake off the rust before they face Maginn. They travel to East Greenbush tonight, Jan. 8, to play Columbia in a Suburban Council Gold Division game.

"Obviously, it's a Suburban Council game, it's a Gold Division game and they have a lot of players back from last year," Wise said. "We're certainly not overlooking them. They're one of the top teams in the Gold Division."

In other girls basketball action Friday, Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk hosts Watervliet and Voorheesville travels to Cobleskill-Richmondville in a pair of Colonial Council games.

### Wed., Jan. 8

#### BOWLING

Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 4 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Columbia, 8 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cobleskill, 6 p.m.

Voorheesville at Schalmont, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, Jan. 9

#### BOYS BOWLING

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Waterford, 4 p.m.

#### BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem at Saratoga, 4:30 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Averill Park at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Cobleskill, 6 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 10

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Cobleskill at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Voorheesville at Cobleskill, 7:30 p.m.

Watervliet at Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Maginn at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Mohonasen/Schalmont at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Jan. 11

#### HOCKEY

Bethlehem at CBA, 8 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Dutchman Duals II, Guilderland, TBA.

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Shenendehowa Invitational, TBA.

### Sunday, Jan. 12

#### INDOOR TRACK

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at RPI, 1:15 p.m.

### Monday, Jan. 13

#### BOWLING

Schalmont at Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, Jan. 14

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Voorheesville at Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 6 p.m.

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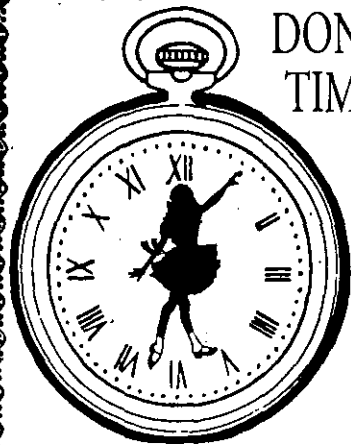
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## Soccer players earn honors

Three members of the Section II, Class A champion Bethlehem girls soccer team were selected as all-state players.

Senior **Emily Petraglia** was chosen for the first team, while sophomore **Vanessa Patry** was named to the third team and junior **Katie Fage** was selected to the fifth team.

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk's **Lorin Weidman** was a fourth-team all-state player in Class B, and Voorheesville's **Michelle Nadratowski** was named to the third team in Class C.



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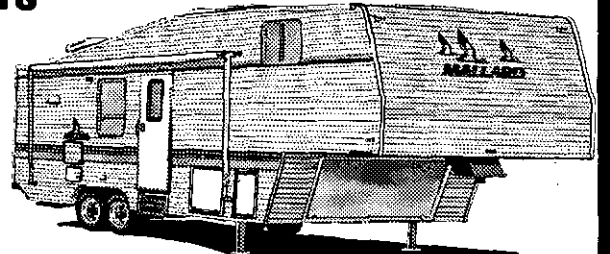
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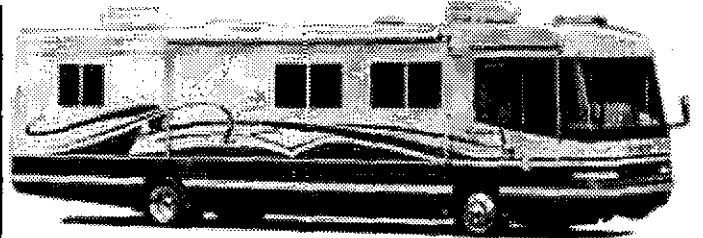
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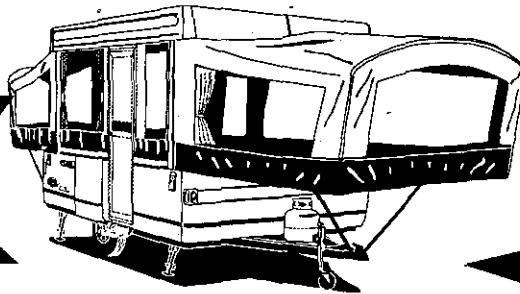
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## Havoc

(From Page 1)

19th century, according to the National Weather Service. Round two also left more than 15,000 homes temporarily without power, many in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

"When I started with the village 20-some years ago, I seem to recall a few of these winters, having nor'easters one after the other," said Smith. "But we haven't had snow like this, probably, in 10 years. Winters have been pretty damn mild around here lately."

"Ruined my Christmas," said Dave Zimmerman of Roberts Towing in Glenmont, whose 30-odd trucks were on call throughout the holiday storm for heavy-duty towing and police tows in Albany. "For awhile, the roads were pretty much undriveable, especially in the cities," he said. "It was like driving in an unplowed parking lot."

Roberts and his crews moved between 150 and 200 cars in Albany as police attempted to make way for plows. "The heavy duty towing we did (during the storm) was mostly pulling plows out that got stuck," Zimmerman said. "It was brutal."

Nonetheless, with several days' warning from weather forecasters, few travelers were on the roads Christmas Day; only three weather-related vehicle accidents were reported to Bethlehem police. "Christmas Day was not too bad," said Dan Bleau, whose one-truck Selkirk-based Bleau's Towing Service patrolled an area from Ravena to Albany to Clarksville and responded to police calls in Bethlehem.

"Every highway department employee showed up, all 60 of them, and stayed right through the duration of the storm," said Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph. "Christmas Day's about the toughest day to work, but they all showed up. All town roads were passable throughout the entire storm, ambulances were able to get through, police responded to all calls. And when we had an emergency call, we were able to send a plow to lead the ambulance to the call."

By about 6 p.m., My Place & Co. on Delaware Avenue opened its doors for dinner for the snow crews before they headed back out. Sagendorph estimated overtime during the initial storm at about 1,500 hours.

By the weekend between holidays, town road crews had begun to work on clearing the resulting pileup in areas like the Four Corners and around schools and fire stations, Sagendorph said. "Along Delaware Avenue, sometimes it's like playing tag with the snow," he said. "We push it back toward the street from the sidewalks, and the plows push it back."

Last Friday's storm also drew a full crew in Bethlehem — and in Voorheesville, where Smith reported about 190 overtime man-

hours logged.

"We were pretty much well on the way to getting the last one cleared when this one came in," said Smith. "Our whole department, five full-time guys and myself, on the road from Friday morning, starting to do some salting around 7 a.m., and finishing up Saturday around noon. It was just a steady-paced snow, and it was pretty easy to keep up with it, but it didn't let up."

"It had the same amount of snow (as the Christmas storm) spread over a longer period of time, so it was a little easier to keep up with," said Sagendorph.

But the heavy snow during Friday rush-hour and all day Saturday led to increased police activity; Bethlehem police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan said town 911 operators fielded 566 emergency calls from Friday through Sunday, compared to a more typical seasonal volume of about 150, and there were more than 100 vehicle accidents, about a fifth of which resulted in minor injuries.

Road closings were sporadic. "Wexford Road, a couple of secondary roads closed for a few hours for trees and wires down, but nothing major," said Heffernan. But tree limbs and power lines, stressed by the Christmas snow and burdened by up to an inch of ice left by an overnight storm that began New Year's Day, began to come down Saturday under the new snow load, wreaking havoc with electrical service.

"It really started in the early morning Saturday," said Alberto Bianchetti, spokesman for Niagara Mohawk's eastern region. "Around 4 or 5 p.m. we started experiencing a wave of calls about power outages caused

by a combination of heavy snow starting to crash down tree limbs, motor vehicle accidents that took down poles and equipment, and snow on our lines."

By mid-afternoon Saturday, some 15,000 to 16,000 customers in the region, principally in a wide swath from Guilderland Center to Selkirk, were without electric service; "The Christmas storm did not have the same impact on our service, (affecting) fewer than 300 customers in the region," Bianchetti said. "The Delmar area of Bethlehem, Guilderland, Voorheesville were the areas hardest hit by snowfall and consequently hardest hit by power outages."

"We dedicated more than 130 crews to this restoration effort, both line crews and tree-trimming crews, and they were called in from as far away as Buffalo, Syracuse, Potsdam, to respond to this restoration effort," Bianchetti said Monday. "We were able to drive those numbers down considerably over the next 24 hours. By late afternoon Sunday, fewer than 500 customers were without power." As of Monday that number had been reduced below 200 — mostly isolated clusters of two or three homes, including particularly some areas of Glenmont and Selkirk — and "by end of day today, we expect to have almost all of those customers back on," he said.

"Power outages were pretty widespread, but the Tri-Village area seemed hardest hit, with trees down and limbs down," said Sagendorph. "Old Delmar, the Hamagrael area was particularly hard hit. But as we drove around, you could tell one street had power, the next street wouldn't. It was pretty sporadic. I'm sure that made it difficult for NiMo."

In Voorheesville, a downed tree-limb on Route 155 shut down power over a wide area, but not for long. "The village was without power for about three hours with no ill effects," Smith said. "Our main water well was off, but we had storage in our tank so we were OK." And, he said, a wedding reception party at one village home went on by candlelight.

The costs of the outage remain to be fully tallied. "We don't have any real accounting right now," said Bianchetti.

"Opening sidewalks is a priority," said Sagendorph. "We're working on them along the main roads and around the schools and churches mainly, but we'll branch out after that."

"Our highway department crews have done a phenomenal job," he added. "This was two severe storms in less than 10 days. They really stuck with it and showed what they're made of. And I thank the residents of the town for being very patient and helpful. We had a lot of people come out and help us push branches off the roads. We have a lot of brush and downed trees to pick up, but right now, our priority is removing the mounds of snow. Sight distances at a lot of intersections are pretty bad."

Sagendorph reported a fresh 400 tons of road salt delivered to the town Sunday.

"We could use a little breather," he said as crews continue the cleanup and prepare for the next one. "We're still working 12-hour shifts as it is."

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# Brides & Grooms

January 8, 2003 A Supplement to Spotlight Newspapers

## With this ring

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

After endless amounts of planning, it comes down to six words: "With this ring, I thee wed."

