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## Changes come to town hall

By KRISTEN OLBY

With Friday marking her first full day of work as town supervisor, Theresa Egan used her swearing-in ceremony to share with residents how she plans to develop, preserve and protect the town over the course of her two-year term.

"I'm convinced that the next couple of years are going to be real good for Bethlehem," Egan told the crowd.

Egan is the first Democrat to win the supervisor's post in more than 100 years. She will lead a Democratic town board majority, also a first for Bethlehem.

During her 20-minute speech, Egan referred often to the "Blueprint for Bethlehem," a 10-page plan of action crafted during the campaign, detailing the major issues she plans to tackle.

"Beginning today, I've already taken steps to implement a building moratorium on residential development in town, in order for us to create and adopt a comprehensive plan for future growth," she said.

Within the next two weeks, Egan plans to appoint a bipartisan panel of residents to work on creating such a plan. The moratorium could be implemented as early as February and may, if necessary, last as long as a year, she said.

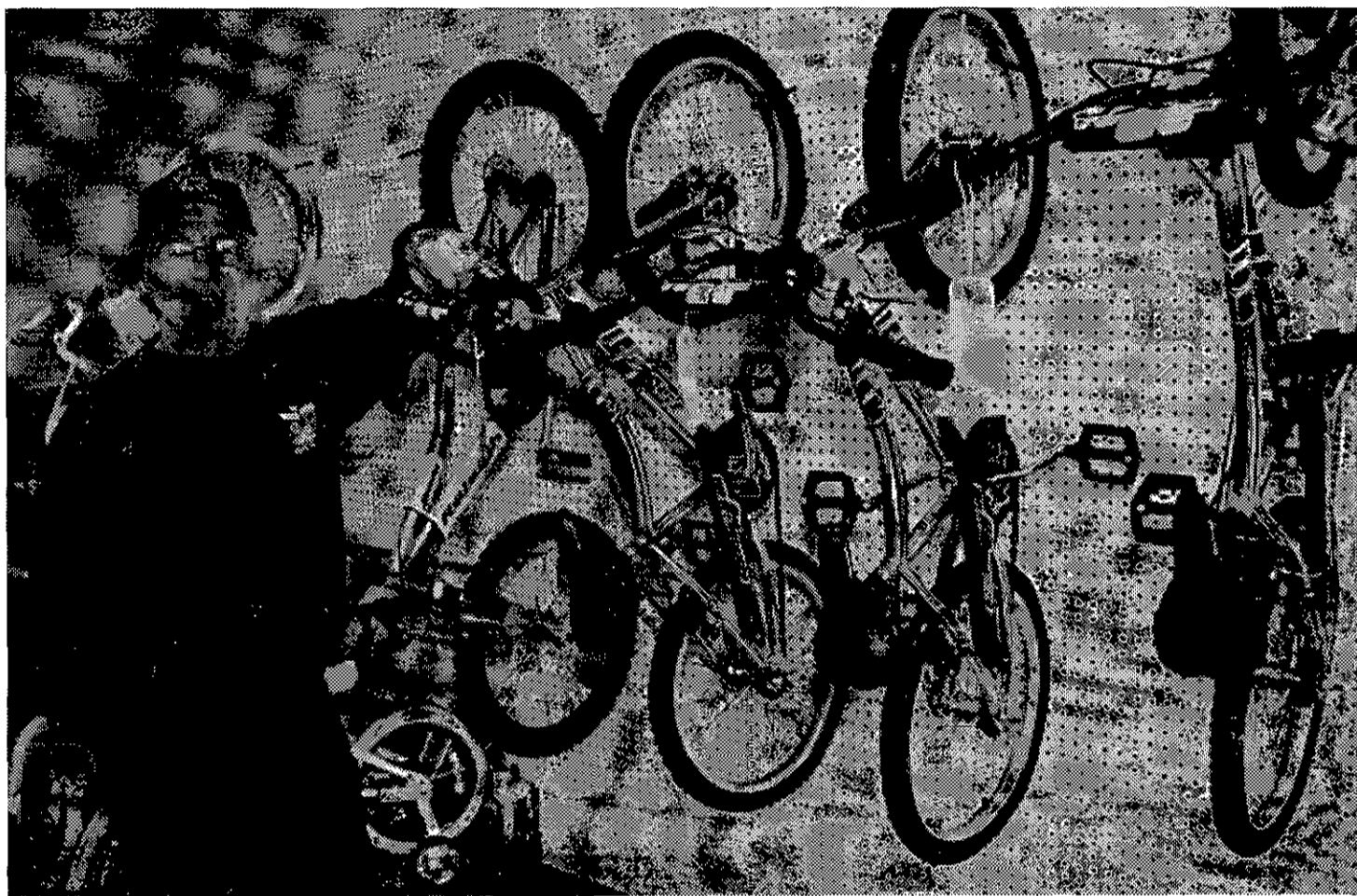
Tackling the town's water supply problem, Egan said, will be her next order of business. She said she hopes to finalize a long-term water contract to purchase water from the city of Albany.

"Increase the volume and increase the length (of the contract)," said Egan. "When you buy larger amounts you get a reduced rate."

Egan said Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, a fellow Democrat, is receptive to the idea and the two hope to iron out a contract early this year.

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## Riding away into the sunset



Robert VanAernem of the Eagle's Nest Bike Shop on Delaware Avenue will be retiring after 20 years running the bike and ski shop.

Jim Franco

## Bethlehem librarian wins prestigious award

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

When Polly Hartman first heard that she was one of 27 librarians nationwide to win the New York Times Librarian of the Year award, she assumed that only 27 had been nominated.

It turned out that more than 2,000 librarians had been nominated, making the honor even greater.

"It's a nice kind of kudo," Hartman said.

The New York Times hosted a ceremony for the recipients on Dec. 16, and all but one honoree attended.

Clyde Haberman, one of The Times' columnists, spoke about the importance of libraries, and a PowerPoint presentation accompanied photos of the librarians.

This is the third year that the award has been given.

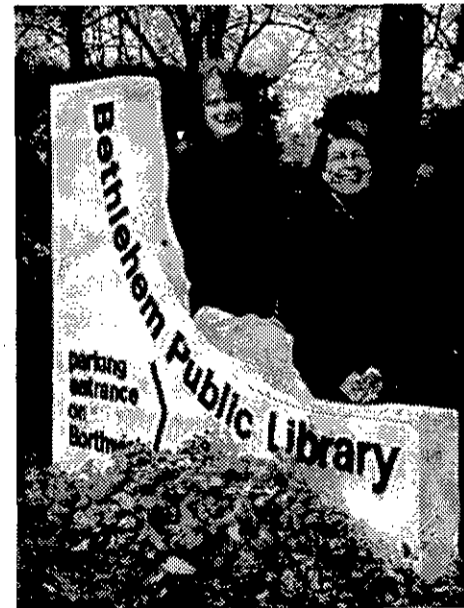
"The terrific response this program has received from practically every state in the nation is evidence of the enormous impact librarians have on library patrons," said Alyse Myers, vice president of marketing services for The New York Times. "Whether they're helping children discover the joys of reading or easing the transition of immigrants to the country, librarians are improving people's lives in meaningful ways."

Hartman said the ceremony was very personal. "Clyde Haberman talked about what we did as librarians, and there were quotes from the nominating letter. It was very nice."

Each winner received a plaque and \$2,500, and each library will also receive a plaque.

Hartman was taken completely by surprise by the award, and was doubly honored when she found out that Alexandra Siy had nominated her. A children's book author and mother of four, Siy has been a regular at Bethlehem Public Library for 12 years.

One of the things Hartman is known for at the library is the summer writing workshop she has run for 10 years, and Siy has volunteered her time for the past



Alexandra Siy and Polly Hartman

eight years.

"The workshop takes place for five Fridays each summer," Hartman said. "Each week, a published writer comes and speaks about one aspect of writing. Alex talks about revision, which is an important topic. I feel I owe Alex. She has helped me with her kindness."

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## Egan celebrates swearing-in

By KRISTEN OLBY

The start of the new year marked a series of firsts in Bethlehem: The first Democratic town supervisor in more than 100 years, the first board member from the Independence Party and the first time town government has shifted from its Republican stronghold.

The standing-room-only crowd at town hall gathered to witness history, as Supervisor Theresa Egan officially took the oath of office Friday evening. The crowd was speckled with prominent Democrats from the state, county and city of Albany, all filled with anticipation and excitement rarely experienced by the party in Bethlehem. Not since 1881 has Bethlehem had a Democratic town supervisor.

"In November, the residents of Bethlehem decided that we're a community that should take a new direction and we will take that direction and redefine our town," pledged Egan to the audience of roughly 200.

She credited her win by nearly 2,000 votes to a massive Democratic effort that involved party members at all levels.

Egan's campaign was certainly visible, with a 38-foot-long RV plastered with her photo traveling town streets for months. The Democratic Party also

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# Police arrest one for DWI, one for drug possession

Bethlehem police recently arrested one person for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and two people for possession of a controlled substance. Katie Keegan, 24, of 196 Sunnyside Road, Scotia, was involved in an accident on River

Road on Jan. 1 around 2:39 a.m. Police found Keegan's vehicle stopped on the side of River Road, running with no one in it. Keegan was seen walking toward the car screaming.

Police said the vehicle had extensive damage on the passenger's side and the northbound guardrail was also damaged. Keegan was transported to Albany Medical Center for a blood test and charged with DWI and crossing hazardous markings.

At the scene, police were unable to locate a small greyhound that was reportedly in the car.

Dennis Foster Jr., 28, of 1113 Route 81, Climax, was stopped by police for speeding on River Road on Dec. 31 at 3:23 a.m.

Police said Foster was driving

with a suspended license for failure to appear in Coxsackie Court in December and had \$1,100 on him.

In the vehicle, police said they found a marijuana pipe, two glass pipes, a knife, metal measuring cup, vial containing cocaine and several small baggies filled with a white substance, believed to be cocaine.

A passenger in the vehicle, Theodore Yaas, 29, of 162 Miller Road, Selkirk, was also arrested. Foster and Yaas were each charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony. Foster faces additional charges of aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, use of drug paraphernalia, and speeding.

Both men were arraigned on \$7,500 bail and sent to the Albany County jail.

# Delmar attorney named partner

Anthony V. Cardona Jr. of Delmar recently became a partner at D'Agostino, Krackeler, Baynes & Maguire, a general practice and civil litigation law firm, based at The Sage Mansion in Menands.

Cardona, a graduate of the University of Michigan's Thomas M. Cooley Law School, joined the firm as an associate in 1999. He has a diversified practice in personal injury cases, commercial litigation and real property law.

The son of Anthony V. Cardona, the presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, he has been admitted to practice in New York state and the U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York, since 1993.

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# Selkirk Boy Scout earns Eagle rank

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To earn Scouting's highest award, Dennis was required to earn 21 Merit Badges, serve as a leader in his Troop, and complete a major community service project.

Dennis's Eagle project was the restoration of the A.W. Becker School nature trail. He also made the trail accessible to people with disabilities.

The project took three weeks

to complete with help enlisted by Dennis from local businesses, a local fire department, town government, Troop members and their families.

# V'ville grad receives award

Andrew T. Walter, son of Thomas and Christine Walter of Voorheesville, was recently named a 2002-03 Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Walter is a fourth-year bachelor and master's degree candidate in mechanical engineering and aerospace.

Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Awards are presented to students who have achieved the distinction of maintaining a minimum university grade point average of 3.85 and have completed at least 125 credit hours of study.

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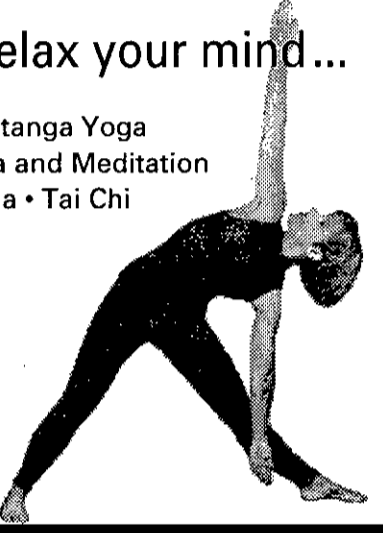
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# Wiggand loses state job and GOP party leadership

By KRISTEN OLBY

The chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee has resigned his party post and his politically appointed state job following a state inspector general investigation into alleged misuse of state property.

Keith Wiggand of Glenmont stepped down as chairman of the town party on Tuesday, Dec. 30, the same day the results of a state investigation into Wiggand's alleged misconduct were released.

Wiggand's resignation as town GOP chairman follows a tumultuous election year in which Republicans lost control of the supervisor's post and town board for the first time in a century.

A complaint filed with the Office of the State Inspector General alleged Wiggand conducted political activities from his state office, using state resources, and also solicited political contributions from agency employees.

Wiggand is also treasurer of the Albany County Republican Committee. He remains in that post.

"He is still treasurer of the county committee," said Peter Kermani of Delmar, Albany County Republican Party chairman.

Kermani said he was unaware of the outcome of the state investigation.

"If he's found guilty of something, it's a different matter," he said, refusing any further comment.

In November, Wiggand quit his \$90,000-a-year job as director of special projects for the Workers' Compensation Board after a dispute with his superiors over a missing state-owned laptop computer. He had been at the board since 1997.