When you and your true love exchange the circles that show there's no beginning and no end to your love, what will they look like?

"Wedding bands are a very personal kind of thing," said Joseph Lewanda of Lewanda Jewelers on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. "It's more personal than any other piece of jewelry."

That personal choice tends to go in one of two directions, Lewanda said. "People seem to either choose a traditional and classic band, something very plain, or something very fancy that appeals to their personal taste."

John Fritze Jr., whose jewelry shop is at 4 Normanskill Boulevard in Delmar, said that the choice of a traditional wedding band often sets off a fancy engagement ring.

"A 14 karat white or yellow gold ring is still the most popular," Fritze said. "There's a misnomer that 10 karat gold is more durable than 14 or 18 karat gold, but in the actual wearing, there's no difference."

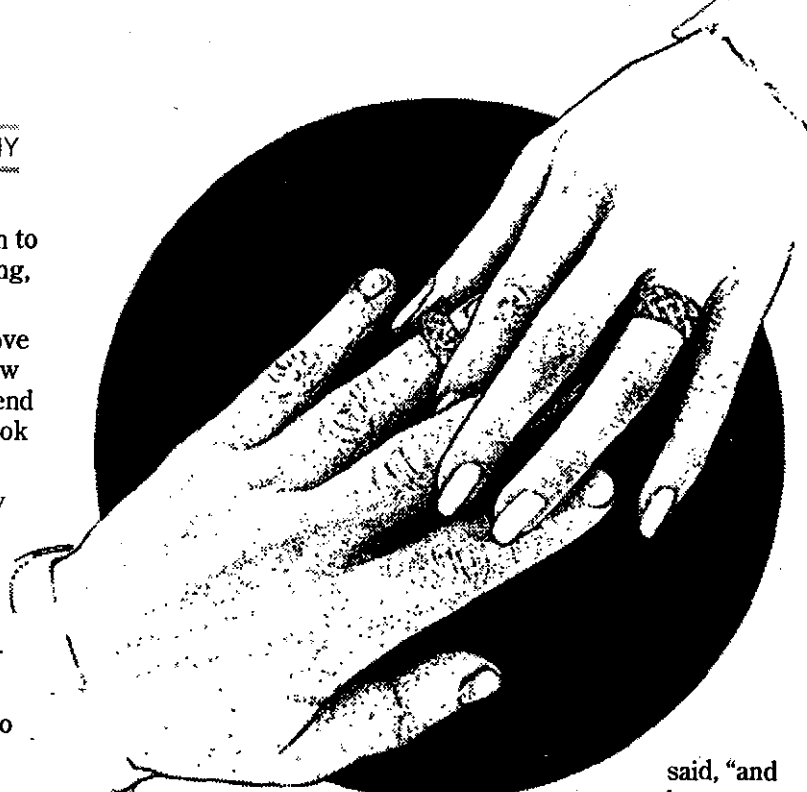
Fritze said a "channel set" wedding band is also a popular choice. "The edge of the metal is rolled over the stones in it," he said, "and something like this might complement the engagement ring."

Lewanda said he has seen an increase in the sale of diamond bands, whether in the form of an eternity ring — with diamonds that go all the way around the band — or on a wedding band, which might have some diamonds on it.

In general, he said, the trend is towards more conservative bands, and the popularity of heavy, diamond-cut bands has faded.

One new feature in plain bands is what he called "comfort fit," or "inside round." "The inside of the ring is slightly domed," Lewanda explained. "It's more comfortable on your finger, and moves more easily. It's a little more expensive, because there's more gold, but the added comfort level makes it worth paying."

Often, Lewanda said, couples start out looking for matching wedding bands, but end up with



create new drawings for a new client.

"We might do a silver or wax prototype," he said. "People are sometimes apprehensive about having jewelry designed for them, but when they've been through the process once, they're more comfortable."

One thing all three jewelers agree on is that most men choose a plain, traditional wedding band for themselves.

"Ninety-nine percent of men are looking for a plain band,"

said, "and people are amazed at how well we can do that."

two different rings that remain similar and complementary. This might be particularly the case when a couple chooses wedding bands in two-tone gold, or with a woven pattern.

"One solution that works for everybody is to create a custom band," Lewanda added.

At Stephen A. Roehl, located at 125 Adams St. in Delmar, custom jewelry is his stock-in-trade. Roehl started his 25-year career as a jeweler by getting a fine arts degree from the School for American Craftsmen at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

"We try to match people's jewelry to who they are," Roehl

Roehl said he starts by looking at the jewelry people already own, and talking to them about their lifestyle.

"If people are very outdoorsy, sporty and get a lot of exercise," Roehl said, "we'll design something to take a lot of wear and tear. For somebody in something like the legal profession, we'll design a more traditional ring. If somebody's really into antiques, we'll take a look at how they live, and try to design a ring to match their lifestyle."

Roehl has a large collection of drawings and renderings on hand, but is just as likely to

Fritze said. "Except for their engagement and wedding rings, women are used to switching their jewelry. Men buy one item, like a wedding band, and wear it all the time."

The cost of wedding bands can vary greatly. "Once you get beyond very thin, plain bands," Lewanda said, "you're likely to spend \$100 to \$300 for a medium band, and up to \$600 for a fancy band. If you choose platinum, it will start between \$300 and \$400."

Roehl cautioned people to temper price-consciousness with both quality and social conscience. "Quality jewelers can be competitive in price," he said. "A lot of discount stores carry jewelry made in the Third World, sometimes under appalling conditions. Keep in mind, too, that this is something you will wear for the rest of your life. It needs to be well made."

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By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Flowers are a key element to any wedding. Personal flowers, like bridal bouquets, and flowers in the church and at the reception can set the mood, tone and theme for a formal wedding.

Experts agree, you should select and meet with a florist that specializes in weddings at least one year before the wedding. By the time you meet with the florist, the church and reception site should have been selected and reserved, and according to wedding planners, you should have in mind what you expect the florist to do.

Decoration of the church and reception site, as well as preparation of personal flowers carried by the bride, mothers of the wedding couple and members of the wedding party, are all items to consider.

Derek at Amaryllis at 640 Loudon Road, Latham, needs at least three meetings with the bride and groom to finalize plans.

"The first is to reserve a date and get as many details as possible," he said.

Some of those details include photos or magazine clippings of

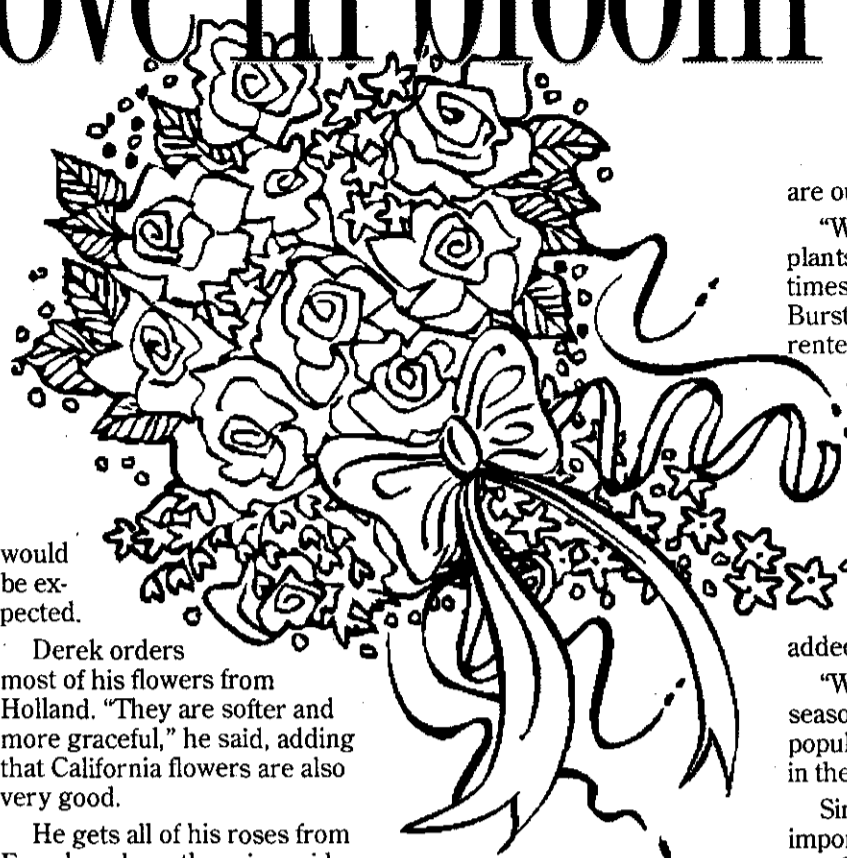
flowers and arrangements the prospective bride likes. The bride should also have a photo of her wedding dress, fabric swatches of bridesmaid gowns and examples of color and style of the mothers' dresses.

The second meeting with Derek covers "thoughts about theme and mood to create for the wedding, types of flowers and colors."

Amaryllis' service can include items like table clothes and napkins to coordinate with the flowers and enhance the theme of the affair. Derek says that his staff considers a wedding an all-day assignment and are present during the whole affair.

The third meeting is to agree on the floral decorations, centerpieces and personal flowers that Derek is proposing. At this point, contracts can be completed and a down payment

# Love in bloom...



are outdoor country weddings. "We provide hanging baskets, plants in containers and sometimes trees and shrubs," Burstell said. They are often rented and can be returned if in good condition.

"We prepare little pots with herbs or flowers like pansies that are gifts to the guests. We decorate arches often used in outdoor weddings and do prepare floral centerpieces and corsages," she added.

"When preparing pots, seasonal flowers are very popular, like azaleas in full bloom in the spring," Burstell said.

Since it is one of the most important days of a young couple's life, there is a way to preserve an important part of the wedding: the bride's bouquet.

A Texas company, Heller and Reid, will preserve the flowers for a lifetime of memories. They can be reached at 800-742-9570 to make arrangements.