Also, a review of cell phone calls from May 2002 to April 2003, and office phone calls from January 2002 to March 2003, found Wiggand made several personal calls without reimbursing the Workers' Compensation Board.

Calls were made to various lobbyists, media outlets and candidates for elected office. In addition, Wiggand called the Bethlehem's Assessor's office, Parks and Recreation Department, Police Department, the Rensselaer County Republican Committee, Rensselaer County Clerk's office and the New York State Assembly.

When Wiggand learned of the investigation, he requested copies

of his cell phone records dating back to 2001, when he was first issued the phone.

"Only then did he submit a reimbursement check, dated May 16, 2003, for \$213.45 for his non-business calls," according to the inspector general report.

Prior to that, Wiggand had previously submitted one reimbursement check in November 2002 for \$2.40. According to the report, Wiggand claimed the non-business calls were to friends or relatives regarding personal matters, and were not related to political activity.

"Wiggand blamed his lack of timely payment for his cell phone

use on the Workers' Compensation Board administration's practice of not distributing cellular phone bills to him on a regular basis," according to the report.

The agency's policy requires employees with state-issued cell phones for personal use to obtain their phone bills from the agency administrator and make reimbursements accordingly.

The inspector general's office also seized Wiggand's office computer and found a small number of politically oriented materials and non-business related e-mails, such as an e-mail concerning the scheduling of a

political event. The inspector general did not find evidence Wiggand was soliciting political contributions from fellow employees.

It was the dispute over the state-issued laptop computer that prompted Wiggand's resignation. When he was asked to return the laptop, Wiggand claimed he had already given it to the board. A review of Workers' Compensation Board records did not show that the computer had been returned.

When he was directed to hand the laptop over, Wiggand refused, according to the report.

He later offered, through his attorney, to pay the board for the

value of the computer.

On Oct. 31, Wiggand was given a final opportunity to produce the computer or be terminated, and he refused.

He was not terminated that day, but on Nov. 5, the day after the election, Wiggand resigned.

To date, he has not returned the computer, according to the board.

The inspector general's office recommended the board take appropriate action to retrieve the computer and modify its reimbursement policy, regularly providing billing information to employees so that payments can be made promptly.

## Marcelle new chairman of Bethlehem GOP

By KRISTEN OLBY

Bethlehem's Republican Party is under new leadership, after an election year that resulted in the GOP losing its stronghold on town politics for the first time in one hundred years.

Former Republican Party chairman Keith Wiggand resigned at a committee meeting held Dec. 30.

Tom Marcelle, who currently serves as a town board member, was appointed chairman with a unanimous vote.



Marcelle

Marcelle, 41, is serving his first two-year term on the town board. Prior to winning public office, he made one failed bid for Albany County Legislature resulting in a loss to Democrat Herb Reilly.

Marcelle has been a solo practitioner since 1991, focusing on civil rights and criminal cases in both state and federal court.

While he doesn't expect to make any major changes in how the committee operates he does hope to regain several key political positions.

Republicans lost their bid for supervisor in the last election and two town board seats.

For the first time in town history, Democrats control the town board with a Democratic Supervisor at the helm. Marcelle attributes the loss to problems that arose as the town increased in size over the last decade.

"The Republican leadership made the town a very attractive place to live," said Marcelle. "But that growth attracted problems: traffic problems and tax problems."

He anticipates residents will return to Republican leadership in the Supervisor's election two years from now.

In the meantime, Marcelle hopes to fill roughly a half dozen vacancies on the committee with more women.

He also hopes to appoint supervisor candidate Joe Catalano to a vacant committee position. Up until last year's election, Catalano had been a newcomer to politics.

In addition, Marcelle plans to evaluate the past election and how the Party's message was conveyed.

"I don't think we were as effective as we could have been," he conceded.

In future elections, he believes its essential to utilize technology to spread the Party's platform.

## Delmar man at center of deadly chase has rap sheet

By KRISTEN OLBY

A Delmar man who sparked a shooting New Year's Eve on Albany's Lark Street holds a lengthy rap sheet of arrests stretching through several Capital District communities.

Daniel Reed, 32, of Woodmont Drive, Delmar was stopped by Albany police officers around 4 p.m. for allegedly driving erratically.

Police said the license plates didn't belong on the vehicle, and one was reportedly stolen. As a brief chase ensued, police cruisers boxed Reed in on State Street.

"He was up on the sidewalk, there was a patrol car blocking his access out of State Street and that's when he turned and went up on the sidewalk," said Det. Jimmy Miller of Albany police.

As Reed allegedly accelerated toward police cruisers, Officers Joseph Gerace and William Bonanni fired a total of eight shots from department-issued, semiautomatic .40-caliber Smith and Wesson handguns, according to police. One of the bullets hit 24-year-old David Scaringe of Albany in the chest as he walked on Lark Street. Scaringe later died at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Reed drove off after the shooting, according to police, and abandoned his vehicle near State

Street. Shortly after 8 p.m., Reed was located by Bethlehem police in Delmar.

"He was attending an event at Normanside Country Club, that's where detective located him," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan. It's

**His license was suspended in April 2003. He didn't have a right to be driving.**

Jimmy Miller

unclear how Reed made it to the country club. He was taken into custody by Bethlehem police and transported to the Albany south station. Reed was arraigned in Albany City Court on Thursday and charged with two felony counts of reckless endangerment. Judge John C. Egan Jr. ordered him held without bail at the Albany County jail.

Reed is a familiar face to law enforcement, having been arrested on numerous occasions — including twice for driving while intoxicated — in at least three other communities since 1999. At the time of his Albany arrest, police said Reed's license was suspended.

"His license was suspended in

April 2003," said Miller. "He didn't have a right to be driving."

That same month, Albany County Sheriff's deputies stopped Reed in Bethlehem and ticketed him for driving with a suspended license. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and his trial has been adjourned four times, at his request, according to the court clerk. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem town court Jan. 14 at 8 a.m.

In Guilderland, Reed was stopped in July of last year for driving an unregistered vehicle without insurance. The case was settled in late December and details were not immediately available.

In 2000, Reed was back in Bethlehem town court, pleading guilty to a charge of driving while

ability impaired, after being arrested by State Police. Reed paid a \$300 fine and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Just six months later, in June of 2000, Reed was arrested in Lake George for driving while intoxicated.

He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI, paid a \$500 fine, and again had his license suspended for 90 days.

It was not immediately clear why Reed was able to plead guilty to a reduced drunk driving charge after a previous alcohol-related arrest or why he didn't serve jail time.

Reed remains in the Albany County jail without bail and a preliminary hearing is slated for Jan. 6 in Albany City Court.

## Patriot Act forum will be held at Town hall on Jan. 11

A forum on the USA Patriot Act will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, at Bethlehem town hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The forum will focus on the Patriot Act and civil liberties post Sept. 11.

Scheduled speakers include Diane Berry of the American Library Association; Nancy Ota, Albany Law School professor, Immigrant's Rights; Dominick Calsolaro, Albany Common Council, Ward 1; Margie Skinner, The Book House, community liaison, representing views of American Booksellers Assoc-

iation; and Melanie Trimble of New York Civil Liberties Union — Capital Region Chapter. The forum is free and open to the public.

For information, call 475-1773 or visit the Web site at [www.bethlehemforpeace.org](http://www.bethlehemforpeace.org).

The forum is sponsored by Bethlehem Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, New York Civil Liberties Union — Capital Region Chapter, League of Women Voters, Veterans for Peace — Albany Chapter and the Center for Law and Justice.

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# Family dog teaches patience, fairness and affection

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

She was supposed to make the parents in this family thinner and the children learn responsibility. "Get a dog," a doctor we no longer go to advised when asked for weight-loss ideas. "Look," he said, pulling a picture of his golden retriever out of his lab coat

pocket, "that's all you need." Really? A nice elliptical trainer wouldn't do as well? The doctor's advice coincided with the death of our elderly cat and the purchase of our very own house, the final excuse we'd clung to against the children's increasing desire to own a dog. In our ongoing efforts to make

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## Mom's the Word



their lives perfect, we went to the Mohawk-Hudson Animal Shelter, accompanied by a friend who is the consummate dog person.

Even our reluctant hearts melted once there, and the puppy that the children now refer to as "the cute little fuzz ball" became ours forever.

Our great fitness plans fell apart the first time we tried to walk her, and she sat down when she'd had enough. Maybe dogs are smarter than people give them credit for — this dog had clearly tapped into her family's feeling about fitness.

As for responsibility, the universal truth about dog care became clear immediately: the dog is Mom's job. Sure, Dad sneaks her treats under the table, and the kids might blot up wet spots on the rug before Mom sees them, but let it stink and Mom gets the call. During her first week with us, she howled from the crate that proved our savior in the housebreaking department

"If I'd known I'd be up at night again, I'd have had another baby," I threatened my husband after another late-night dog

soothing session. "Dogs don't go to college, so look at the money you're saving," he answered, rolling away and stealing the covers.

It was our first dog-sitter, my brother-in-law, who helped the dog transition onto a bed for the night, claiming that she'd outgrown the crate. Fair enough — I still remember the comforting feeling of waking up to the family dog in my bed, and the boys were eager for the same

boys and I are first up on school days, she cuddles in with Chris until the day insists that he join it, too.

For a long time, she was a wild puppy, jumping on visitors, chewing shoes and galloping through the house at regular intervals. She became fierce around other dogs, and it seemed like an obedience class was in order.

The class brought out the true dog people, able to get their dogs to sit or stay with the slightest hand movement. During a long sit/stay practice, one of the teachers dropped to his hands and knees, trying to distract the dogs by yowling like a cat as he crawled past the line of man's best friends tethered to their masters.

That was the moment that our dog with the Irish name, Maeve, and I bonded. I'm pretty sure she cocked her head at me, her brown eyes asking me to get a load of this. She got an extra treat and a hug from me when she remained sitting in spite of the part of her that must have been thinking she could have treed that guy easy.

Getting her to not bark at the mailman has been a greater chore, though.

"Look," I showed her one day, "three credit card offers, the utility bill and a magazine do not constitute a threat to our very lives."

She remains ferocious, in spite of our calming attempts. If you like dogs, you'll like our dog. If you aren't a dog lover, this fiercely protective and exuberant creature isn't the one to convince you.

She barks at neighbors who've lived in their home nearly as long as we have and at pieces of errant cardboard that blow down the street on trash day. She gets her back up when she passes another dog; and attempts to capture the squirrels that seem to taunt her by lingering outside the doors to the deck.

Maeve had to court Chris persistently, always settling at his feet and tripping all over herself when he pulled the leash out of the drawer to take her for a walk. At first, he claimed to only love her because she loves his

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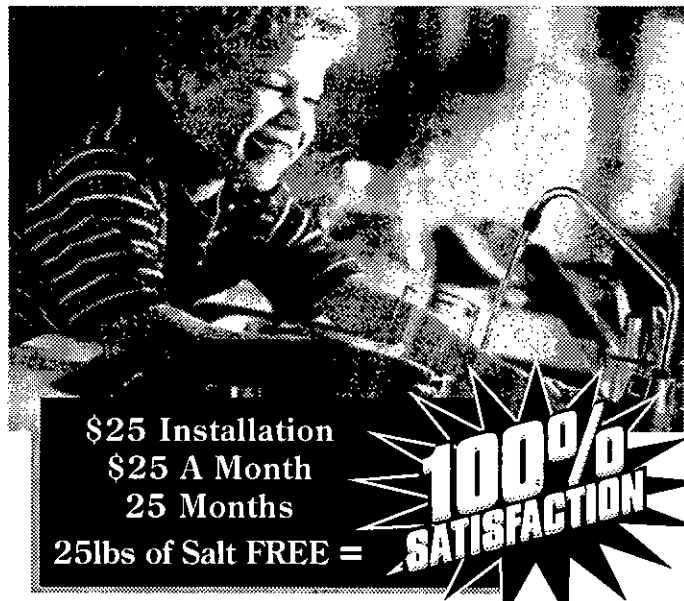
experience. But whose bed first? For how long?

She hadn't been much help in the responsibility department, but she was proving a great resource in areas of patience and fairness.

Six and a half years after getting her, her nighttime routine remains the same: she starts the night with Christopher, but always wakes up with Cormac. Not one to slight the hands that feed her, she remains up with us until we go to bed, and when the

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children so very much. Now, he loves her for herself, and has taught her to lay her head against his chest when he puts out his arms and says, "Hug, Maeve, hug."

She won't do this trick with me, which gives me a new verse for the mommy grumble that Cormac imitates so accurately. "I feed you, I walk you, I let you in and out all day, and Daddy gets the hug? No fair." To appease me, she lays her head across my knees and stares at me soulfully.

This beats any fitness program, and I start to see why dogs reportedly keep blood pressure down, reduce depression and provide a sense of security.

The best thing about this dog isn't just the way she loves us, but the way she gives our children a chance to express love and playfulness. As they move into the adolescent years when hugs for Mom and Dad must be solicited, it's great to watch them spontaneously throw their arms around their dog or bury their faces in her neck. Cormac, who moves from task to task with great rapidity, will work for hours to teach her new tricks. Christopher, who has been practicing his grumpy old man routine for years, will let himself be silly and playful with this dog, babbling nonsense words and rubbing her tummy until her rear leg thumps.

If I get to come back in another life, I want to come back as my children's dog.