Again, the busiest time for weddings is the spring and fall so remember to plan all aspects of your wedding, including the flowers, well ahead of the big date.

would be expected.

Derek orders most of his flowers from Holland. "They are softer and more graceful," he said, adding that California flowers are also very good.

He gets all of his roses from Ecuador where there is a wide range of types and colors available. Flowers from out of the country must be ordered a month in advance.

"They are flown in and are very fresh when received," Derek said.

Like all people involved in providing wedding services, Derek cautions that spring and fall are busy wedding times. To have a good choice, start

planning early. He suggests that couples set a date, reserve the church and reception site, and then attend to all the other matters.

Jacquelyn Burstell of Story's Nursery in Freehold also provides flowers and plantings for weddings. Story's is on Route 67 in Greene County just south of the Albany County line. Many of the affairs she plans

## Gifts for the wedding attendants

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

If you've asked them to be in your wedding party, they must be pretty special people.

Chances are that they've seen you through the ups and downs of your life, and now, they're ready to make the greatest declaration of friendship possible, as they stand by your side in uncomfortable tuxedos or dresses they may never wear again. A token of your appreciation honors their participation in your special day.

At Joyelle's Jewelry in Delmar's Main Square, Mary Vail can help you find a special gift for your wedding attendants.

"We're a jewelry and gift store," she said. "We do custom jewelry design and repair, carry a number of special gifts, and really pride ourselves on the personal service we provide."

Joyelle's has a year-round gift registry program, open to anyone, and just the thing to provide a little hint of what gifts suit which people.

Vail once had a bride who let her bridesmaids choose their own gifts from Joyelle's. If you're looking for a handmade gift for your wedding party, Joyelle's might be just the place.

"We go to a lot of gift shows, and some artisans come to us," Vail said. "We carry clocks, watches, toasting goblets, pens, cufflinks, money links, candles and frames."

Many of the gift items at Joyelle's can be engraved, so that you can add a personal touch to the gifts you give the people closest to you.

"A lot of brides give jewelry to their bridesmaids," Vail said. "It might be something that matches their dresses, that they can wear at the wedding. Money clips or cufflinks are popular gifts for groomsmen."

At The Country Outlet on Route 20, five miles west of Duanesburg, Brenda Soucy augments her offering of Amish furniture and country gifts with a framed calligraphy poem designed especially for brides to give their attendants.

"There are nice maid of honor or bridesmaids poems," Soucy said. "There's a 5-by-7, which is matted and framed to be an 8-by-10 hanging."

In addition, Soucy can custom frame an item that a customer might have. She also carries candles, throws, dried flowers, and an assortment of plaques.

"We take a lot of special orders for things," she said, "like country pine and other little gifts."

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# What comes naturally...

By MICHELLE FLYNN

Here comes the real me. Though the traditional image of a bride is perfect make-up and nails, and every hair in place, not all brides want to look like that. Instead, they choose to look more natural, like themselves.

Leanne Shade, owner of Choices Hair Studio and Day Spa in Delmar said, "Most brides don't want to change their look completely. But they want something special for the big day."

She's received requests to "Put my hair up, but make it messy." Shade adds that women don't want to look too coifed.

However, there are many ways to make hair special without overdoing it. A simple French twist can look conservative or classic. Hair can be personalized with specialized curling irons. A three-barrel iron puts in waves, while a triangular iron provides a more avant garde look, according to Shade. And for those who prefer their hair straight, there's a flat iron.

After the hairstyle is in the right shape, beads and flowers can be wired in. Shade threads pearls or other beads onto wire and wraps it around sections of hair. "It looks like jewels," she said.

Even short hair be enhanced. It can be fluffed up or curled



around the crown or the sides.

Some new bridal looks include glitter gels and sprays which offer a sprinkling of sparkles to long or short hair. A headpiece can dress up short hair. Headpieces for any length hair should be chosen with the hairstyle in mind and preferably after talking to your hairdresser.

"So many women come to us with a head piece and an idea

for a hairstyle that won't work with it," Shade said.

Whether to match a hairpiece to a hairstyle or ease the pre-wedding "How will I look?" jitters, it's a good idea to

meet with your stylist at least a week in advance, a month if you'd like to try a couple of different styles. "Preparation is key, Shade said.

European-trained skin care specialist and owner of Piccolo Spa and Hair in Guilderland, Rita K'Anewski agrees that brides should start early. "I do my best to make their skin look better," she said.

She suggests a skin treatment a month before the wedding to improve the skin and remedy blemishes. A glycolic facial lifts off the top layer of skin, resulting in a healthier look, especially for

smokers and those with mature skin. It also provides a smoother canvas for make-up. A pore-cleaning treatment such as an enzyme peel, used a week before the wedding, will dissolve clogged pores and make them look smaller. It will also allow the moisturizer to penetrate deeper. A collagen facial can be applied the day before the wedding to hydrate the skin to eliminate fine lines and wrinkles. An oxygen facial will have a similar effect and brighten the skin.

Once you have your beautiful clean skin, you might not want to cover it, but if you do, don't make any drastic changes. "You can keep it natural and still look elegant. If you have darkly made-up eyes with lots of color, go easy on the lips, or less on the eyes and more color on the lips," Shade said.

Two easy tips for the big day — use blue eyeliner on the inside of the bottom lid to make eyes look whiter for the wedding pictures and use Lipchic, a lipstick sealant that looks like clear nail polish, to protect lip color from all that kissing.

But whether you spray glitter in your hair or decide to go easy on make-up, make sure you are happy with it.

"The big thing is to be comfortable at your wedding," Shade said.

## Tasty meals for wedding guests

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

You'll always cherish your wedding day, with memories that will last a lifetime.

The flowers and setting will be beautiful, but it's just as important that the food served at the reception be just right. Local caterers recommend couples plan well ahead of the actual date to ensure an enjoyable meal.

Pat Manning of Manning's Menu at 340 Glenmont Road in Glenmont has been catering weddings for 20 years. "We can cater affairs from 50 to 500 people," Manning said.

Because of the importance of food, Manning is aware that clients shop around and check references carefully.

"People are getting married later than in the past. They are often well educated and well established in careers before contemplating marriage," said Manning.

Because they have had some years of independence out of the family nest, couples often pay for their own wedding she added.

Manning said the most popular time for a wedding is the spring or fall when the weather is more comfortable and predictable. She recommends starting at least a year ahead of the wedding date if you plan to wed during the peak season to have a good choice of caterers available. For the budget-minded, the price for off-season affairs can be negotiated at lower rates.

"Quality caterers do very little advertising," said Manning. People's experience with a caterer passed on by word of mouth is what keeps them busy.

Menus are available, or if a couple has a special vision, special menus can be arranged. "Sometimes dietary and health issues are involved in making menu choices. But the biggest factor in developing a menu is a clients wish to personalize the affair and make it special," Manning said.

One bit of advice Manning gives all her clients is, "don't disappear. Enjoy the whole affair with your friends and family. Stay for the whole reception, after all you have spent a lot of time and money planning this special day."

Carol Hamilton, banquet manager at the Best Western Hotel on Western Avenue in Albany, agrees. "If you pick a wedding date during the peak spring or fall season start at least 18 months ahead of time selecting a caterer."

She also said that couples are

more mature and well established than the traditional young couples of 10 years ago. She finds couples more interested in elegant affairs with a sit-down dinner as opposed to a buffet.

Hamilton also finds the more detailed a bride can be about her wishes and thoughts for the reception the better the facility can meet those dreams.

"We can accommodate up to 300 people in a reception and often many guests stay overnight. We also get overnight guests from wedding parties in nearby banquet houses," she said. Best Western has packages that include full open bar for one hour and then continuation of soda, beer and wine plus a cash bar for the next three hours.

When dealing with wedding food or flowers the consultants all agree. Start early, check references, and be able to articulate your dreams and vision in as much detail as possible. Following this advice will give the experts time and information to make the special day a memorable one.



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# Seven latest trends

Brides and grooms are redefining traditional weddings and in 2003 more couples will be finding different ways to include a personal aspect into their weddings, according to Lisa Light, owner of Destination Bride in Chatham.

"The major change in weddings is personalization and customization," said Light. "Couples don't want a cookie-cutter wedding. They want a celebration that shows off their style and imagination and one that leaves a lasting impression on guests."

Light points to the newest ways couples are customizing their weddings:

1. Destination weddings. "People today are not just looking at their hometowns anymore," said Light. "They want a unique location — whether that means a castle in England, on the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, or a secluded hideaway in the Adirondack Mountains."

2. Unique invitations. "Plain text is out. Couples are now hiring graphic designers to come up with an invitation that express their theme and personality," she said.

3. Signature drinks. "Instead of an entire open bar, budget-savvy and fun-loving couples are offering two or three signature drinks developed and named after them and members of their wedding party," said Light. "Another variation on this theme is to offer the bride's and the groom's favorite cocktails."

4. Candid photos. "More and more couples are looking for a photographer who can tell the story of the day, instead of just posed portraits," she said. "And a combination of black and white and color photographs will be the norm for 2003."

5. Color. "No more pastels," said Light. "Bold, dramatic colors are in for bridesmaids dress, table dressings and decorations. Some brides will

even be forgoing the tradition ivory or white and selecting a gown in red or blue."

6. Flavorful and fun cakes. "Many couples are having their cake and eating it too, by choosing a different flavor for every tier," she said. "Some are using hundreds of cupcakes instead of a traditional cake, and others are choosing to offer a variety of desserts."

7. Nixing the receiving line. "Couples want to take the time to stop and chat with their guests, so many are just canceling the receiving line and mingling with their guests at the reception," she said.

8. Kid-friendly options. "In order to accommodate parents and little ones, many brides will be offering on-site or off-site

babysitting services for their guests," said Light. "It's one of the most appreciated services for parents."

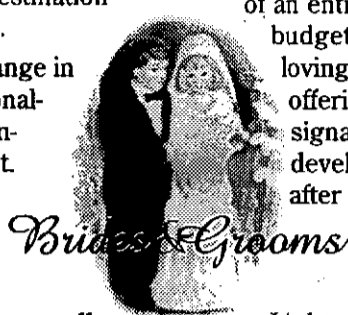
9. Personalized ceremonies and vows. "More and more brides and grooms are looking for readings that are a reflection of who they are as a couple, rather than the traditional readings usually offered," she said. "And often, they are writing their own vows — expressing the unique way they love their



partners  
10. Wedding Web sites.

"Couples are using technology to their advantage by providing all their information on a wedding Web site," said Light. "In addition to wedding details, many are including links to gift registries and online guest books, as well as information about how the couple met."

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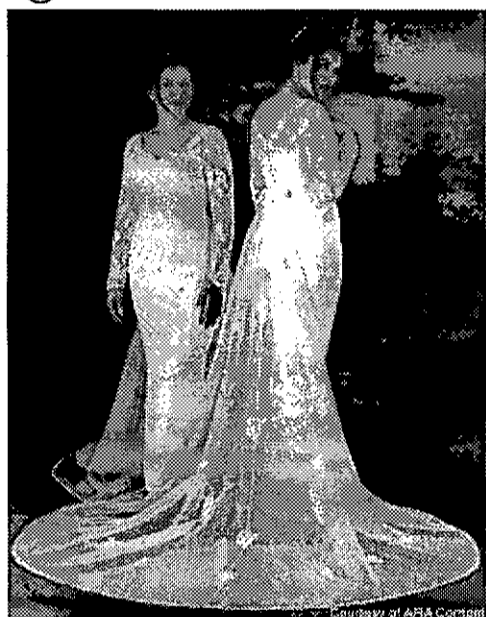


## Tips for the full-figured bride

One of the hardest tasks for any bride is finding the right dress. There are so many options: short sleeves or long, beaded or plain, white or off-white, detachable train or just plain full length. Most women spend hours combing through all the bridal magazines they can get their hands on comparing styles and fabrics. But when it comes time to start visiting bridal shops and trying on gowns, many plus-sized brides find the selection to be disappointing. "Most shops only carry sizes up to 12 or 14, and a lot of brides-to-be are embarrassed to go in and look at dresses," says Chris Sconzo, owner of PlusSizeBridal.com. Noticing that the plus-sized dresses were flying off the racks of his family's bridal store, Sconzo decided there was a need for a service specializing in hard-to-find sizes. His Web site is the first online-bridal store catering exclusively to the plus-sized bride. Brides can select their gown online and try it on

at home. If it doesn't fit, PlusSizeBridal.com will exchange it for another size, style, color, or refund the price. No other company in the wedding industry provides this service. Ordering a dress online has a number of advantages: it's convenient, easy to compare prices, and the available selection is much bigger than that of a typical store. Here are some tips from PlusSizeBridal.com on how to select the perfect dress:

- Set a budget right away. Decide how much you can afford to spend. This will help you avoid the wasted time and frustration of looking at gowns that are out of your price range.
- Allow plenty of time. It's a big decision, and you don't want to have to rush into anything. You also want to leave enough



time for any needed alterations.

• Find your style. At first all of the options will be overwhelming. But if you narrow your search down to styles that look flattering on you, and emphasize your best attributes, you will find the right dress more easily.

• Use the size charts. All wedding gowns are sized differently according to the manufacturer. Most women think that if they wear a size 14 in ready-to-wear, they are a 14 in bridal. Not the case. In fact, bridal gowns are actually smaller. A size 14 in ready-to-wear usually is a size or two more in bridal attire. Using the size chart for the specific dress you are ordering is critical in saving time and money.

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# BC to begin new testing Town police arrest two for burglary

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Bethlehem Central School District will administer Terra Nova achievement testing starting in March to grades three, five six and seven, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum John McGuire told the school board at its recent meeting.

"The testing package we are purchasing from Harcourt Publishing Co. includes evaluation reports which will be provided parents that are similar to those from standardized state math, science and English language arts tests mandated by New York state," McGuire said.

Also included in the testing program is "In View," which tests cognitive abilities.

"This discretionary testing is designed to help us identify students not performing at an acceptable level, which would likely trigger a referral for Academic Intervention Services (AIS)," said McGuire.

Another trigger for referral is teacher evaluation based on classroom performance.

He said there are 126 students in the district receiving AIS services, and students are moved out of the program when they have demonstrated the ability to perform academically to meet standards.

Superintendent Les Loomis then gave an update on the Dec. 6 meeting of the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee.

At that meeting, architects reported their findings at the high school to the committee with a menu of possible choices designed to enhance existing programs, accommodate present crowded conditions and prepare for continued growth.

The committee considered similar information on the middle school on Dec. 9, and the elementary schools on Dec. 2.

Capacity calculations reviewed by the committee on Nov. 18 showed the district would need 50 to 60 classrooms to alleviate present crowding and accommodate anticipated growth over the next five to eight years.

"The committee decided to provide the school board with plans reflecting three spending levels. The first and most expensive option would be to provide everything everybody wants, another would be the least expensive, a bare-bones solution. The third option would provide something in between," Loomis said.

"The committee is very informal in its deliberations," said Loomis. "Since the composition of the public attendees changes at each meeting we have each committee member introduce themselves and then ask each member of the audience to do the same. Our discussions are inclusive and the public is encouraged to participate."

"Our next meeting on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. is very important," said Loomis. "We will be discussing options for preliminary designs."

This discussion will continue in meetings scheduled for Jan. 13

and Feb. 3 and 10.

Two meetings were added to the original schedule by the committee so enough time is available for consideration of options and designs.

BCHS Principal Michael Tebbano then introduced foreign exchange students studying at the high school this year.

They are: Cristina Bertoli, from Italy; Paola Torres Gonzales, from Chile; Tetyana (Tanie) Chupylko, from Ukraine and Sinje Hage from Germany. Their host families were also introduced.

Each student addressed the meeting and explained what they were studying and the extra curricular activities they enjoyed.

For example, Bertoli, who wants to go into medicine is an accomplished photographer, while Torres Gonzales is a runner and Chupylko and Hage are tennis players.

A Wynantskill man was arrested on Friday, Dec. 27, charged with felony burglary and assault in a Dec. 23 incident in Selkirk — one of two felony-warrant arrests made last week by Bethlehem police.

Daniel Edward Murphy Jr., 22, of 85 Haig Ave. was charged with entering his former residence at 26 Cottage Lane using an unreturned key and assaulting and threatening several current occupants of that residence, one of whom was later treated at St. Peter's Hospital for injuries suffered in the encounter.

According to police, Murphy struck one victim several times and also brandished a pair of scissors in the altercation before fleeing.

The warrant, drawn up by Town Justice Theresa Egan later that day, charged Murphy with second-degree assault and first-degree burglary, both felonies, as well as misdemeanor charges of second-degree menacing and

criminal possession of a weapon.

Following his arrest and arraignment four days later, Egan ordered him released on \$2,500 bail. He is due in Town Court on Jan. 21.

Also arrested last week, Joan L. Seibert, 37, of 7 Route 1 in Westerlo, was charged with two felony counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, following an investigation of June 3 domestic incident by Bethlehem detectives.

Arraigned before Egan, she was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail and a scheduled Jan. 21 court appearance.

In another incident, a burglary was reported at a residence on Vadney Road, Selkirk, sometime between 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 1.

A wooden flagpole from the front lawn of the home was used to smash the window of the front door, which was then unlocked to gain admittance.

Missing from the living room of the home was a variety of electronic entertainment equipment and a gas generator — although computers nearby were left untouched.

The incident remains under investigation by police.

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# Obituaries

## Florence Hehre

Florence K. "Dottie" Hehre, 83, of Delmar, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Miss Hehre was a manager for the Ormond Store in Albany, retiring in 1982.

She is survived by five nieces and a nephew.

Services were private. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054 or Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Nora Anderson

Nora W. Anderson, 87, of Glenmont died Thursday, Dec. 26, at her home.

Born in Troy, she was an Army veteran of World War II.

She retired as director of nursing at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the AMCH auxiliary and the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

She was the widow of Harold R. Anderson.

Survivors include three nephews, Michael R. Whelan, David J. Whelan and Dennis J. Whelan; and a niece, Stephanie R. Whelan.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home and St. Teresa of Avila Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Park Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Teresa of Avila Church, 435 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208 or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 12 Avis Drive, Latham 12110.

## Charles Ginnett

Charles L. Ginnett, 88, of Selkirk died Sunday, Dec. 29, at his home.

Mr. Ginnett was a bus driver for 42 years for Mrs. Hayes Bus Co., which later became United Traction Co. and then CDTA.

He also managed Fabian's Mohawk, Saratoga and Latham drive-ins from 1958 to 1978.

He was a member of Union Local 1321 for more than 50 years.

He was husband of the late Marian Graves.

Survivors include his wife, M. Agnes Kakule Ginnett; a son, Lynn Ginnett of Lancaster, Pa.; a daughter, Diane Grandy of Selkirk; a stepdaughter, June Plouman of Latham; a brother, Leslie W. Ginnett of Clintonville; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## Robert Mulcahy

Robert J. Mulcahy, 70, of Voorheesville died Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Troy, he was a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Siena College in Loudonville.

He was an Army veteran.

He was employed for the family business, Mulcahy's Furniture Store in Troy, before founding Taft Furniture in Colonie.

He was an avid golfer and a member of Albany Country Club, Troy Country Club and Wolfert's Roost.

Mr. Mulcahy was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include his wife, Carol A. Krolak Mulcahy; three daughters, Colleen Mulcahy and Anne Bestle, both of Voorheesville, and June Playford of Guilderland; a brother, Walter Mulcahy; and four grandchildren. Services were from St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Troy.

Arrangements were by the Doran Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, NENY Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

## Margaret Smith

Margaret Smith, 87, formerly of Salisbury Road in Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 30, at Eden Park Health Center in Albany.

She was born in Toronto, Ontario, and moved to Delmar in 1967.