From left, Alanna Dugar, Brenna Smith, Tyler Reed, Katje Benoit and Dylan Gallagher, helped raise money for Cherokee Ridge Animal Rescue in Ravena through a prize drawing at Hamagrael School.

## Hamagrael kids raise \$1G for local animal rescue

What can you buy with \$1,000? Cherokee Ridge Animal Rescue in Ravena will be able to buy lots of food, treats, blankets and other supplies its animal inhabitants need, thanks to the efforts of students and staff at Hamagrael Elementary school.

The school raised \$1,000 recently by holding an auction raffle. One dollar bought a chance to win one of about a dozen gifts donated by local businesses.

The winning tickets were drawn on Dec. 19 and the proceeds were brought to Cherokee Ridge by school secretary Margy McKenna.

McKenna began organizing the raffle in order to help the 17-year-old animal rescue organization that houses more than a hundred animals of various species. The animals, in turn, are used in therapy work with handicapped children and adults.

Several classes took part in promoting the raffle. In addition, students began a three-week donation drive to collect pet food for the shelter.

The students' efforts, McKenna said, were the perfect example of Cherokee Ridge's motto of "children helping animals help children."

## Student records CD for charity

Stefanie Stegman of Slingerlands recently recorded two songs for a charity CD project from the Songwriters' Workshop of the Northeast Country Music Association.

She was also featured on radio station Froggy 107.1's Roadhouse Spotlight, which highlights performances by area country musicians.

Proceeds from the Christmas Memories CD will benefit charities for elderly residents of the Capital District. The CD is available at several area music outlets.

Stegman attended Bethlehem schools and is currently studying engineering at Hudson Valley Community College.

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# Matters of Opinion

## New Year in Bethlehem

2004 is a really new year for the town of Bethlehem.

The election of Democrat Theresa Egan as supervisor, along with town board members Dan Plummer and Tim Gordon, gives the town its first Democratic majority in more than a century.

Egan has moved quickly to honor a campaign pledge for a moratorium on development and to reach a new water supply agreement with Albany.

The moratorium should be in place early this year. Then the hard part comes — deciding what zoning changes will help Bethlehem best accommodate 21st century growth.

Largely as a result of recent residential growth, voters in the Bethlehem Central School District approved a \$93 million bond issue in December. But district officials have been warning for years that the town needs a balance of residential and commercial growth.

All suburban towns face growth pressures, and all are trying to find the right mix of business and residential expansion that will keep taxes reasonable while preserving an attractive suburban quality of life.

Therein lies the rub. When suburbs are attractive — because of good schools, low crime and nice single-family house neighborhoods — they naturally attract people who want to live there and developers who want to build them houses.

Those who already live in Bethlehem appreciate the attractiveness, which undergirds the value of their homes. But they should realize that an effective ban on future development is neither fair nor wise.

For many towns, a popular way to ease development pressure is to increase minimum lot sizes. But that will only increase housing costs, making Bethlehem more inaccessible than ever and putting a home here out of reach of most of our children.

It is also somewhat hypocritical for people whose houses are on half-acre or less lots (as in most of Delmar) to want to require that newcomers must buy houses with an acre or more of land.

As during the LUMAC process in the 1990s, those who own large tracts of developable land will vigorously oppose zoning changes that would restrict their options.

Finding a compromise that is fair and addresses the community's desires for the future will be a key test of the Democrats' leadership.

Ironically, Egan's other top initiative — a new water supply agreement with Albany — will only increase development pressures.

More available water from Albany will mean that developers, particularly those with properties near the water main, can connect their projects to a public water supply.

Egan and her town board team were elected primarily on the controlling-growth issue. Now they will have their work cut out for them as they try to find middle ground between moratorium-forever folks and growth-at-any-cost developers.

## Editorial

## Resolve to improve public schools

By BARBARA BAR TOLETTI

The writer is president of PS21, Public Schools for the 21st Century, a New York state-based organization supporting public education. A Delmar resident, she also is legislative director of the New York State League of Women Voters.

The few weeks that have just passed were a time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season and look ahead to the New Year.

## Point of View

The spirit of the holidays brought us merriment, reflection and hope. And now that the New Year has begun, I am mindful about a gift we sometimes take for granted — our public schools.

In the spirit of holiday reflection and hope, consider these questions.

What do we most value and appreciate about public schools in New York state? Why should we not take public education for granted? What are the qualities and benefits of public education to which so many prominent people proudly credit their success?

Amidst appropriate discussions of student test scores, teacher qualifications and decades of work directed to measuring education outcomes, when I've asked New Yorkers from all walks of life what they truly appreciate about public education, I have gotten some memorable responses.

Most people tell me about their favorite schools and favorite teachers. Some reflect on college or adult education courses in their communities.

Common threads unite the many voices, striking themes essential to high-quality public education; themes which enhance our participatory democracy and make for a more vibrant economy. Let me share with you a sampling of responses that different people have shared with me.



Barbara Bartoletti

People say such things as: "Thanks to public education." ... "I had a succession of teachers who made a wonderful difference in my life. They taught me how to think for myself and question, always question." ... "I discovered what I was really good at and how

reminded of public education's effect on freedom and expression; on our culture and society." ... "Public schools are the hub of our community. When crisis strikes, they are often the safety valve for the children of our community."

"Thank God for public education," people say, for the lifelong values they acquired in school. "I learned cheating wasn't going to help me get ahead." ... "I learned the hard way about the consequences for my behavior." ... "I learned I needed to back up my point of view." ... "I learned how to step up to the plate when my team was counting on me." ... "I gained confidence." ... "I believe that what I learned was greater than anything in any text or on any test."

To be sure, competencies required for good jobs and prosperity in the 21st century are among New York's top priorities for public schools.

However, the virtues that make our democracy strong such as: honesty, compassion, courage, teamwork, loyalty, responsibility, empathy and equity, are virtues which seem to be high among the qualities and benefits of public education that are highly valued, yet not so easy to chronicle and quantify.

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I could make a living." ... "I fell in love — with books and with my wife! We met in high school study hall."

Perhaps the most common comments are about learning to live with others: "I found myself in a sea of diversity and had to learn how to get along in the real world."

"We take a lot for granted," say many New Yorkers. "My parents learned to speak English because of public education." ... "Take a look at Afghanistan and Iraq to be

Public appreciation is indeed, a valuable way to gauge school success. And, it is a potent accountability tool. At this time of reflection and resolutions for the New Year, let us take stock of the many reasons to be thankful for our public schools and not to take them for granted.

And, we must resolve to continue to improve our public schools because in doing so we also continue to improve and enhance the quality of our lives, our communities and our democracy.

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For information on submitting a Point of View, contact Susan Graves at 439-4949.

# Matters of Opinion

## Gas formula demands create price swings Christmas spirit shines at GR Auto

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your editorial "The heat is on" in the Dec. 17 *Spotlight* discusses a recent mysterious 46 percent hike in the price of natural gas. As introduction, the editorial mentions gasoline price spikes each May.

I don't know much about how the natural gas market works, but your editorial makes sense. It's easy for me to believe that natural gas prices are being manipulated purely for purposes of greed.

However, as someone who was born and raised in the oil capital of the world Tulsa, Okla., I do know something about how the gasoline market works.

Your editorial contained a couple of popular myths about gasoline prices.

Gasoline price spikes in the spring are due not only to supply and demand changes, but also due to the legally required switch from winter to summer formula (low-vapor) gasoline.

Not only must all the refineries switch to summer gas, but they must do it with nearly all of the more than 300 different formulations required by law in different states, counties and localities.

They must plan production amounts so that, for example, Cleveland doesn't run out of Cleveland-formula gas.

All these 300-plus different summer gasolines must be delivered to the correct localities, by a certain legal date, without any mix-ups.

And the oil companies have to do it all over again in the fall, switching back to winter gas. Don't even think about the dozens of brands or different octane ratings.

Since there's barely enough refinery capacity to keep up with demand, it's a crazy-quilt mess of mind-numbing proportions.

As "Car and Driver" magazine stated a couple of years ago, it's a hopelessly complex system just begging for a major breakdown, it's a wonder that a major breakdown hasn't happened yet, and it's a miracle that price spikes aren't enormously higher.

(By the time you read this, you may see a price spike caused by yet another gasoline formulation law in New York state: the replacement of MTBE by ethanol.)

The really amazing thing is how stable gasoline prices are. Yes, there are highly publicized price spikes. But when the prices drift back down, it's not news, and nobody seems to notice.

The average nationwide at-the-pump price for a gallon of gasoline in 1982 was \$1.35; now it's \$1.55. That's a 20-cent gain over 21 years.

If you factor inflation in, gasoline prices have actually been dropping for the last two decades. No wonder so many oil

companies have gone bankrupt.

Yes, there are greedy, corrupt oil companies who are gouging the public for everything they can get, just as in any type of business.

But I give a lot of credit to the folks who have been providing us with all the gasoline we can burn or waste, for decades, at a price below that of milk, soda or bottled spring water.

Michael D. Trout  
Selkirk

Editor, The Spotlight:

It was 2:15 p.m. Christmas Eve. The family van was filled the holiday necessities bound for Pennsylvania. Within just a few blocks of leaving home the power steering failed, the electrical system was discharging and the water temperature was at a boil.

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hearing our plight, all the men were now huddled around the hood. The belt tensioner had failed and a replacement was ordered. The owner's wife was dispatched to Armory Garage for the part.

While waiting, the tire pressure and oil were checked. The front brake pads were found to be marginal and replaced. Fluids were topped off. Within an hour, the part had arrived and we back on the road, secure in

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## Pastor liked story about reopened Normansville church

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for introducing me to *The Spotlight* through your reporter, Kristen Olby. She wrote

an article for the Dec. 24 edition about the reopening of Normansville Community Church.

I have had many phone calls

and people talking to me about the write-up. Many people were in church for our Christmas Eve candlelight service after reading the article. Several people called and shared some of the past history of the church.

We are blessed to have such a fine paper here in Delmar, a paper that is interested in our

community. This is a paper I need weekly in my home. I plan to sign up for a subscription so I can know, as a new pastor in the area, what's going on in Delmar

Thank you again for the fine article.

*William S. Bosch*  
Pastor, Normansville  
Community Church

## Story times to resume regular hours

Moms can rejoice because the kids are back to school, and preschoolers can rejoice because story times are back at the regular times of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at the library.



During the week of Jan. 12, stories will be about snow and the clothes we must wear to keep warm. We will watch the film of the Caldecott Medal book *The Snowy Day*, and kids can take home a mitten craft. No sign-up is necessary.

Parents, have you ever been frustrated when your child has forgotten a schoolbook that they need for homework? The library can help a little with the social studies books for seventh or eighth grade.

The library has acquired *A History of US* by Joy Hakim, an extremely readable history of the United States.

It is a multi-volume set that circulates for one month. Different volumes are used throughout the year by different grades. So, if you are wringing your hands at a forgetful child, try the library for a copy of this book.

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Mark your calendars for a Sunday event this month. Everyone is invited on Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. to a book release party in honor of the recent publication of the late Bryce Butler's memoirs and essays titled *The Traveled Road*.

Additional information will be in next week's library column.

The library board of trustees welcomes Bob Kent who has agreed to fill Margaret Adkins seat on the board until the May election. Kent, a Voorheesville resident, is a practicing attorney with a young family.

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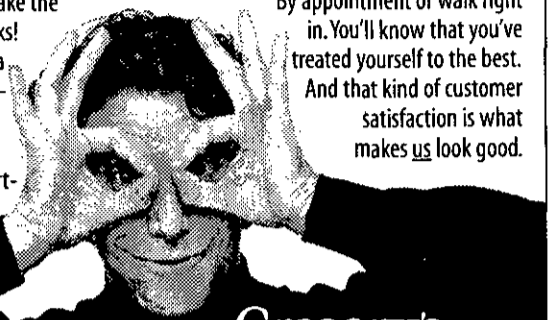
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If conditions are right, there will be snowshoeing.

On Sunday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. there will be a presentation about the "Bats of New York" at the nature center.

Learn about those misunderstood, mosquito-eaters of the night from Alan Hicks, mammal specialist in the endangered species unit of the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Hicks will also talk about the biology of bats and about the DEC's current work concerning endangered species.

For information, call 872-0800.

## School board schedules meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

## Friends of Music to host concert

Friends of Music will sponsor The Crosby Concert on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the performing arts center at the high school.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults and students.

## Parent advisory meeting slated Jan. 12

There will be a middle level parent advisory meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

## Faculty to play FLY-92 DJs

The faculty at Voorheesville high school will play the DJs of FLY-92 in a basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the high school.

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The Albany County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will present the final draft of the county agriculture and farmland protection plan on Monday, Jan. 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the William Rice Extension Center at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The plan was developed to serve as a guide for enhancing the agriculture industry in Albany County and protecting farms and farmland.