Mrs. Smith worked in retail sales, first at Eaton's department

store in Toronto and later at Mayfair in Albany.

She was a frequent volunteer at soup kitchens and food banks and a longtime member of Delmar Reformed Church.

She enjoyed traveling to yearly family reunions in Ontario.

She is survived by her husband, Neil Smith; a daughter, Jean French of Toronto; a son, Keith Smith of Oriental, N.C.; a grandson; and two great-grandsons.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church. Spring burial will be in Rotterdam Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Reformed Church Endowment Fund, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## William Strong

William B. Strong, 84, of Glenmont, died Monday, Dec. 30, at his home by the Hudson River.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, he received a degree in aeronautical engineering from Purdue University.

During World War II, he tested Navy aircraft engines at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Mr. Strong moved to Delmar in 1952 and in 1964 purchased Hall & Co., a firm specializing in the construction of water and waste water treatment facilities, operating it until 1987.

He was a principal partner in the former Questor Group during the 1960s and 1970s, developing many real estate projects, including Heritage Village Apartments, Woodlake Apartments, Woodgate, the Commons of East Greenbush, Bishops Gate, Loudonwood East and Cannon Point in Lake George.

During the 1980s, in partnership with his son, Steven, Mr. Strong developed many other real estate projects, including Wellspring, Weatherfield at Albany Country Club and Hampton Plaza.

He was past chairman of the Apartment Council of the New York State Builders Association and past vice president of the Albany Area Builders Association.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Loving Strong; two sons, Steven B. Strong of Menands and

Kenneth C. Strong of Nellysford, Va.; a daughter, Connie Strong Wilbur of Glenmont; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or the American Red Cross.

## Brian Smith

Brian R. Smith, 55, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

He served in the Army in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Smith worked for CSX in Selkirk for 33 years.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting at his camp on Lake Pleasant.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Smith of Wappingers Falls and Shane Smith of Colonie; four brothers, Donald Smith of Ravena, Craig Smith of Selkirk and Wayne and Chris Smith, both of Glenmont; five sisters, Lorraine Parker, Debbie Murphy and Diane Lambert, all of Selkirk, Janice Riley of California and Brenda Morehouse of Altamont.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 33 Walter Ave., Albany 12204.

## Frederick Knapp

Frederick V. Knapp, 90, formerly of Harrison Avenue in Delmar, died Thursday, Jan. 2, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home.

Mr. Knapp was a former sales manager for Albany Frosted Foods, retiring after 40 years of service.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

He was a former member of the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge 1096 and the Onesquethaw Chapter 18 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a former secretary and treasurer of the Elsmere Fire District. He was a life member and former secretary of the Elsmere Fire Co.

and a former member of the Second Milers Club.

He was the husband of the late Dorothy H. Knapp.

Survivors include a son, Michael H. Knapp of Baltimore, Ohio; a daughter, Nancy K. Griffith of Ravena; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, c/o Onesquethau Lodge 1096, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Michael Mooney

Michael McDonald Mooney, 50, of Slingerlands, died Thursday, Jan. 2, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Amherst High School and Seina College.

He spent most of his career in banking and financial services and most recently was an independent mortgage broker.

He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include a daughter, Jamie Mooney; two sons, Michael Mooney and John Mooney; a brother, Mark Mooney of Hershey, Pa.; two sisters, Christine Pollock of Carver, Mass., and Maureen Macri of Selkirk; and his fiancée, Helen Lasher.

Services were from New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie and St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, 12205 or the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

## Harry Strokes

Harry F. "Pete" Strokes, 73, of Selkirk, died Friday, Jan. 3, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Catskill, he was a graduate of Philip Schuyler High School.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Strokes was an Albany police officer and later a truck driver for Raz Trucking Co. He was a member of Teamsters Local 294.

He drove for Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar for 13 years, and was a volunteer for Stratton Veteran's Medical Center.

He was an avid hunter and sportsman.

Survivors include his wife of almost 50 years, Marion D. Legg Strokes; a son, Eric P. Strokes of Ravena; two sisters, Gwendolyn Mitchell of Colonie and Marilyn Herrewyn of Latham; and a grandson.

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

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

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## Slingerlands woman earns service award

E. Jeanne Jenkins of Slingerlands recently received the Outstanding Service Award from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) detachment.

The award recognizes an individual or organization for providing exceptional support to the AFROTC, and for helping it fulfill its mission to cultivate leaders for the Air Force. Jenkins is the first recipient of the award.

Col. James DeAngelo Jr., chairman of the university's Department of Aerospace Studies and commander of the AFROTC detachment, presented the recognition on behalf of Brig. Gen. Paul Hankins, commander of Air Force Officer Accession

and Training Schools, at a surprise ceremony at RPI's admissions building.

Jenkins, who joined RPI in 1979, has held various positions in the university's Office of Enrollment Management (formerly the Office of Admissions) throughout her career, and currently serves as director of enrollment planning. For more than 10 years, she has promoted RPI's AFROTC as an option for prospective students, and subsequently helped the detachment recruit countless numbers of them.

"Without a doubt, no other member of the local community has contributed to the success of Air Force ROTC at Rensselaer the way Jeanne has," said Capt. Kerry

Strait, commandant of cadets at RPI and organizer of the award. "She's been an incredibly outspoken advocate for the program, and very supportive of the military in general."

Jenkins earned her bachelor's degree in history at St. Lawrence University. She and her husband, E. Kent Jenkins, an Air Force Vietnam veteran, have lived in the Capital District for nearly 30 years.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Jesse Cohen-Greenberg, to Kate Cohen and Adam Greenberg of Slingerlands, Sept. 16.



David and Jennifer Lorette

## LaMont, Lorette marry

Jennifer LaMont, daughter of Stephen LaMont of Union, N.J., and the late Selina LaMont, and David Lorette, son of Diane Lorette of Selkirk and the late James Lorette, were married July 19.

The Rev. Robert Harahan performed the ceremony at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit, N.J.

Karin Ferraro was maid of honor and Monika Martinho was matron of honor.

Michelle Lorette, Anna Marie Labisi and Catherine Rudnick were bridesmaids.

David Baldwin was best man.

Timothy Chatten, John DiAnni, Nathan Kearns and

Andrew Oddo were ushers.

A reception took place at the Park Savoy in Florham, N.J.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

The bride is a graduate of Vassar College and Rutgers University School of Law.

She is an attorney for Drinker, Biddle & Shanley.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, The College of Saint Rose and Rutgers University School of Law.

He is deputy counsel for the Office of Legislative Services for the state of New Jersey.

The couple lives in Morristown, N.J.

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## Tips for handling conflict

Conflict is a natural part of life. Families deal with conflict every day, since each family member is unique and has his or her own ideas and opinions. Sibling rivalry is an example of common family conflict. While we cannot avoid conflict, we can learn to manage it. The process which follows is one to consider for managing conflict.

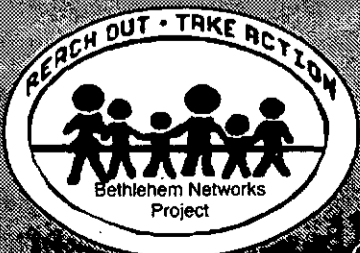
- Listen carefully to each other.
- Identify the problem — have each person state the problem from his or her point of view.
- Focus on the problem — attack the problem, not the person.
- Speak only to the issue at hand.
- Listen with an open mind.
- Treat each person's feelings with respect — try to eliminate name-calling, threats, put-downs, excuses, blaming, getting even, bringing up the past.
- Each person takes responsibility for his or her own actions — avoid "you" statements and try: "I feel \_\_\_ when you \_\_\_."
- Make sure each person has a chance to explain how she or he feels.
- Discuss possible solutions.
- If things get out of control, take a break — cool off and set a time to deal with the problem when everyone is calmer.

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Mitchel Normand and Gretchen Parker

## Parker, Normand to wed

Gretchen E. Parker, daughter of Karl and Debra Parker of Delmar, and Mitchel Ray Normand, son of Ray and Kathy Normand of Hessmer, La., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Austin Beauty School

in Albany.

She is a stylist at Choices Hair Studio and Day Spa in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Bunkie High School.

He is an electrician in the Navy.

The couple plans a May 31 wedding.

## Historical group sets meeting

The Bethlehem Historical association will host its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill School House, 1003 River Road (Route 144), Selkirk.

Adirondack 46er Ray Bell will talk about hiking the Appalachian Trail.

The public is welcome. For information, call 478-7247.

# Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

**A** million dollars worth of gilt glimmers from the ceiling, the carpet still smells new, and the 2,843 seats feel plush as Albany's Palace Theatre nears the completion of its \$3 million makeover.

Although discussions had been taking place for a long time, the actual physical work didn't begin till last September.

"People kept saying, 'Oh, Fred, you'll never finish in time,'" Palace Executive Director Fred Daniels said, "but I had great confidence in Conrad Schmidt's ability. I also kept an eye out, and knew that since they weren't working any extra shifts, we were right on target."

Conrad Schmidt is a Milwaukee-based restoration company, whose worldwide projects include the Pabst Theater in their hometown.

"We felt it was really important to choose a company with a deep resume," Daniels said. "It was important that there be no delays or complications. Conrad Schmidt had six artists in the house, and the rest of the workers were from local painters and carpenters unions."

About 5,000 First Night revelers got a sneak peek at the Palace when they saw the Trinity Irish Dancers perform. "They're the people who taught the Riverdancers their stuff," Daniels said.

When concertgoers attend the Palace's inaugural concert on Jan. 16 with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Albany Symphony Orchestra, they'll see the theater restored to its 1931 heyday.

"In 1931, live theater was the rage," Daniels said. "The vaudeville era was just closing, and the first talking movies had just occurred. The Palace at that time was both a performance hall and a movie palace, with an enormous screen. RKO was the original lessee, and they were the AOL/Time Warner of their day."



The Fabians, the family that originally developed the Palace, couldn't get control of two empty lots that still surround the theater. The city owns those, as it does the Palace itself, which it took for back taxes about 40 years ago.