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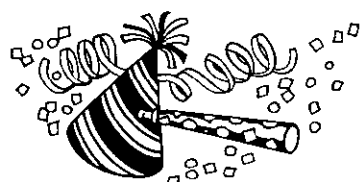
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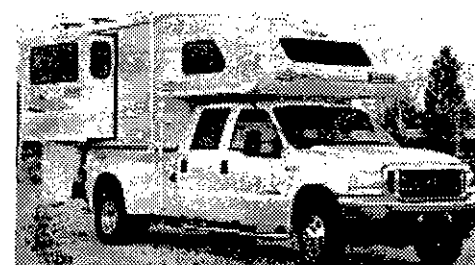
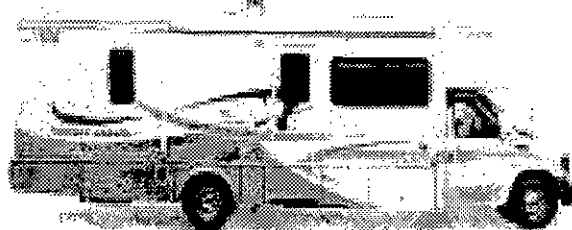
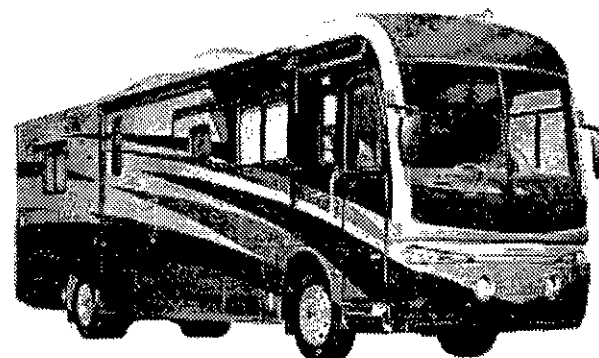
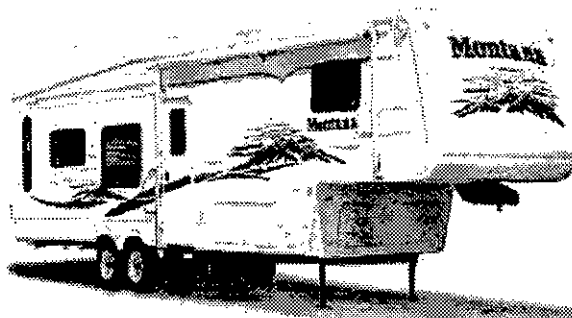
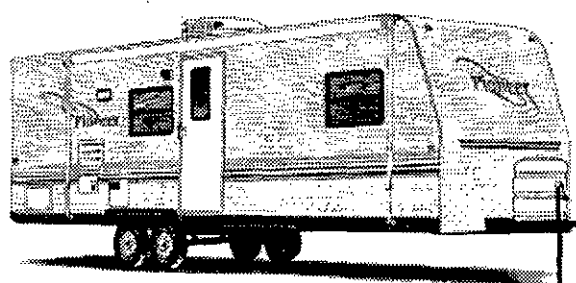
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# Sports

## Languish leads Eagles at Saratoga Tournament

By ROB JONAS

A star is emerging from the Bethlehem wrestling team.

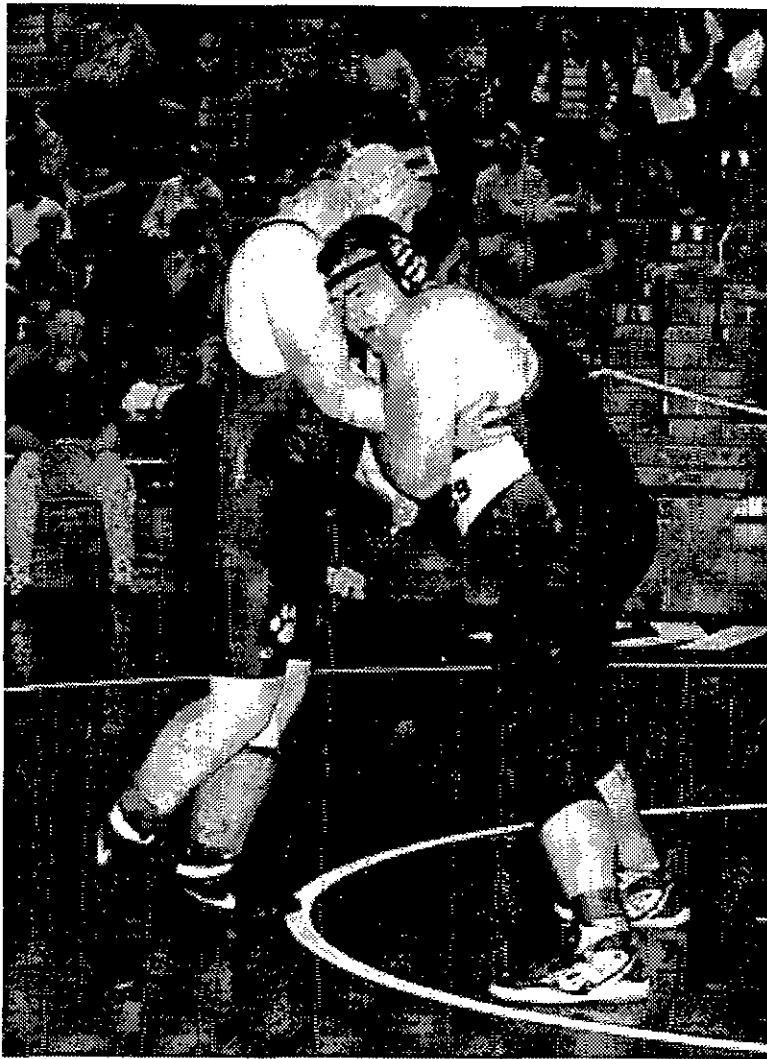
Senior heavyweight **Chad Languish** won his second consecutive individual title when he defeated Windsor's **Jeff Dugan** 4-0 in the 275-pound finals at last Saturday's Saratoga Tournament.

"He's got the potential to do something," Bethlehem coach **John DeMeo** said of Languish, who also won a title at the Columbia Tournament. "If he continues to work hard, hopefully he'll do something" at the Section II championships.

**Sean Conway** also reached the finals at the Saratoga Tournament, but the heavyweight had to settle for second place after being pinned by Mechanicville's **J.P. DeFelice** in the 215-pound championship bout.

"He had a good tournament. He had a couple of good wins," DeMeo said.

Five Eagles competed in the consolation finals. **Tolin Sharlow** claimed third place in the 103-pound weight class after beating Windsor's **Brendon Whetsell** 5-1, while **Andrew Olinzock** (125), **Dave Sterrett** (130), **Dan McKay** (152) and **David Denio** (160) placed fourth in their divisions with consolation final losses.



Bethlehem's Chad Languish (right) battles a Ballston Spa wrestler during the 275-pound division semifinals at last Saturday's Saratoga Tournament. *Rob Jonas*

"The boys wrestled well," DeMeo said. "We had two tough weekends in a row with Columbia and this tournament."

Bethlehem placed fourth in the team standings with 96 points, a half-point ahead of Schalmont. Windsor claimed the team title with 180 points.

The Eagles returned to Suburban Council action Tuesday when they faced defending Class A champion Shenendehowa.

"We've got to see them sooner or later," DeMeo said. "We may be a bit tired because of this weekend, but we'll see what happens."

### Middleweights lead Indians at tourney

Two middleweights claimed individual titles for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team

at its annual invitational last Saturday.

**Alan Northrup** earned the 130-pound division championship with a 14-4 victory over Johnstown's **Bryan Decker**, and **Herb Tompkins** claimed the title at 145 by pinning Maple Hill's **Eric Shearer** with five seconds left in the second period to lead the Indians, who placed second in the team standings with 159.5 points.

Ravena's **Dillon Ruxton** (152) and **Jeff Correll** (215) took second place in their divisions. **Larry LaMountain** (160) was third, while **Tyler Lane** (119), **J.D. Smith** (135) and **Shawn Davis** (275) finished fourth. **Shane Ecklund** (189) shared third place with South Glens Falls' **Nate Amadon** due to the five-bout rule.



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# HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 29 TO JAN. 4

## Monday, Dec. 29

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Gold Medal Tournament

Ravena 63, Cambridge 41

Ravena leaders: Ricky Rider 27 points, Joe Fisk 11 points.

#### Dutchmen Classic

Bethlehem 63, Berkshire 61 (OT)

Bethlehem leaders: Josh Lewis 20 points, Cameron Brown 16 points, Marcus Kaplan 10 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Gold Medal Tournament

Ravena 47, Fonda 43

Ravena leaders: Molly McGuire 16 points, Laura Persico 15 points, Katelyn Matousek 10 points.

## Tuesday, Dec. 30

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Gold Medal Tournament

#### Championship game

Ravena 47, Ichabod Crane 44

Ravena leaders: Victor Bermudez 16 points, Ricky Rider 15 points.

#### Dutchmen Classic

#### Championship game

Guilderland 67, Bethlehem 40

Bethlehem leaders: Cameron Brown 16 points, Josh Lewis 12 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Gold Medal Tournament

#### Championship game

Shen 51, Ravena 29

Ravena leader: Molly McGuire 10 points.

#### Lady Dutch Classic

Shaker 48,

Voorheesville 42

Voorheesville leaders: Jackie Markert 14 points, Megan Maikoff 12 points.

### INDOOR TRACK

#### League meet

Class B boys team scores: Ravena 173, Catholic Central 26.

Class B girls team scores: Ravena 138, Catholic Central 127, Glens Falls 18.

## Friday, Jan. 2

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Bethlehem Tournament

Catholic Central 52,

Bethlehem 34

Bethlehem leaders: Holly Storm 10 points, Kaity Conklin 10 points.

### HOCKEY

Bethlehem 7, Burnt Hills/Scotia 3

Bethlehem scoring: Erik Russo 2-3, Andrew Kelleher 2-3, Zack Wallen 2-0, Chris Riccio 1-0, David Farber 0-2, Andrew Vincent 0-1, Alex Amirault 0-1, Zach Blau 0-1. Bethlehem saves: P.J. Pittman 17.

## Saturday, Jan. 3

### WRESTLING

#### Ravena Tournament

Team scores: Salem 197, Ravena 159.5, Beacon 140.5, Maple Hill 114.5, Glens Falls 105, Onteora 97, Watervliet 82.5, Johnstown 76.5, CBA 58, South Glens Falls 52.5, Ichabod Crane 39, Catskill 30, Red Hook 23, Tamarac 23.

Ravena place finishers: Alan Northrup (first place, 130 pounds), Herb Tompkins (first, 145), Dillon Ruxton (second, 152), Jeff Correll (second, 215), Larry LaMountain (third, 160), Shane Ecklund (third, 189), Tyler Lane (fourth, 119), J.D. Smith (fourth, 135), Shawn Davis (fourth, 275).

#### Saratoga Tournament

Team scores: Windsor 180, Ballston Spa 173, Saratoga 136, Bethlehem 96, Schalmont 95.5, Scotia-Glenville 95.5, Granville 93.5, Hillis-Brookline 58.5, Mechanicville 57, Schuylerville 56.

Bethlehem place finishers: Chad Languish (first place, 275 pounds), Sean Conway (second, 215), Tolin Sharlow (third, 103), Andrew Olinzock (fourth, 125), Dave Sterrett (fourth, 130), Dan McKay (fourth, 152), David Denio (fourth, 160).

## Rhode Island conquerors



The Bethlehem Basketball Club seventh-grade team won both of its games in Rhode Island during the Christmas break, including a halftime exhibition during the Siena-Providence game. The team, from left, (front) Casey McGraw, Jack Baynes and Will Baynes; and (back) Riley McGraw, Brendan Kirby, Kevin Wendth, Mike Fish, Tom Bell, Ryan Prinzo and John Kellogg.

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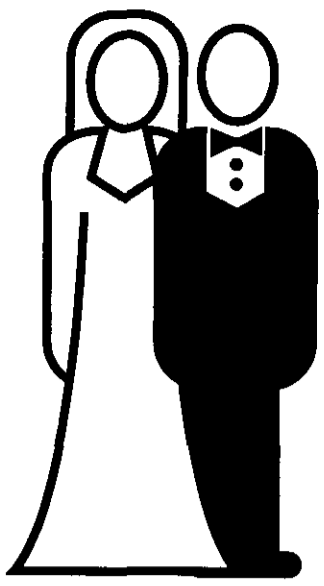
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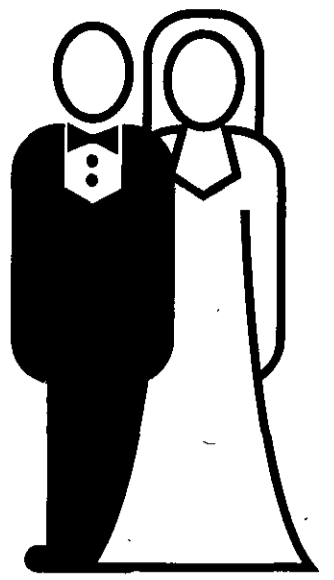
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# BRIDES & GROOMS 2004



## Thanking the men who stand by you

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

They're your buds, your brothers, maybe your cousins, and they're willing to don a tuxedo, a suit, or just dress up to usher you into the next phase of your life. How should you repay the groomsmen at your wedding? There's a panoply of gifts available.

Ralph DeLuke, owner of Mail 'N More, a packing and shipping company on Route 50 in Burnt Hills, said that the same books that offer wedding invitations have a selection of gifts to give wedding attendants.

"There's a wide variety," DeLuke said, "and they include things like wine flasks, mugs and key chains."

Like the invitations, DeLuke said, it's hard to qualify the most popular item, since each couple chooses something unique.