Those two empty lots will come into play when the Palace refurbishment enters its next phases, which will see the expansion of the dressing rooms, the lobby and the sound system. Currently, the nonprofit group, the Palace Performing Arts Center, leases the theater from the city of Albany, and the management group, SMG, runs it.

Troy native and New York City philanthropist Marty Silverman invested \$1 million in the renovation, and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings said the \$2 million bond that the city wrote for the remainder of the Palace refurbishment is "long overdue."

"We've talked about the entertainment district on Pearl Street for a long time, and the Palace has to be part of that," Jennings said. "The Palace is a beautiful, first-class facility, and it will attract new people to our downtown."

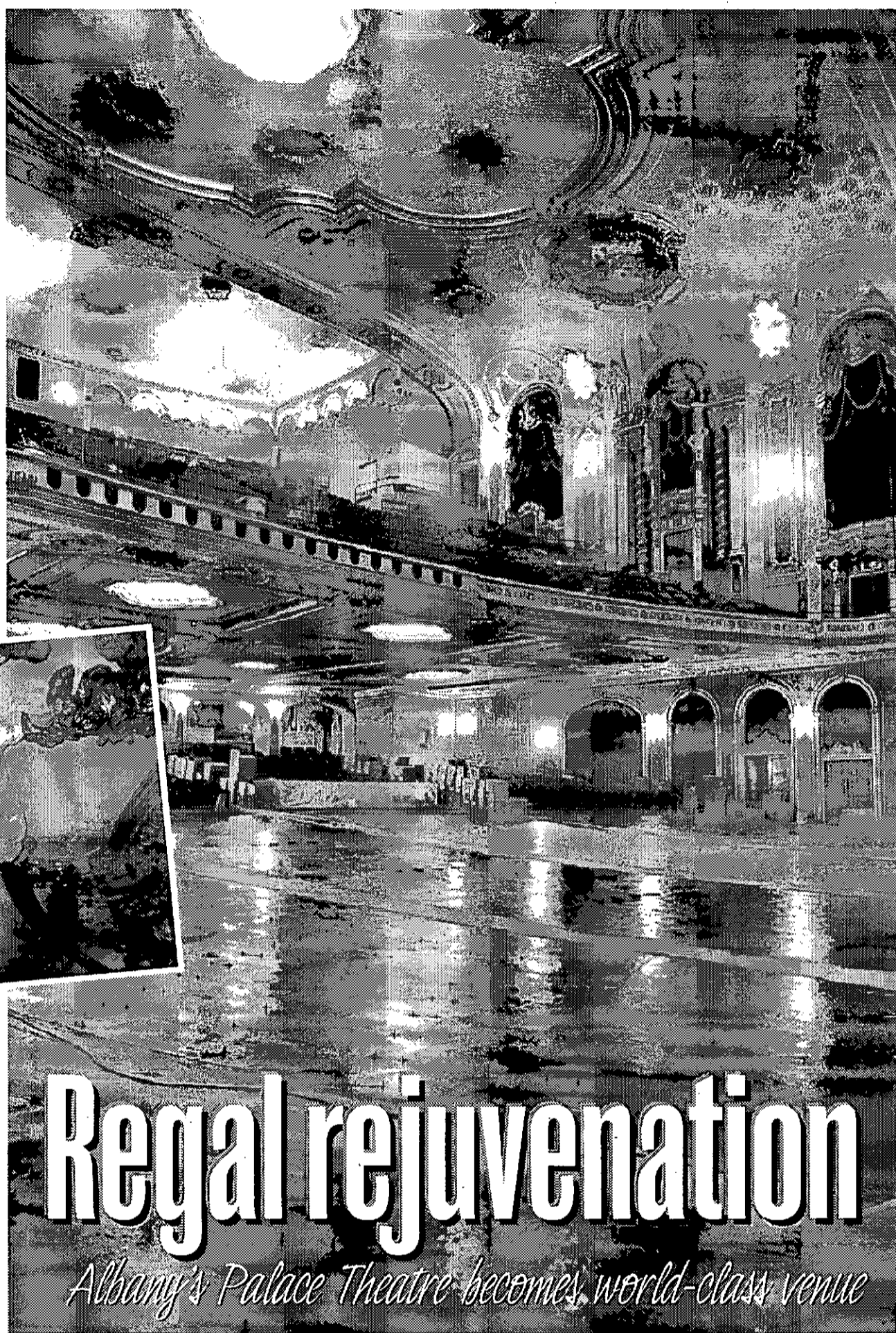
At the other end of Pearl Street is the Pepsi Arena, with Capital Repertory Theater and a number of restaurants — among them Jillian's, McGear's, the Big House Brewing Co. and Pagliacci's — in between.

"We've made Pearl Street a place that people can go, and spend an evening in downtown Albany," Jennings said.

Jennings pointed out that revitalizing downtown strengthens the entire region. "This adds to the menu of opportunities available in the Capital District," Jennings said. "To be successful as a region, we need a number of places that people can go. More people are looking at investing in the area, and are inquiring about opportunities here."

For Jennings, the restoration of the Palace to its former glory brings back memories. "Of course I went there as a child," he said with a laugh. "I'm dating myself, but I used to go to movies and simulcasts there. I saw simulcasts of Cassius Clay, Muhammed Ali, fights there. It was great fun, and I'm happy to see how the Palace coming out now."

"Downtown Albany is busting out," said Daniels, who came to the Palace in July after 10 years at Proctor's in Schenectady. "Downtowns have been fully



## Regal rejuvenation

*Albany's Palace Theatre becomes world-class venue*

resuscitated on less than two great venues like the Pepsi and the Palace. We're blessed in this region, that there's an extraordinary amount of cultural opportunities. We have more choices per capita than a lot of places, and people here take full advantage of it."

One of the mainstays of the Palace has always been the Albany Symphony Orchestra, which managed the theater for a while.

"We're very excited about the renovations of the Palace," said Stephanie Reese of the orchestra's marketing and public relations department. "We do our three children's concerts here, and two of our classical series concerts. We're talking with the city about increasing the number of times that we play here."

"We've always had a very favorable relationship with the ASO, and my intention is to use them with the acts whenever we can," Daniels said.

Case in point is the Yo-Yo Ma concert, and Daniels said the ASO is a great complement to the Irish group, the Chieftains.

"For the first time in recent history, we're presenting

acts," Daniels said. Scheduled for this year are The Fab Four; Jack Klugman in "On Golden Pond," Tony Curtis in a Broadway Equity performance of "Some Like It Hot," Smoky Joe's Café, and Ray Charles.

The Palace refurbishment means that theatergoers can take their seats in more than one way. For \$250 downstairs and \$150 upstairs, people can "buy" seats and put a plaque on the armrest.

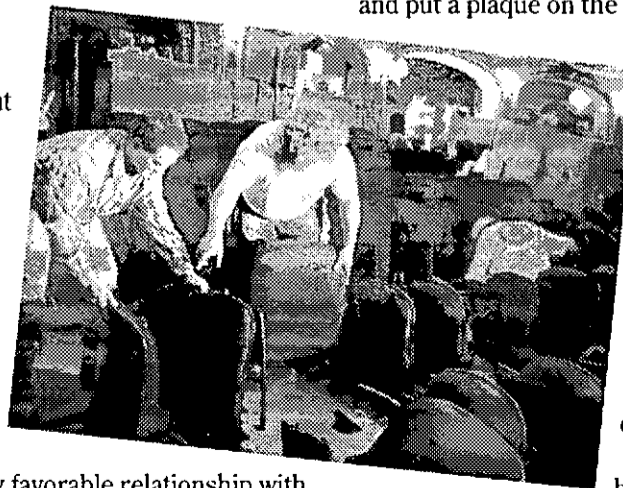
"There are three lines of copy on the plaque, and people are really personalizing them," Daniels said. One couple commemorated their first kiss by sponsoring two seats in the theater.

"Seats are still available for sponsorship, and everyone who restores a seat becomes a member of the Palace, and can make advance reservations to events," he added.

Going to the Palace now will be an event in itself, Daniels

said. "The theater is beautiful, and in addition to enjoying its historical significance, there's entertainment on the stage. And downtown, you can go to dinner before the show, or enjoy coffee or a drink afterwards."

For information about Palace events, call 465-4663.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### THE ODD COUPLE, FEMALE VERSION

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## Music

### DAN HICKS AND HIS HOT LICKS

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

### VANCE GILBERT

Caffe Lena, Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, Jan. 10, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 583-0022.

### TONY LEVIN BAND

The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, Jan. 11, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$16. Information, 381-1111.

### DAN BERN

Caffe Lena, Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., \$15. Information, 583-0022.