At LeWanda Jewelers on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, Joe Lewanda said the choice of a gift for groomsmen depends upon the wedding budget - and changes with the times.

"Pocket watches, money clips, and key rings are always popular," he said, "and they don't have to be very expensive. They can range from \$20 to \$150."

Lewanda can monogram or engrave the gift to make it more personalized.

"We used to sell a lot of tie tacks or tie bars as groomsmen gifts," Lewanda

said. "Nowadays, we might sell a tie chain instead. It holds the tie in place, you can monogram it with a small tag, and it doesn't do any damage to the tie."

For those with a higher budget, wristwatches make a nice gift, and Lewanda said sometimes a groom will give gold or sterling silver bracelets, which can run from \$200 to \$300.

Although many men now wear earrings, Lewanda said that's not a typical groomsmen gift.

"People like to give everyone the same gift," he said, "and while earrings are more popular, sometimes not everyone wears one." It's no surprise that the Internet can also be a shopping source for wedding presents, and a search for "Gifts for Groomsmen" lists hundreds of sites full of flasks, key chains, barware, and more silver-plated manly gifts than one could imagine.

A quick survey of acquaintances married upwards of 15 years gave a little insight into the gift philosophy of men at a wedding.

"My best gift," Gerry Farrell of Houston, Texas, e-mailed, "was a pewter tankard with a glass bottom, and my initials on the front. It was from one of my brothers when he got married. I can't recall what I gave at my wedding." The worst gift, he said, was a money clip. "They only held bills," he said, "and when we

were young and getting married, I mostly had coins in my pockets."

Peter Leary of Sebastopol, Calif., was only a groomsman once, and received a whiskey flask.

"I rarely use it, but I do still have it, and actually know where it is," he said.

Leary chose a gift for his groomsmen that served as a reminder of his home at the time, Santa Cruz, Calif.

"I gave everyone a liter of ale from my favorite brew pub, the Santa Cruz Brewing Company and Front Street Pub, along with a long-sleeved cotton tee-shirt from there," Leary said.

George Boyle of Manhattan said most of his groomsmen gifts are no longer in use.

"There's a wide assortment of money clips and cufflinks that have long ceased to see the light of day," he said.

Farrell and Boyle had suggestions for gifts that groomsmen could give their buddies.

"Maybe an 8-inch by 10-inch photo frame," Farrell suggested - the better to keep photographs recording the indiscretions of the bachelor party.

"It would be something you could show your children later," he joked.

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# Today's wedding trends are personal

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Weddings are getting less opulent and more personalized these days, according to several local specialists in the industry.

From themed to destination weddings, couples want that special day to reflect their own style and be a celebration of whom they are and what they like to do, according to Susan Baker, director of sales at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

"People are trying to personalize their wedding and do things that have significance for the couple," she said. "We take a lot of time talking with couples about what they are all about and what they want to share with their guests so we can guide them into a celebration that is unique. We really listen to the couple. Most come with a very good idea of they want."

Baker said themed weddings, like a Caribbean theme and destination weddings, are very popular. Glen Sanders also manages the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, which is a very

popular destination wedding spot, even for couples that have no connection to the Spa City.

"People love Saratoga because it is so beautiful," she said. "Couples make an entire weekend of it when they plan a destination wedding."

Receptions and celebrations that are not on the weekend or are not directly after the marriage itself are also happening more and more, Baker said.

"The emotional pressure is off and couples can really enjoy themselves," she said. "We see that a lot when people have unusual work hours or people who are from different places get married. We had a couple that had a West Coast

wedding before they had an East Coast wedding."

Financial concerns also tend to drive what couples are choosing, according to Bill Aperance, general manager of the Edison Club in Rexford.

"Everyone is looking to personalize their wedding but economics are a big concern," he said. "People are really watching

their pocketbooks."

To help couples get the most "bang for the buck," banquet houses are presenting the food in more elegant ways so the couple doesn't have to spend money on extras, he said.

"People don't need the ice carvings and Viennese tables like in the past," Aperance said. "Food may be reasonably priced, but the presentations are much nicer. There is a lot more handwork to make unique plate presentations."

Mid-day weddings are getting more popular as couples want the party to finish at a reasonable hour, as well, Aperance said.

Changing tastes also account for changing menus, according to Brenda Evans at Pinehaven Country Club in Guilderland.

"We get more requests for ethnic foods and not necessarily from the couples family or origin," she said. "Recently we had requests for Thai, Vietnamese and Indian food."

Evans said the trend is away from the classic "wedding band" and more toward having a DJ playing music that is chosen in advance by the couple.

Seating arrangements are also changing, she said.

"We are seeing smaller wedding parties and couples



choosing a sweetheart table rather than a large dais," she said. "It's a lot better because that arrangement takes up a lot less room."

Wedding photography is also changing with couples looking for a less formal and more candid record of their special celebration, he said.

"People want less posing and a more photojournalist approach, which is what I have always done," said Joe Elario of Albany. "Traditional photographers do packages and that is not what I do. I'm selling my style and approach to photography."

Elario said his move from film to digital over the last few years has altered how quickly he can get his work back to couples.

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The bottom line for most couples, they all agree, is personalizing a celebration, even on a tight budget, that captures the essence of the couple and their loved ones.

"Many couples are now paying for their own weddings so money is definitely more of a consideration than when parents were paying and had more money and more to say about how things were going to be done," Evans said.

"Couples would rather save their money for something important and don't spend it on some of the extras that are very momentary."

Even with limited resources, however, couples still feel that the need to have a reception that is unique, Baker said.

"People are taking these life celebrations very seriously, especially since 9/11," she said. "Even on a tight budget, the word is elegant and the most important piece of the celebration is bringing the family together."



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# Newlyweds living close to family

There used to be a time when newlyweds raced away from their hometowns shortly after getting married, eager to begin a new life on their own; but that is no longer the case. According to recent survey findings, people are beginning to realize the lure of new places and faces doesn't compare to the benefits of staying closer to family.

"The advantages of living near our family have a lot to do with comfort," said Jeff Livingston, of Sloatsburg. "It's just easier when you can ask your father-in-law, 'hey, where should I take my car to get new tires?' Now, living near my family, I take my car to the same guy that used to service my grandfather's vehicles."

Livingston, his wife Paige and their three boys ages 1 to 5, live in the same area where his family has resided for over 300 years and where an extensive family network still remains. The couple met while Paige, a native of the Midwest, was in graduate school in New York. After their marriage, they spent several years in the Midwest near Paige's family before moving back to New York prior to the birth of their second son.

"We've talked about what we would do if I was offered a position internationally through the company I work for," Livingston, an architect, said. "It would be a fun adventure but tough to do. I can't say we would readily move to where we don't know someone."

According to a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive and sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island, Ill., the majority of Americans have extended family members living nearby.

"Our survey found nearly two out of three Americans or 65 percent are living within the same state or closer, and nearly one quarter of us have extended family living as close as the same city," said Sharon

Snawerdt of Modern Woodmen of America.

The fraternal financial services organization advocates fostering strong family and community ties. The organization sponsors a Web site, [www.gatherings.info](http://www.gatherings.info) that

feel that the key ingredient for closeness is quality time together. The survey also found that one in 10 Americans would try to live closer to extended family to strengthen those bonds."

"Living by my family definitely has an impact," said Livingston. "We see my family at least once a week. We run into them everywhere we go. They help with the kids and take them places. You really don't have to work too hard at the relationships. They just happen daily."

If you are not in close proximity to family, it takes a lot of work to keep family relationships strong. This is a situation when people will sometimes turn to resources such as books, magazines and even the Internet to help pull together a

gathering. Many Web sites, like [www.gatherings.info](http://www.gatherings.info), offer tips, checklists, recipes and ideas to help simplify the planning process.

provides ideas and resources to encourage family gatherings and communication.

Snawerdt added, "Most of us



## A lifetime influence

For those people who grow up near their family and enjoy frequent face-to-face interaction, the effects and advantages may not be that apparent. It is just life as they know it. According to Dr. Allan Carlson, president of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society, the daily familial relationships people take for granted are building a network for their success and security in the future.

"When children grow up

around their extended family, they know that family means something broader than just their parents and their siblings,"

emphasized Carlson. "It is critical, I feel, to their emotional development that they know that they are part of this ongoing pageant of life; that they have roots that go back to their grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins; that they are part of a greater group. It can have a powerful affect on their lives now and in the future."

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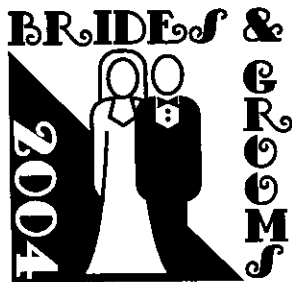
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# Planning the perfect wedding shower

A wedding shower should be fun for everyone involved — the bride, the guests and even the hostess. A little advance planning ensures that happens.

Showers are supposed to help the bride and groom equip their new home, so they're often planned around a specific theme: recipe showers, camping showers, linen showers, etc. In

First, a bit of etiquette: The shower is usually hosted by the maid or matron of honor or a close family friend. The guest list should include only people who have been invited to the wedding, unless the shower is hosted by co-workers. Showers are traditionally held a month or two before the wedding; this can be a very stressful and busy time for the bride, so make sure the date fits into her schedule before making all the arrangements.



choosing a theme, consider things that are important to the bride. Does she love to cook? Consider a recipe party. Does she like to entertain? How about a "stock the bar"

shower? Is the couple moving into a new home after the wedding? A tool shower can help them collect the essentials they'll need. Once you decide on a theme, you can use it to tie in decorations, gifts, even the food and games.



## Invitations

The theme starts here. For a cooking shower, send invitations written on recipe cards, or cut out leaf shapes for a garden shower. Make it clear if guests are expected to

bring a certain type of gift.

## Decorations

Your local party supply store is a good place to start, and the Internet is also a great resource. Look for paper goods that carry out your theme — a floral

design for a garden shower, for example. Another good option is to decorate for the shower in the colors the bride has chosen for her wedding.

## Food

Showers usually involve a light lunch or appetizers.

## Games

People tend to be split into two camps where shower games are concerned — either they think no shower would be complete without them, or they'd rather visit the dentist than play them. Take your lead from the bride on this one; after all, it's her party. Check your local bookstore, library, or the Internet for party game ideas. Chances are you'll be able to find a game that ties in with your theme. For example, if you're having a recipe shower, you could play the apron game: attach a variety of kitchen utensils to an apron and have the bride put it on and model it for a couple of minutes, then leave the room. Have guests write down as many items as they can remember; the person with the longest list wins.

### • Party favors

While party favors are not essential, they are a nice touch. Choose wisely, and your party favors can double as part of your decorative theme. For example, for a garden party, use small potted plants with guests' names painted on the pots as a place card on the table. When the party is over, guests can take the plant home as a memento. You can also use personalized photo frames, champagne flutes or candles in the same way.

Use these tips to plan the perfect shower. You'll be a relaxed, gracious hostess and the bride will have a very special day to remember.

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# Obituaries

## Thomas Sheehan

Thomas F. Sheehan, 71, of Glenmont died Thursday, Jan. 1, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he attended Christian Brothers Academy.

Mr. Sheehan was a bus driver for the Bethlehem Central School District for 18 years.

He was a member of the Sheetmetal Workers Union Local 83, the Bethlehem Elks Lodge and the Polish American Club.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Dennington Sheehan; a daughter, Barbara Tate of New Hampshire; a son, Brian Sheehan of Feura Bush; two brothers, John Sheehan of Watervliet and Michael Sheehan of Albany; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Albany Pop Warner, 149 Whitehall Road, Albany 12209.

## Mary McElroy

Mary Gladys McElroy, 74, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a data entry operator for the state Department of Motor Vehicles for 20 years before she retired.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas E. McElroy; a son, Thomas E. McElroy, Jr.; a daughter, Linda Kenney; a sister, Ann Grady; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

## Marjorie Vrooman

Marjorie J. Vrooman, 68, of Delmar died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at her home.

Born in Guilderland, she attended the University at Albany. Mrs. Vrooman was a supervisor for the state Comptroller's Office for 23 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Paige Guido of Guilderland and Allison Young of Delmar; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie. Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

## Margaret Forrester

Margaret Richardson Forrester, 86, of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at

Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Hamilton, Ontario, and educated in Buffalo and at Bryant & Stratton. She had also lived in Plattsburgh.

She worked for Sample Shops, Sport Services and Kay Drugs in the Buffalo area, J.C. Penney and Guy's Ice Cream in Plattsburgh and Grandway Co., McDermott's Food Brokers and Albany Medical Center in this area.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Robert W. Forrester.

Services will be private at a later date. Burial will be in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

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

## Martha Goodfellow

Martha Ellen Johnston Goodfellow, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar.

Born in Coleraine, Garvagh, Northern Ireland, Mrs. Goodfellow lived in Rathmullen, County Donegal, and attended boarding school in Londonderry. She moved to West Orange, N.J., in the late 1920s and also lived in Cedar Glen Lakes in Whiting, N.J.

She was a graduate of Drake Business College in Newark and worked for Prudential Insurance and the Prieser Insurance Agency.

A chartered life underwriter, she was a past president of the National Association of Insurance Women, New Jersey Division. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Pines Chapter, N.J., the American Legion auxiliary and was a past president of the Girls Friendly Society Sponsors.