### JAMES CARTER

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

### BILL STAINES

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

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

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## Family Fun

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

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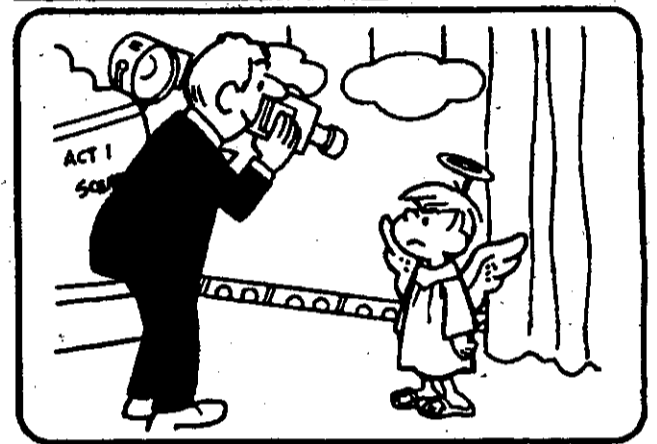
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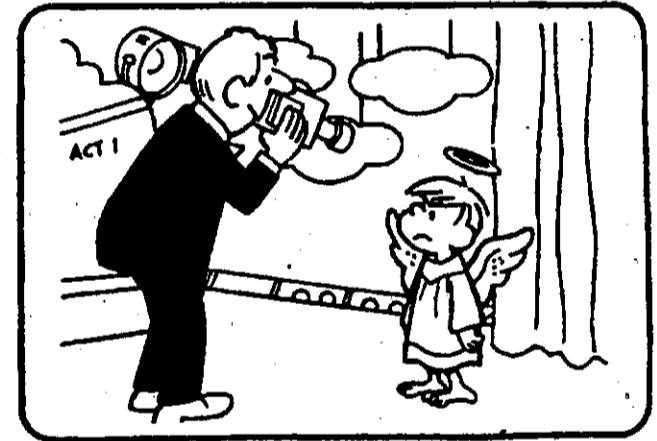
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



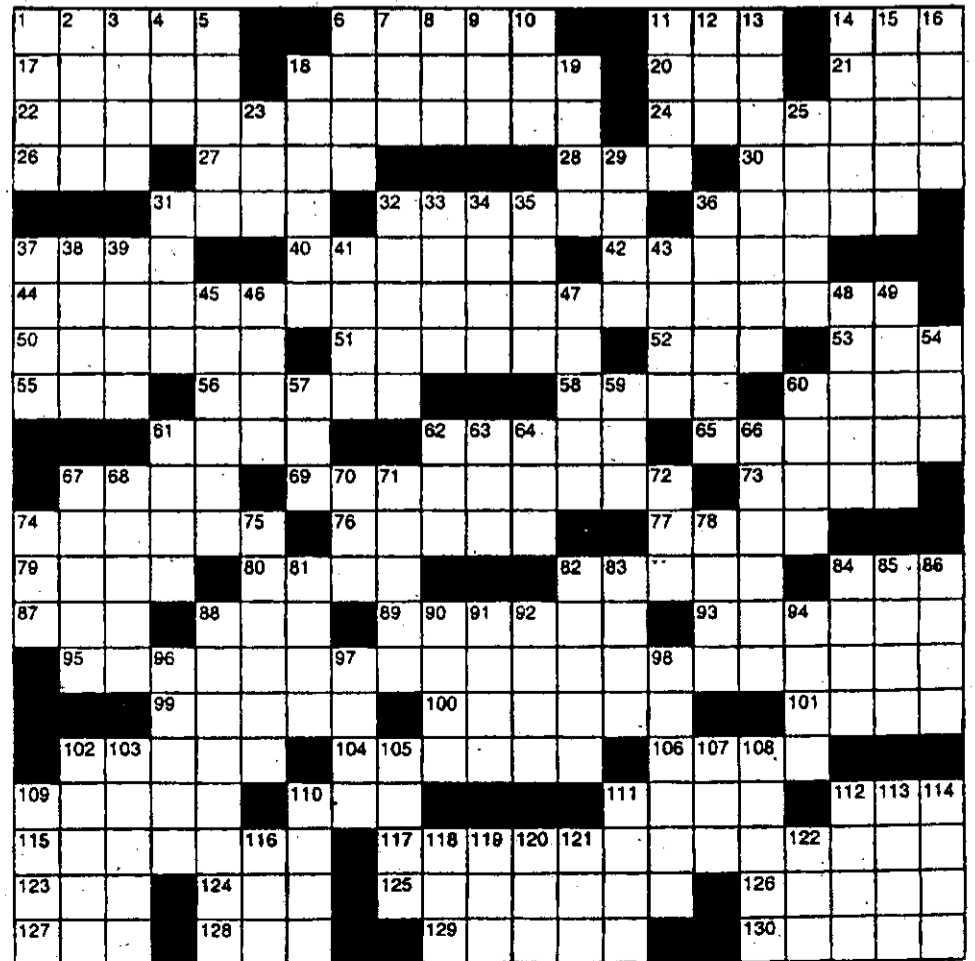
Differences: 1. Halo wire is missing. 2. Sign is different. 3. Boy is barefoot. 4. Robe has a border. 5. Cloud is missing. 6. Two stagehands are gone.

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Singer Ian<br>6 Get the picture<br>11 Bespectacled dwarf<br>14 Craze<br>17 Coleridge's "Dejection."<br>18 Piled up<br>20 Honest name<br>21 Nutritional abbr.<br>22 Start of a remark<br>24 "Short —" ('86 film)<br>26 — di-dah<br>27 Cavalry characteristic<br>28 Wapiti<br>30 First-class<br>31 Neighbor of Cal.<br>32 Hindu deity<br>36 Excludes<br>37 Caution<br>40 Peter of "Becket"<br>42 Long-legged wader<br>44 Part 2 of remark<br>50 Tree trim<br>51 Mischievous<br>52 Trigger-happy guy?<br>53 Cen-segments | <b>55 Label</b><br>56 Mortgages, e.g.<br>58 Virginia —<br>60 Small combo<br>61 Adolescent<br>62 Witch wheels?<br>65 Repeated<br>67 TV's "City"<br>69 Part 3 of remark<br>73 Temporary calm<br>74 Witch doctor<br>76 Synonym source<br>77 Support<br>79 Sheet of stamps<br>80 Heady quaffs<br>82 Destroyed<br>84 Regulatory agcy.<br>87 White House spokesman<br>88 Sault — Marie, MI<br>89 Alex Rieger, for one<br>93 Black of bass<br>95 Part 4 of remark<br>99 Black or Valentine<br>100 Reach Riches' predecessor | <b>102 Rubbish</b><br>104 Mortarboard part<br>106 Cookbook author<br>109 Guitlar features<br>110 John — Passos<br>111 On the briny<br>112 Fast flier<br>115 Last name in talk shows<br>117 End of remark<br>123 Mineral suffix<br>124 Wrong<br>125 Printing<br>126 Romeo and Juliet<br>127 — Guevara<br>128 Dram<br>129 Examine<br>130 Like a lummoX | <b>DOWN</b><br>1 Secure spot<br>2 Dancer<br>3 Hit the chips<br>4 A mean Amin<br>5 Passover meal<br>6 Feds<br>7 Gray kin<br>8 Gray matter? | <b>9 Vane dir.</b><br>10 — diem<br>11 Actor<br>12 Ben — Wan<br>13 Kenobi<br>13 Rite<br>14 Healthful snack<br>15 Mine entries<br>16 See socially<br>18 Wonder Woman, for one<br>19 Believe<br>23 Yalie<br>25 Hold fast<br>28 Bolger/Haley co-star<br>31 Hill dwellers<br>32 High times<br>33 Gambol<br>34 Jai —<br>35 Coop crowd<br>36 Baltimore bird<br>37 Skater<br>38 Katarina<br>39 Kuwai's continent<br>39 Tolled<br>41 Pollux or Bert<br>43 Robbsey<br>43 Rochester's missis<br>45 Montana's capital<br>46 Tennis pro<br>47 Pulsate | <b>48 Austrian province</b><br>49 Bay<br>54 Lay down the lawn<br>57 MIT grad<br>59 Cassowary kin<br>60 Consequently<br>61 Use a stopwatch<br>62 Marsh<br>63 Actress<br>64 Legendary<br>66 Boxing maneuver<br>67 Lewis or Belafonte<br>68 "— Room" ('02 film)<br>70 Archaic preposition<br>71 Puccini heroine<br>72 Indian export<br>74 Health club<br>75 Character<br>78 Essence<br>81 — majesty<br>82 Rope material<br>83 Utah city<br>84 "My kingdom —"<br>85 Henning or McClure | <b>86 48 Across attraction</b><br>88 Photo<br>90 "Woe is me!"<br>91 Certain sandwiches<br>92 Eight bits<br>94 Jealous Olympian<br>96 Japanese dog<br>97 Till<br>98 Complete agreement<br>102 Solemn vow<br>103 Soprano<br>105 "— forgive those..."<br>107 VCR button<br>108 Native New Zealander<br>109 Bk.'s backup<br>110 Adroit<br>111 Sailor's shout<br>112 Mall event<br>113 — aerobics<br>114 Exam<br>116 Tabloid fier<br>118 Mrs. McKinley<br>119 "Whether — nobler in the mind..."<br>120 Hasbrouck —, NJ<br>121 Security grp.<br>122 Cambodia's — Noi |
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NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1705 CROSBY AVE. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York. (SSNY) on 11/22/02.

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

Certificate of Conversion was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 622 Watervliet Shaker Road, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 19, 2002, effective upon the date of filing.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Adirondack Fence Co., LLC, a NYS Ltd. Liability Co., (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/12/02. Off. Loc: Albany Co.

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LD30002664 (January 8, 2003)

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.

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, 2020. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany.

LEGAL NOTICE

BLEECKER CAFE, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Bleecker Cafe, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2002.

LCD30002679 (January 8, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

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.

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

Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/26/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6200 S. Quebec St. Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

BOARD OF APPEALS 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals LD3000 2665 (January 8, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

COALITION BUILDERS, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC IS COALITION BUILDERS, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 6, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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.

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

Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/20/00.

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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.

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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.

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.

- 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

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

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

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.

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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.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

BOARD OF APPEALS 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 7:45 p.m.

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals LD30002666 (January 8, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

KINGS CORNER, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Kings Corner, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2002.

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.

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Notice of Qualification of LFG Technologies Development LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/16/02. Office Location: Albany county. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 11/7/02.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

("LP") The name of the LP is Montrose Partners of Albany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on December 24, 2002.

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December 24, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany county. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served.

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:

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project (B) to finance the Project by issuing from time to 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.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Michael Tucker Chairman

LD30002611 (January 8, 2003)



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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. LC30002634 (January 8, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME; PMJR SERVICES,LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/21/02. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC. 8 Madison Place, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002672 (January 8, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is RAR DEVELOPMENT, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 16, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 6364 French's Hollow

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Road, Altamont, New York 12009. LCD30002668 (January 8, 2003)

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 (January 8, 2003)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SCHUYLER-MECHANICVILLE PARTNERSHIP, P.