She was an avid gardener and enjoyed knitting and traveling.

She was the widow of Edward

J. Goodfellow.

Survivors include two stepsons, Thomas Goodfellow of Delmar, and Robert Goodfellow of Flemington, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Anderson & Campbell Funeral Home and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, both in Whiting. Spring burial will be in Whiting Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held at a future date at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Home.

Local arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.



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# Obituaries

## Robert Neely

Robert Dunn Neely, 79, of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 29, at Oak Knoll Nursing Center in Framingham, Mass.

Born in Moscow, Idaho, Mr. Neely graduated from Moscow High School and American International College. He completed this graduate work at University of Connecticut.

He was an Army veteran of

World War II.

Mr. Neely was the former director and social worker for Family & Children Services in Delmar for more than 20 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the American Legion Post in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Erickson Neely; a daughter, Carol N. Johnson of Marlboro, Mass.; three sisters, Bernice

Neely of Burlingame, Calif., Patricia Lynch of Port Orange, Fla., and Shirley Brueggeman of Yakima, Wash.; two brothers, Donald Neely of Daly City, Calif., and Gerald Neely of Spokane, Wash.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Duckett Funeral Home of J.S. Waterman & Sons in Sudbury, Mass.

## Norman Koretz

Norman J. Koretz, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar

Survivors include a daughter, Jane Koretz of Slingerlands, and a son, Paul Joseph Koretz of Rochelle Park, N.J.

Services will be private.

Contributions may be made to the Bergen Society of Ethical Culture, Larch Avenue, Teaneck, N.J. 07666

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

## Lawrence Simmons

Lawrence G. Simmons, 62, of Armutlu, Turkey, and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Nasson College.

After college, Simmons joined the Peace Corps and taught

English for many years in Turkey.

He worked for Ulusal Television Studio in Istanbul.

Survivors include two nephews, Greg Simmons and Andrew Simmons; a niece, Laura Simmons; a sister-in-law, Cathy Simmons; and a cousin, Dorothy Allison of Elmsmere.

Services were in Turkey.

Condolences may be sent to the Simmons Family at 40 Thistledown Drive, Rochester 14617.

## Cornelia Chrysler

Cornelia T. Chrysler, 86, of Voorheesville died Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in the Bronx, she lived in Knox for many years and in Voorheesville for the last two and a half years.

She was a senior clerk at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Albany for 22 years, retiring in 1979.

She was a member of AARP and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Somers of Feura Bush and Dorothy Frender of Voorheesville; a son, Jerome Chrysler of Knox; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Burial will be in Gallupville Rural Cemetery.

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

Contributions may be made to the Altamont Rescue Squad.

## James McEwan

James L. McEwan, 98, of The Beverwyck in Slingerlands, died Sunday, Jan. 4.

Born in Rensselaer, he was a graduate of Albany Academy and attended Union College.

Mr. McEwan was co-owner and president of the William McEwan Coal Co.

He was treasurer of the Albany County Republican Committee and the St. Andrew's Society of Albany for more than 20 years. He was a long-term trustee of the former National Savings Bank and Bender Hygienic Laboratory.

He was husband of the late Ruth Dawes McEwan.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Winnifred Manning McEwan; three sons, John McEwan of Errol, N.H., Edward McEwan of Delmar, and Richard McEwan of Irvington, Va.; six grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or Delmar United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

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### Sweet Dreams

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In fact, surveys have shown that between 40 and 60 percent of the general population has trouble sleeping. Daily stress and worries, pressures from job and family, body aches and pains caused by uncomfortable beds or pillows, and a host of others issues can keep a person from getting enough quality sleep.

Sleep is critical to good health and normal functioning, so lack of it is a very serious matter. Sleep is a very important function that is modulated by your brain. Through proper sleep, our bodies are able to recharge and renew for the next day's challenges.

There are many things that we can do individually to ensure a good night's sleep without having to rely on sleep aids. Here are a few for you and your family:

Exercise Regularly. Exercising in

the morning is best, but if you must exercise in the evening, do so at least 2-3 hours before bedtime. Any later and it may interfere with your sleep.

Limit your intake of caffeinated beverages such as coffee, colas and tea. Try to avoid them altogether later in the day or near bedtime. In addition, for each cup of caffeinated beverage you drink each, drink an equal amount of water.

If you have trouble sleeping or wake in the middle of the night and are thirsty, drink room temperature water as cold water may disturb your digestive system.

Eat an early dinner. Eating after 6:00 PM may interfere with sleep as your body works to digest the food you've eaten.

Go to bed at the same time each night and wake at the same time every morning. This routine will help your body know when it is time to rest.

Keep your bedroom at a cool, comfortable temperature and try to keep it as dark as possible when you are ready for bed.

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Michael and Carrie Hogan

## Rodd, Hogan marry

Carrie Elizabeth Rodd, daughter of Terry and Susan Rodd of Feura Bush, and Michael Jude Hogan, son of James and Marie Hogan of Loudonville, were married May 31.

The Hon. John W. Rodd, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony at The Desmond. A reception followed.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Gallop, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Amanda Rodd, Kylah Rodd, Marina Gallop, Aubrey Gallop, McKayla Hogan and Brooke Randall.

The best man was Daniel Spano.

Matthew Rodd was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Hudson Valley Community College and Russell Sage College. She is a central office technician for Verizon in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of LaSalle Institute and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a field technician for Verizon in Schenectady.

After a wedding trip to Martha's Vineyard and Bar Harbor, Maine, the couple lives in Center Brunswick.

## Cushman, Doyle engaged

Kristen Cushman, daughter of Brian and Paula Cushman of Selkirk, and David Doyle, son of Ralph and Judy Doyle of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

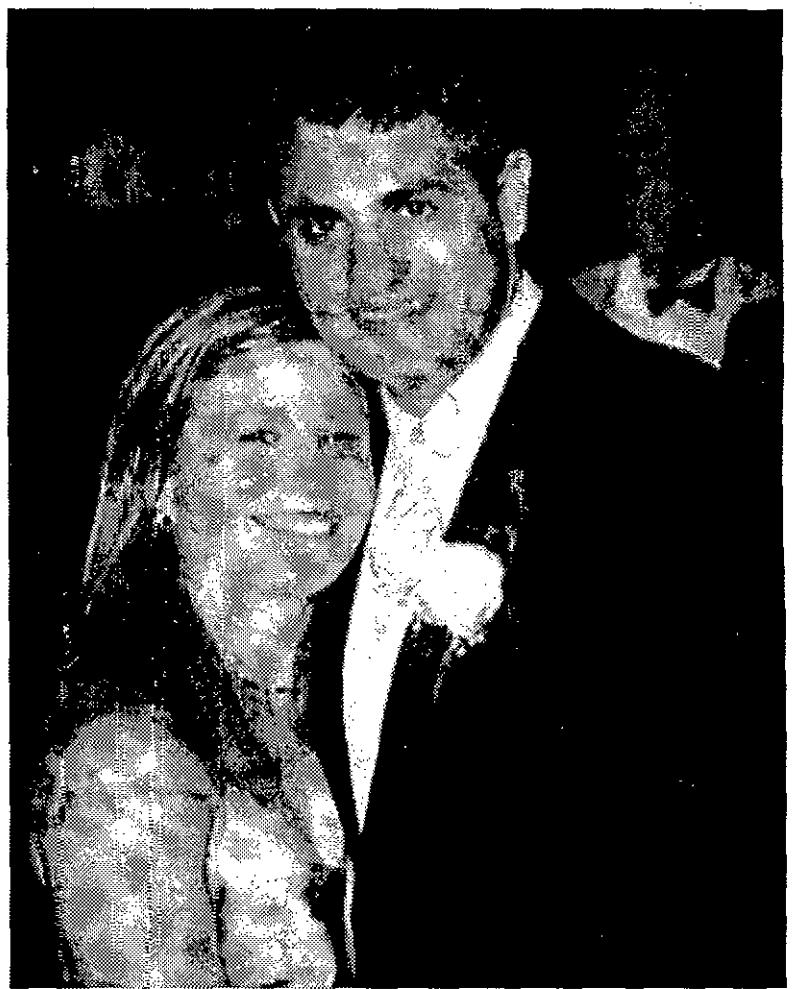
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Binghamton University.

She is an operations analyst for Perry Capital in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego.

He is a broadcast associate of CBS News' "60 Minutes" in New York City.

The couple plans a Sept. 18 wedding.



Kristen Cushman and David Doyle

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Luke Edward Labounty, to Carlene and Kevin Labounty of Selkirk, Nov. 10.

Girl, Olivia Moore Tyler, daughter of Elizabeth Askey and Richard Tyler of Voorheesville, Nov. 13.

Boy, William Paul Frost Jr., to Colleen and William Frost of Voorheesville, Nov. 21.

Boy, Ryon James McMahon, to Megan and James McMahon of New Scotland, Nov. 26.

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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON CALENDARS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By DONNA J. BELL

Get ready to go wild as Disney on Ice mixes up the action and brings together three of Disney's most popular animated movies — "The Jungle Book," "Tarzan" and "The Lion King" — in one ice show.

From the adventures of Mowgli and Baloo in "The Jungle Book" to Tarzan and Jane and the lovable gorilla Terk, to the "Hakuna Matata" buddies Timon and Pumbaa, the Pepsi Arena will go ape in "Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice."

"The concept for this daring expedition is exciting because it's the first time we have linked three Disney stories together

## WAS WINGING OUT THE PEPSI

### Pepsi hosts Disney on Ice



Mowgli, Baloo and friends from "The Jungle Book"

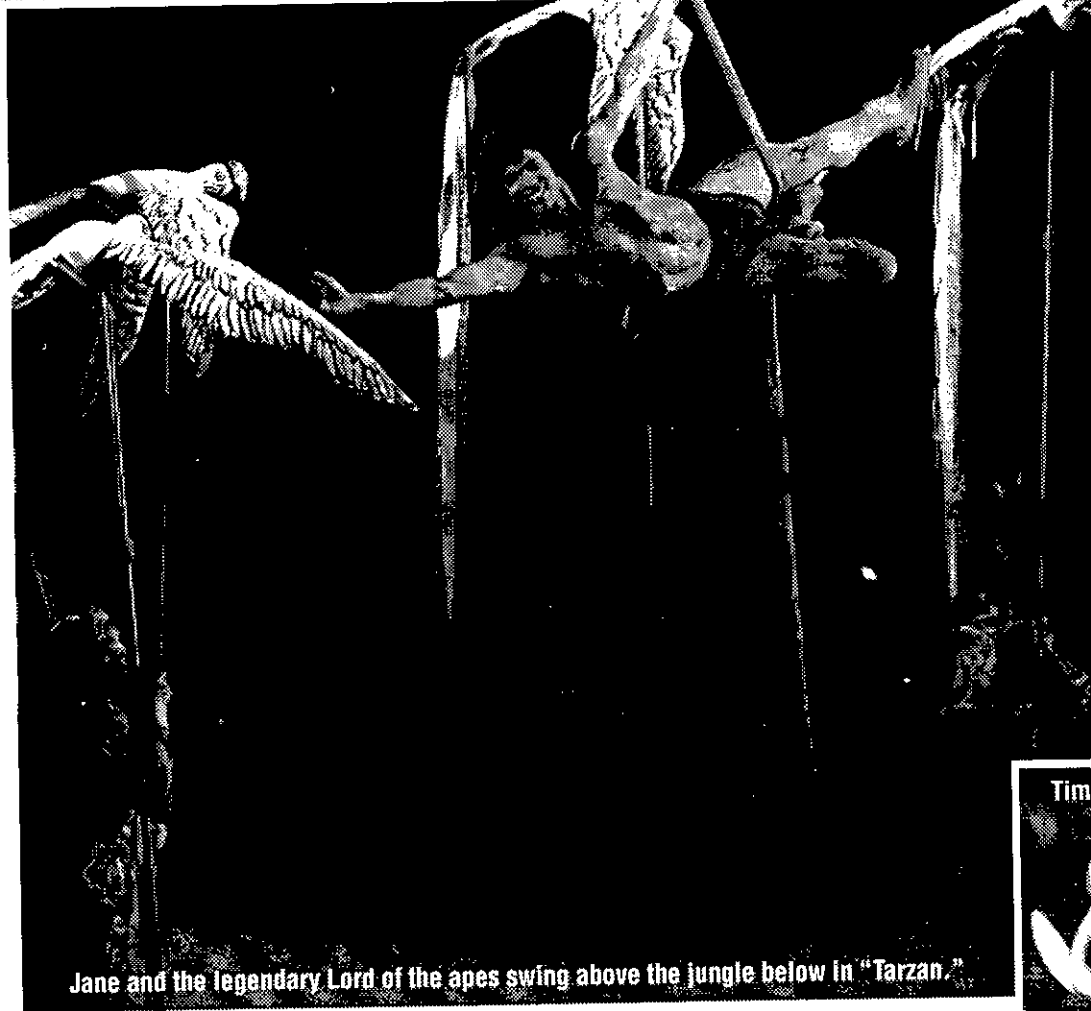
that have a common thread," said producer Kenneth Feld. "In addition to taking place in the jungle, they share similar morals about growing up and taking responsibility. This message is universal and translates to children all over the world."

As usual, Disney brings together a cutting-edge team to put together the show. Led by creative director Jerry Bilik, the behind-the-scenes people include award-winning choreographer Barry Lather, who has worked with Olympic medallists Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Katarina Witt and rock stars Janet Jackson and Sting, lighting wizard Leroy Bennett, whose clients include Prince and the MTV Music Awards and costumer designer Frank Krenz who has designed for Broadway and the films "Ghostbusters" and "Moonstruck."

The Pepsi Arena will take on a lush appearance with a 38-foot, 15,000-pound jungle tree draped in tropical foliage and leafy green jungle vines that descends from above drawing the audience into the jungle.

The show will also feature Academy Award winning songs, like "You'll Be in My Heart," sung by Phil Collins, and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," and a Jungle Book soundtrack with "I Wanna Be Like You," and "The Bare Necessities."

Of course, an ice show couldn't take



Jane and the legendary Lord of the apes swing above the jungle below in "Tarzan."

place without the world-class figure skating. One aspect of the show that choreographer Lather found a challenge is choreographing for the skaters who portray animals.

"For example, when you are planning the steps you have to keep in mind which of the animals have tails," Lather said. "That can affect the choreography. You have to think

gorilla-like for some of the songs, and that's a lot of fun."

Not an ice skater himself, Lather said there was a big difference between stage and ice choreography.

"Choreographing for the ice is totally different — the terminology, the mind frame and the physical aspects," Lather said.

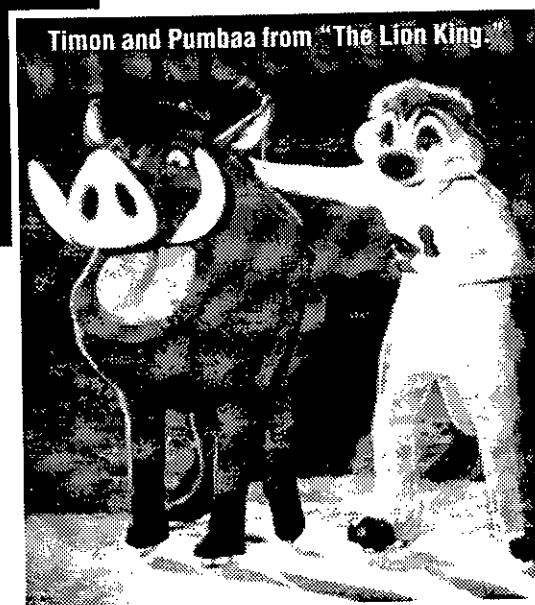
Going beyond the dance routines, the show will also feature a display of athleticism when Tarzan and Jane perform a daring Spanish web routine where they climb high above the ice and expertly navigate the swaying greenery and swing from vines.

Using just their hands, Tarzan and Jane will perform circus-like aerial acrobatics in the air without safety nets below.

"The skaters must learn to breathe and think together, decisions must be made in a split second without a moment to spare," said veteran aerialist and choreographer Alla Youdine, who taught the skaters the routine during an intense training program.

Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice will be in town for five days with eight performances including Jan. 7 to 10 at 7 p.m., Jan. 10 at noon and 3:30 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 to \$35 and you can receive a \$3 ticket with each the purchase of each full-price ticket.

Tickets are available online at [www.DisneyonIce.com](http://www.DisneyonIce.com), at Ticketmaster ticket centers, the Pepsi Arena's Web site at [www.pepsiarena.com](http://www.pepsiarena.com) or at the Pepsi Arena box office.



Timon and Pumbaa from "The Lion King."



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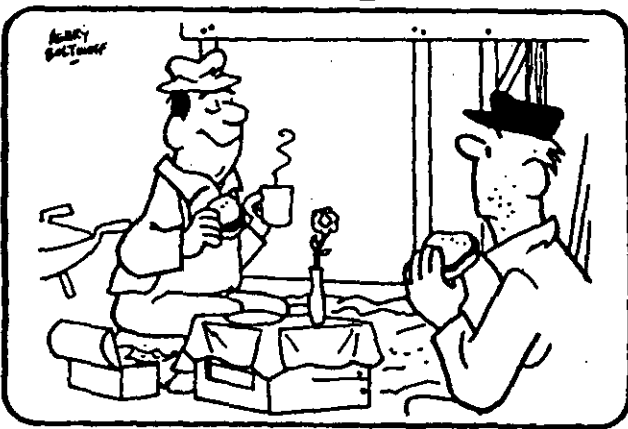
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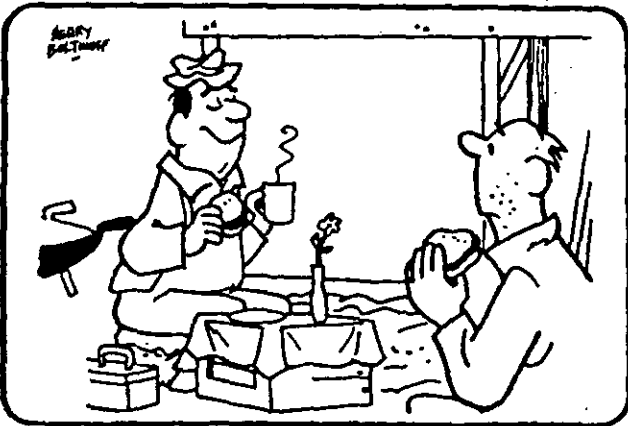
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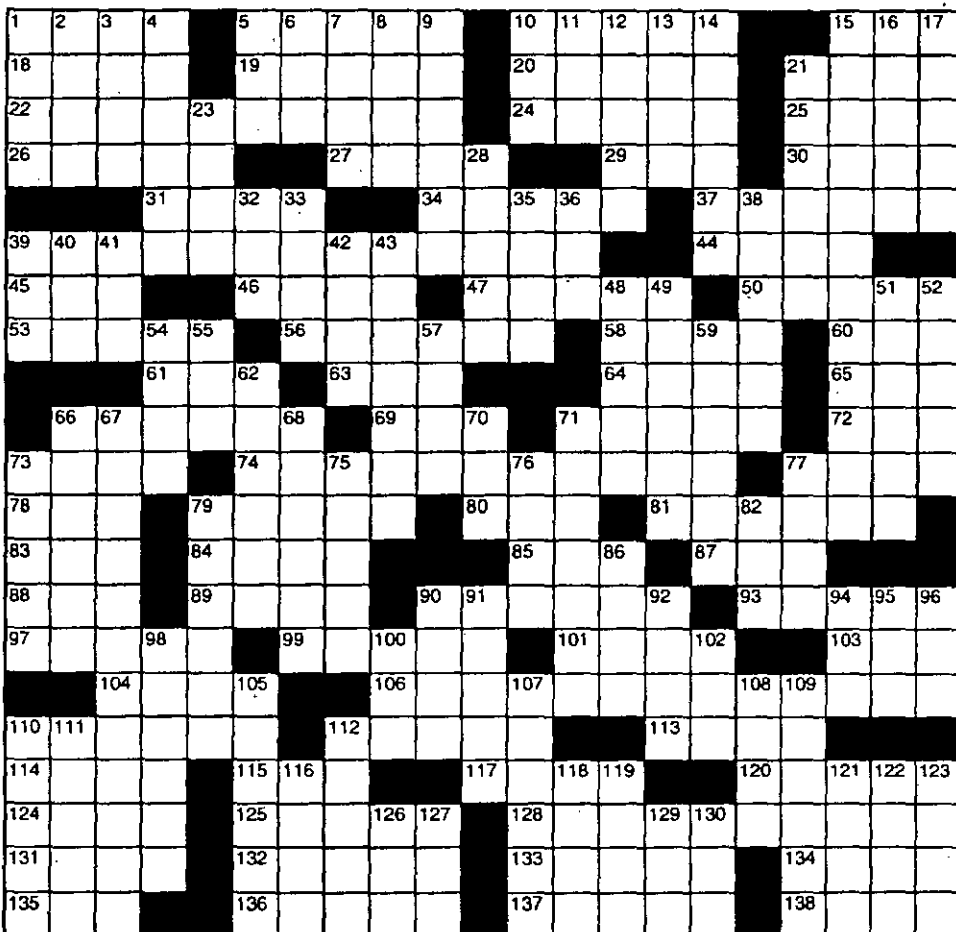
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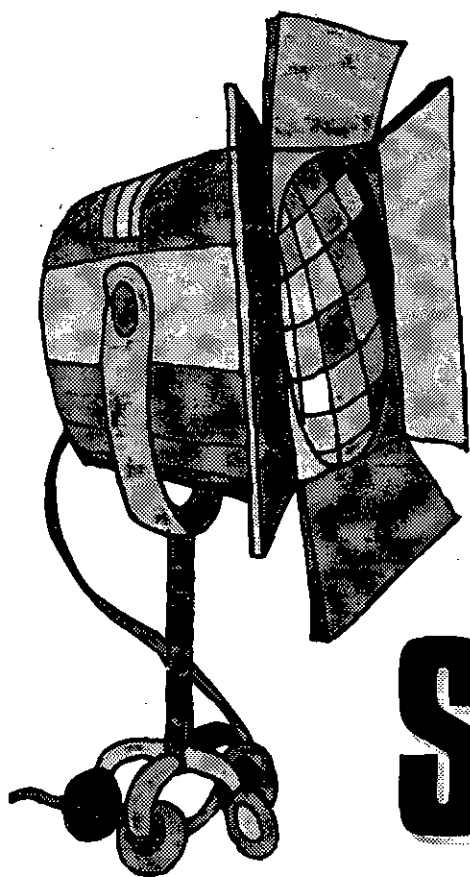
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**FIRST:** The name of the Company is BYLSMA, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").  
**SECOND:** The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State, c/o Waite & Associates, P.C., 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207.  
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 20th day of November, 2003.  
 Filed 12/12/03 with the Secretary of State.  
**JOHN R. BYLSMA**  
 Sole Organizer  
 LD-9294  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

At a Term of the SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK held in and for the COUNTY OF ALBANY at the Albany County Courthouse, on the 24 day of December, 2003.  
**PRESENT:** Hon. Joseph C. Teresi, Justice ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 Index No. 7995-03  
**RJI STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY**  
 In the Matter of SHEILA FULLER, as Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, and the TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK, Petitioner, For An Order, Pursuant To Town Law Section 296, For The Re-Interment Of Certain Human Remains In The Bethlehem Cemetery Located Within The Town Of Bethlehem, New York.  
 UPON the Verified Petition of Sheila Fuller, as Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem,

**LEGAL NOTICE**

New York and this Order herein, let all interested persons or parties show cause before a Justice on this Supreme Court on the 30 day of January, 2004, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the Albany County Courthouse, 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York, 12207, why an order should not be made, pursuant to Section 296 of the New York Town Law, authorizing the removal from the Albany Medical Center of certain human remains, and their interment in a plot Bethlehem Cemetery located within the Town of Bethlehem, New York, and, further, for the fixing of the amount of expenses for such removal and interment related thereto, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may deem just and proper, and it is further ORDERED, that a copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published in the Spotlight Newspaper in that edition distributed within the Town of Bethlehem Edition, once a week for two successive weeks prior to the return date of this Petition.  
 Dated: Albany, New York  
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**ENTER,**  
 Joseph C. Teresi  
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 LD-9300  
 (January 7, 2004)

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**Domenica/Michael's, LLC**  
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 LCD-9298  
 (January 7, 2004)

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**MM ELMIRA, LLC**, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 25, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.  
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 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Wells 60 Broad Street, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/9/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9314  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 547 Broadway LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/18/03, with an exist date of 1/1/04. Office location: Albany

**LEGAL NOTICE**

County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 547 Broadway, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
 LCD-9311  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the resolution published herewith has been adopted for the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District, Albany County, on the 3rd day of November, 2003. Such resolution was adopted subject to mandatory referendum and such resolution was duly approved at the Annual Meeting held by the Fire District on December 9, 2003, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if:

(1) (a) such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Elmwood Park Fire District is not authorized to expend money or (b) if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice; or (2) such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION**

The following is a summary of a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District on November 3, 2003. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used for the specific purpose of financing (i) the construction of an approximately 4,102 square foot addition to the existing firehouse located at 589 Russell Road in the Town of Bethlehem, New York, (ii) the renovation of a portion of the firehouse, (iii) the undertaking of necessary site work, and (iv) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of equipment, machinery and apparatus. The maximum estimated cost of this activity is not to exceed \$1,200,000. The plan of financing is to issue a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes to finance the project. The period of probable usefulness for said purpose is twenty (20) years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 589 Russell Road located in the Town of Bethlehem, New York.  
 LD-9303  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of TBB WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/24/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 4 Executive Park Drive, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.  
 LD-9292  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication 129 REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/10/2003 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 580 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
 LCD-9286  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Claas of America

**LEGAL NOTICE**

LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/1/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
 LD-9297  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of L.A.B. SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/04/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1213 Avenue Z, Unit #E-9, Brooklyn, NY 11235 Purpose: All Lawful purposes.  
 LD-9296  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
 The name of the LLC is 20 COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMERCE CENTER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 22, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.  
 LCD-9295  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of TBB WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 11/24/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4 Executive Park Drive, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.  
 LD-9292  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 547 Broadway LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/18/03, with an exist date of 1/1/04. Office location: Albany