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

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MECHANICVILLE PARTNER-SHIP, 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. LCD30002662 (January 8, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY. NAME; SENNETT REALTY,LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/06/02. Office location: Schenectady 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. 141 Freemans Bridge Road, Scotia, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002605 (B) (January 8, 2003)

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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

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whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 15 Kunker Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD30002641 (January 8, 2003)

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 (January 8, 2003)

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 (January 8, 2003)

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Notice of Qualification of Spherion Atlantic Resources LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/24/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 2050 Spectrum Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 3 Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002635 (January 8, 2003)

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 (January 8, 2003)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME; T WILSON & 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 (January 8, 2003)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: TESCO,LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the

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Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/02, with an existence date of 01/01/2003. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail; a copy of process to the LLC. 13 Michael Drive, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD30002673 (January 8, 2003)

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 (January 8, 2003)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF VOICECOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC. AUTHORITY FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF N.Y.(SSNY) ON 12/5/02. OFFICE LOCATION: ALBANY COUNTY.

LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/26/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Services Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: c/o Gores Technology Group., 10877 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1805., Los Angeles, CA 90024. Art. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD30002685. (January 8, 2003)

Advertisement for 'capital district seniors spotlight' magazine. The ad shows several overlapping copies of the magazine with various headlines such as 'Senior Job Fair May 14', 'Health Happenings in the region', 'Senior celebrates senior achievements', 'August is Cataract Awareness Month', 'Tickets still available for Wine Tasting', 'Spending a weekend in the mountains', 'Finding the right senior housing', and 'Early detection key to preventing vision loss'. The magazine cover features a photo of a man and text about senior housing and vision care.

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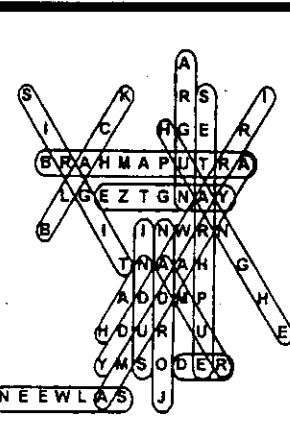
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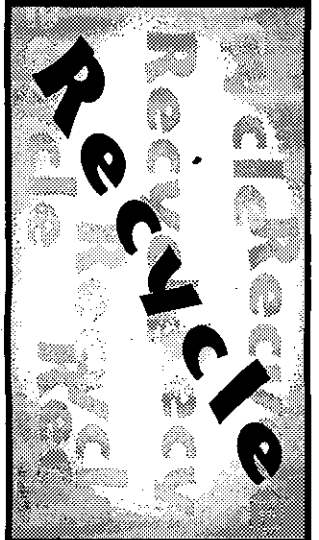
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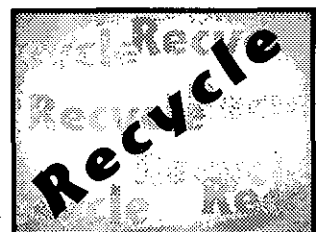
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Potholes can't be avoided until maintenance crews begin their road repairs. So, drive defensively.

Pinholes – the kind that spew liquid coolant from car engine hoses – can be averted with a basic check of the cooling system this fall.

You can do this, yourself, in the convenience of your drive-

way or garage. According to Gates Rubber Company engineers, the primary cause of coolant hose failure is an electrochemical attack on the tube compound of the hose.

The phenomenon, known as electrochemical degradation, or ECD, produces fine cracks, or striations, in the tube wall. These cracks extend from the inside to the outside of the hose tube, near one or both ends of the hose. The coolant seeps through these cracks and attacks the

hose reinforcement as it wicks along the length of the hose. The condition eventually results in a pinhole leak or a burst hose at failure.

Gates says you can check a coolant hose

for the effects of ECD by letting the engine cool down, and then squeezing the hose near the clamps or connectors. If the ends are soft and feel mushy, chances are, the hose is under at-

tack by ECD. A replacement interval of four years for all coolant carrying hoses – especially the upper radiator, bypass and heater hoses – can help prevent unex-

pected failure from ECD. Gates says the incidence of hose failure increases sharply after four years for most vehicles.

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# Truck

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to the contrary received by DOT during the 90-day waiting period, Logan noted in his letter to Couch White, "Federal regulations . . . require that your request be deemed granted."

"I don't believe the town has authority to establish something like that after our process was in motion, but I'm an engineer, not a lawyer. That would have to be left to legal authorities to determine," Sholtes said.

Callanan, a supplier of stone, gravel and other building materials for construction contractors, cited in its DOT petition its need for access to the Elm-Cherry-Route 85 corridor for deliveries to customers in the North Bethlehem, Guiderland, West Albany and Colonie areas. Callanan's Andy Stokes made the same point to the town board in September.

"Delivery of our product is almost solely by truck, to locations within the town and throughout the Capital District," he said. "A change of routing

makes a considerable difference in our competitiveness, which could be put in jeopardy by any action of the town board restricting our ability to use Cherry and Elm avenues."

In being designated as an access highway for truckers, Route 52 becomes the second major road through a residential neighborhood in town — Maple Avenue in Selkirk, also known as state Route 396, being the other so designated, and therefore beyond the reach of town officials to restrict truck access.

The new truck restrictions were posted by town highway department workers after they were voted into law by the town board. The signs remain in place as of last week, and Fuller said that town police, notified of the DOT decision, will cease enforcing the restrictions.

With Albany County's contractors expected to begin roadwork on Cherry and Elm this spring, Fuller hoped construction delays will have a deterrent effect on the car-carriers.

# DC

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as "math and science people," they said the conference was a good learning experience. The six-day program was divided between lectures and simulations of government. Toby Moffat, a former congressman from Connecticut, spoke to the students while they sat on the floor of the House of Representatives, a place usually reserved for members and their guests and where the president delivers the State of the Union.

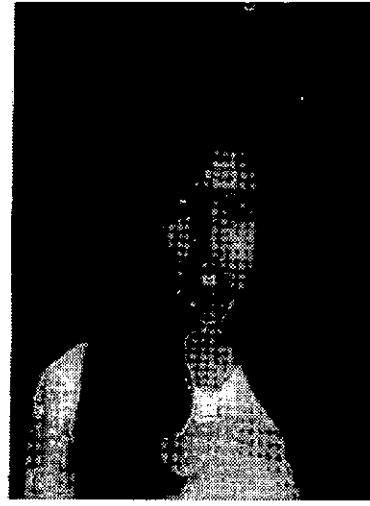
"It was really cool to sit on the House floor," Brown said. "Toby Moffat talked to us about how things get passed, and how the House and Senate work."

"It was really impressive when all 400 of us were on the floor," Schoen added.

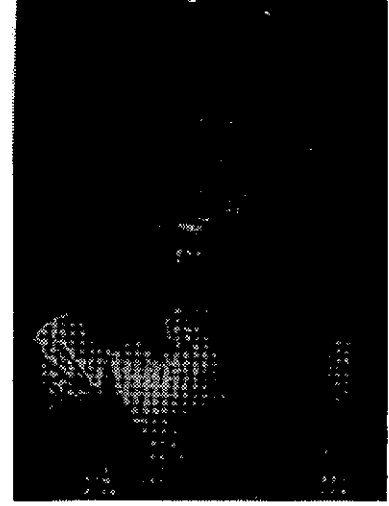
Members of the press also spoke to the students, among them Nancy Ambrose, formerly of CNN, John Diamond of *USA Today*, Ken Rudin of National Public Radio and Helen Thomas of United Press International.

"We listened to a lot of lectures and heard a lot of speakers," Schoen said, "and none of them were boring."

One of the role-playing activities the students were involved in was called "If I Were the President," where they acted as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. "Our situation was that a North Korean tanker had been found with boxes on it,



Jessie Brown



Jessica Schoen

and our concern was that there might be nuclear weapons aboard," Schoen said.

The girls were in separate groups, where Schoen was the secretary of commerce and Brown was secretary of the treasury. The day before the event, the students received books that briefed them on their positions.

"We worked till 11 or 12 every night," Brown said, "and were up at 6 the next day. But I never felt tired."

The students also participated in a mock Supreme Court session, where they tried *Kyllo v. the United States*, which dealt with the constitutionality of law enforcement agents' use of thermal imaging devices to determine if marijuana was being grown inside a private residence.

Brown's group found the use of heat detection to determine the presence of infrared light — helping Mr. Kilo's marijuana plants grow — unconstitutional.

Schoen's group found it not unconstitutional, since the heat detected was outside the house. In 2000, the Supreme Court ruled that the agents' use of heat detection without a warrant had violated the Fourth Amendment. Schoen was able to put her knowledge to use when she returned to school in Delmar.

"The first day back, my teacher was talking about the Fourth Amendment," she said. Both agreed that this simulation was their favorite.

In the final simulation, the students broke into caucuses during a model congress.

"Each caucus had to write an amendment to a bill dealing with education," Schoen said. Perhaps fittingly for Capital District natives, both Schoen and Brown were lobbyists for their caucuses. "It was interesting to see how everyone voted," Schoen said.

During part of the NYLC, the students spent time on Capitol Hill looking for their representatives. In the wake of the mid-term elections, few politicians were present, but Schoen and Brown met with staffers from the offices of Rep. Mike McNulty, D-Green Island, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-Brooklyn. They also got a chance to see some of the sights.

"We went to the Smithsonian," Brown said. "But I spent so long at the Sept. 11 exhibit at the American History Museum that I didn't see the other museums."

The students toured the District of Columbia, stopping at all of the nation's memorials, and visited Arlington Cemetery. A performance by the satirical theater group, The Capitol Steps, left the students howling with laughter.

"My favorite part, though, was meeting the people from all over the country," Brown said. "There was no dumbing down," Schoen said. "Everyone read all the material, and everyone was really nice."

The NYLC is a program of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which was founded in 1985. The program is open to high school juniors and seniors with a B-plus or better average and who are nominated by an educator to attend. In all, 7,000 students participate in 24 sessions of the NYLC each year.

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