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Security National Properties Funding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/10/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Alaska (AK) on 10/7/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 323 Fifth St., Eureka, CA 95501. Arts. of Org. filed with AK Dept. of Community & Economic Development, 150 Third St., Juneau, AK 99801. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9283  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Perot Systems Healthcare Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/9/2003. Fictitious name in NY State: PSHS. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/1999, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9282  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of ALMONTE & BRATKOVSKY, P.L.L.C. a NYS prof. limited liability company (P.L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 12/19/2003, existence date 01/01/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 41 State Street, Ste. 408, Albany, NY 12207 Purpose: All Lawful purposes.  
 LD-9284  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of RD AIR, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/26/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 1/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4949 Harrison Ave., Ste. 200, Rockford, IL 61108. Arts. of Org. filed with MI Secy. of State, 208 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9277  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of California Avenue Hotel Associates, L.L.C., Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/21/03. Office location:

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Edward S. Knapp c/o Stulamke Kohn & Richardson LLP, 524 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
 LCD-9273  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 494 WASHINGTON, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/26/02. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2101. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 494 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
 LD-9269  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MOBILE DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTS, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/05/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2103. 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, 100 Willow Street, Guilderland, New York 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
 LD-9265  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of PGA SAFEGUARD 2, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9260  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FRADANA, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/05/03. 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, 217 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
 LD-9257  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: UNGERMAN REALTY, L.L.C.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/17/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2102. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 395 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
 LD-9256  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Arroyo Copland & Associates, PLLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/19/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 494 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
 LD-9269  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Rubloff Jet Express, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/1/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. IL address of LLC: 4949 Harrison Ave., Ste. 200, Rockford, IL 61108. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., Rm 351, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9251  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 151 4th Street Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Mercer Development, LLC, Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
 LCD-9249  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Conversion of Aero Drive Limited Partnership, to Aero Drive, LLC. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Prentice Hall Corporation Systems, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9237  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of ELF SERVICES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SSNY on 11/28/2003. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 550 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: All Lawful purposes.  
 LD-9230  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of HATF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/21/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9228  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Axis Point LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/4/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
 LD-9227  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC** Articles of Organization for 1648 WESTERN AVENUE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 4, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 1648 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.  
 LD-9229  
 (January 7, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Articles of Organization of Free Stick Productions, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 25, 2003, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, One Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.  
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 (January 7, 2004)



# Award

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When Siy saw the full-page nominating form in *The Times*, she nominated Hartman.

Siy feels that Hartman has also helped her with her own work.

"She's helped me connect even more with my audience," said Siy, whose most recent book, *Footprints on the Moon*, came out in 2001. "I get a chance to talk with children one on one."

Through Hartman, Siy also got a chance to appear on C-SPAN's "Book TV," when they filmed a segment about the New York State Summer Reading Program — a voluntary reading program for kids that takes place through libraries — and Hartman arranged for Siy to speak.

"Polly got the permission slips for the kids to appear, and got the kids copies of the book the week before the filming," Siy said. "I gave a lecture with slides, and when it came time for the kids to ask questions, they knew what to ask, and the kids were waving their hands throughout the filming."

Siy also wrote about Hartman's importance in what she considers to be a crucial asset to the community.

"One point I made is how important libraries are in ensuring a literate society," Siy said. "Polly's an invaluable asset

to that. She knows children, and she knows literature. Kids rely on adults to choose their books. They don't read reviews in *The New York Times* or *Publisher's Weekly*, but Polly does. In recommending those books, she's making a difference in kids' access to literature, and is instrumental in ensuring that our community is a literate one."

Siy also commended Hartman's storytelling sessions with little children and her work with the mother/daughter book group geared for adolescents.

Library Director Nancy Pieri said the award was an honor for both Hartman and the library. "I couldn't be prouder," she said. "Polly's got a great deal of dedication, and a great love of both children and books."

Pieri named Hartman's writer's workshop as a special talent. "That was a wonderful initiative," she said. "Polly's got a great deal of vitality, and interest. She's always there, making a difference for the kids."

For Hartman, being a librarian brings together her two great loves, children and books.

Hartman grew up in Manitowoc, Wis., 63 miles north of Milwaukee. After studying education at Carroll College in her home state, she took a look at a map of the United States and thought that New York would be a good place to live.

For 15 years, Hartman taught kindergarten in the White Plains school district and worked on her master's degree at Teachers College at Columbia University. Her husband Kenneth worked for the New York City Comptroller, and they moved to Delmar when he took a job with the state comptroller in the late '70s. Their

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three children were born here, and Hartman began working as an assistant at the Bethlehem Public Library in 1983. When Kenneth Hartman died in January 1985, the Hartman children were 7, 4 and 2, and the White Plains school district offered Polly Hartman her teaching job back. Hartman chose to stay in Delmar and began going to library school.

"I took one class at a time, and really immersed myself in them," she said. "I did it over the course of four years."

Hartman has seen a lot of things change in libraries in the past 20 years.

"The computers, of course, have changed circulation, cataloguing and research," she said.

Increased technology has not meant a decline in library use, Hartman said.

"People still like to hold a book in their hands," she said, "and we have videos and DVDs. Also, it's a misconception that everyone has a computer at home."

In the future, Hartman said, librarians will continue to be educators, assisting patrons to make the transition to a high-technology world.

"The card catalogue can be overwhelming, and we can help make it more accessible," Hartman said. "Internet changes mean that everyone has to constantly upgrade their skills. We want to find things as quickly as possible, and you have to know how to go deeper and deeper on a Web site."

But technology does not decrease the value of reading, Hartman said.

"It doesn't substitute for sitting and reading to a child," she said. "Especially for little children, that interaction and eye contact is so important."

The Bethlehem library has 13 story hours each week, for children from 15 months to 6 years and could easily have more, Hartman said. The youth services division's mission goes through eighth grade and provides resources for teachers and parents.

"We get to teach people, to read to children and to serve as a reader's advisory board," Hartman said. "The best part about my job is when a child comes to the desk and says, 'I'm in third grade — what should I read?'"

Hartman said she and her colleagues all read a lot at home, and that *Mike Mulligan* is her favorite book. The tale of the steam shovel operator urging his old-fashioned shovel to do better than a modern piece of equipment is perhaps parallel to Hartman's job.

"It's a sweet story that talks about how you have to move forward, but you don't have to forget the old," she said.

Siy traveled with Hartman and her sons, Ted, 26, and Andrew, 23, (Catherine, 21, is currently studying in Spain) to receive her plaque. The real reward for Hartman, though, comes on a daily basis.

"I love coming to work every day," she said. "My wish for my children — and all children — is that they pick a career they love."

## LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
Elmira Apartments LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 16, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Elmira Apartment LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LD-9077  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC  
TOC, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 15, 2003. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to TOC, LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LD-9075  
(January 7, 2004)

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(1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is: MPM PROPERTIES, LLC  
(2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 2003.  
(3) The limited liability company is located in Albany County.  
(4) The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the following is the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her:  
PMB: 175  
1971 Western Avenue  
Albany, New York 12203  
(5) The character and/or purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in Real Estate Management.  
LD-9066  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Elixir Columbus Circle, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-1, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-9210  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elixir Church Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/25/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: 548 Broadway, Ste. 5-1, NY, NY 10012, Attn: Elizabeth Ilgenfritz. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-9211  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: Black River House, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LCD-9217  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)  
The name of the L.P. is TUPPER LAKE OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 20, 2003. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.  
LCD-9208  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication DURYEY PLACE REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 47 LEE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-9207  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of All American Homes of Ohio, LLC. Authority filed with

## LEGAL NOTICE

Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 12/19/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LexisNexis Document Solutions, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. OH address of LLC: 4005 All American Way, Zanesville, OH 43701. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, P.O. Box 670, Columbus, OH 43216. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-9204  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication EAST HARLEM DEVELOPERS, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 47 LEE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-9207  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication DURYEY PLACE REALTY, LLC was filed with SSNY on 11/14/2003. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: 119-15 257TH AVENUE, FLUSHING, NY 11354 Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-9206  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification

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of NAMCO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/03. Fictitious name in NY State: NAMCO (DE), LLC. Office Location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn: Eric J. George, Esq. Principal office of LLC: 100 Sanrico Dr., Manchester, CT 06040. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-9200  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAXANCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 234 Hudson Ave., #3036, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-9202  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Barbera Associates, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-9201

## LEGAL NOTICE

(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SERENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12241. Term: until 4/1/2103. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-9195  
(January 7, 2004)

### LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ALBANY, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Index No. 3012/03. ORIGINAL SUMMONS FILED: May 15, 2003. INDYMAC BANK, Plaintiff, - against - GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A G E O R G E BURSHELL, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a

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copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Albany County is designated as the place of trial on the basis of the fact that the real property affected by this action is located wholly within said County. Dated: Westbury, New York, November 19, 2003. MARIA SIDERIS FRAZIS, ESQ., DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office and P.O. Address, 242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590. (516) 876-0800. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. Joseph R. Cannizzaro, A Justice of the Supreme Court of Albany County entered Nov. 24, 2003, and filed with complaint and other papers in the Albany County Clerk's Office, Albany, NY. THE OBJECT of the above-entitled action is to foreclose a mortgage dated in the County/City Register of the County of Albany on January 24, 2001 and recorded February 14, 2001 in Liber 3910 at page 462 covering premises described as follows: 792 Livingston Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The relief sought in the within action is final judgment directing the sale of the premises described herein above to satisfy the

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debt secured by the mortgage described above. The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against any defendant in this action EXCEPT GEORGE BURCHELL A/K/A G E O R G E BURSHELL, DRUCKMAN & SINEL, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.  
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# Changes

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Noting that she has already met with Bethlehem Schools Superintendent Les Loomis, Egan vowed to improve communication between the school district and town.

The shift in party leadership will undoubtedly bring with it some new faces to town

government. An organizational meeting scheduled for Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. will allow for Egan and board members to address a number of board vacancies due to retirement and resignations.

Longtime Public Works Superintendent Bruce Secor will be retiring early this year, after 25 years with the department. Secor said Egan informed him he would

not be reappointed to the job. He intends to remain in the position until the end of February to assist during the transition.

He joined the department in 1978 as an engineer and went on to become superintendent. A replacement has not yet been named.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Hasbrouck, whose term expired in December, will not seek another term on the board.

Egan plans to appoint current board member Parker Mathusa, a Republican, to a one-year term as chairman. Mathusa, of Delmar, has served on the board for the last six years.

"He has experience on the board, he's lived in the town for a long time and I believe his philosophy matches what my vision is for the town," said Egan.

As for appointing a Republican to lead the board, Egan said: "My feeling is politics should stop at the town hall door. We should all be moving, whatever our political intent is, in the best interest of the town."

Two vacancies on the board created by Hasbrouck's departure and the resignation of Joseph Rooks earlier this year will also be filled by the Democrats. Egan will recommend Thomas Cotrofeld and Christine Motta be appointed to seven-year terms on the board.

The role of town attorney will also be changing hands. Jim Potter will likely replace current town attorney Robert Alessi.

Potter, of Delmar, is an attorney who recently joined the Hinman Straub law firm in Albany. Specializing in litigation and land use law, Potter previously worked for DeGraff Foy law firm in Albany for 20 years.

Leadership of the town's Industrial Development Agency will also shift with the start of the new year. Republican Michael Tucker resigned from his chairman position in December, after five years leading the board.

Egan said she plans to appoint George Leveille of Delmar as the new head. Leveille is director of Tech Valley Development Services, and has served as a paid consultant to the board for the last year.

He said he will forgo his

consulting fees to serve as chairman of the agency.

"George has a tremendous amount of experience," said Egan. "He's done an incredible job as far as moving the agency forward."

Leveille previously served as executive director of Albany's Industrial Development Agency.

Zoning Board Chairman Michael Hodom's term also ended at the close of the year but Egan plans to recommend he be reappointed to another one-year term as chairman.

Board member Dick Lewis' term has expired and he will not be reappointed.

Egan said she will recommend Len Micelli as the new ZBA member.

Kim Ryan of Selkirk will serve as Egan's executive secretary.

Egan's recommendations are subject to a vote by the town board.

# Egan

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launched a coordinated phone bank for the first time in its history.

Students sporting "Egan for Supervisor" T-shirts helped spread the word of her candidacy, as did a scantily clad supporter who stood near the town highway garage wearing only shorts and

a T-shirt, with an "Egan" sign in hand.

The new supervisor took a moment to thank all of her supporters, whom she credited for her victory.

"We brought campaigning in Bethlehem to a new level," Egan said with a chuckle.

But laughs soon turned to tears as Egan thanked her former boss, Stephen Waite, of Waite & Associates Law Firm in Albany where she had — up until entering politics — been a practicing attorney for nearly 17 years.

"It was very hard leaving my office on Wednesday," Egan said, becoming emotional as she thanked Waite for his unwavering support.

Her former boss apparently helped cajole Egan into taking the political plunge.

"He said, 'You've been a risk-taker since I've known you. Don't pass this one up,' and thankfully, we didn't," she recalled.

Fellow Democrats, many of whom had been working for years to oust the Republican Party, shared Egan's elation.

Democrat Dan Plummer held on to his town board seat and a newcomer to politics, Tim Gordon of Slingerlands, was elected to the board. Gordon serves as chairman of the town's Independence Party, and was also endorsed by the Democrats.

"It's our 10th year of existence and this is the first time we've elected someone to public office. We're pleased about that," said Gordon.

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