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War hits close to home with death of BC grad

By KRISTEN OLBY

A fallen soldier from Delmar will be honored during funeral services today for making the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq.

Thomas Robbins, 27, was a cavalry scout with the Stryker Brigade's 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment.

He was killed Feb. 9 in the Mosul region of Iraq when a collection of rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds detonated while being moved.

Robbins was based in Fort Lewis, Wash., but grew up in Delmar, graduating from Bethlehem Central High School in 1994.

He was the son of Douglas Robbins of Delmar and the Rev. Charlene Robbins.

While a student, Robbins played soccer and ran track at Bethlehem Central. He also played trumpet in the high school band.

A nature enthusiast, Robbins was involved with Boy Scout Troop 89 in Clarksville, earning the rank of Life Scout.

His grandfather, Joseph Dean of Westerlo, described his grandson Monday as an all-American good kid.

"He was kind of a quiet kid, a deep thinker," said Dean. He fondly recalled what a talented artist Robbins was, drawing life-like pictures from memory.



Thomas Robbins

"I was encouraging him to go into art because he was very good at it."

Robbins went on to earn an associate's degree in environmental sciences at SUNY Morrisville.

He continued studying at the State University of Agriculture and Technology in Cobleskill.

In October of 1998, Robbins joined the Army.

"He loved it. He was a career soldier," said Dean, who himself is a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

"I just told him he has to be careful, you have to watch your step," he recalled.

Robbins served for a year in Korea, and was deployed to Iraq in November. His grandfather remembered how he

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Noon whistles



Noon aides at Elsmere School are surrounded by appreciative students at an assembly honoring the aides. The aides, from left, are Cathy Ageneta, Betty Vet, Bette Lindskoog, Joan Deragon and Linda Yates.

Jim Franco

V'ville recalls teacher's long career

Students will honor Vinson after break

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Voorheesville school officials, board members and parents attending the Feb. 9 school board meeting paused to remember longtime Voorheesville Elementary School teacher William Vinson.

Vinson died suddenly of an apparent heart attack Feb. 3. He was 54.

"We still can't believe it. It's like a bad dream," said elementary school Principal Edward Diegel.

Vinson began teaching in 1973 and taught summer reading between 1988 and 1990. He organized the Elementary

School Clown Festival in 1989 and was recognized as the 1995 Educator of Excellence by the New York State English Council's executive board.

In addition, Vinson headed the drama club and organized several class plays. Vinson most recently taught fourth grade.

Superintendent Alan R. McCartney offered his thoughts in a prepared statement: "We take comfort in the fact that a part of him will continue to live, reflected in the lives of the students he has instructed and guided over the years. As a teacher, he gave of himself, perhaps the greatest gift of all, and those students

fortunate enough to fall under his dynamic tutelage will carry his ideals, knowledge and moral principles into the world, and the world will be a better place because of it."

Diegel said a program is planned for after vacation to give Vinson's students a chance to process their grief through words and artwork.

"Grief is a long process that needs to be done," he said. "This gives them a chance to share their thoughts and recollections." Diegel added the event would be small and limited to Vinson's class and other invited guests. Also in

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Insurance, pension hikes wreak budget havoc

By LINDA DEMATTIA

The cost of health insurance and contributions to retirement systems are two areas that will cause a major increase in the Bethlehem Central budget for 2004-05, according to the Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business.

"Those two items alone represent half the increase next year," he told the board at a meeting earlier this month.

"Health insurance is important," he said. "Every 1 percent increase in our health insurance is the same cost as creating a new teaching position."

O'Shea said the district has already done a great deal to reduce the cost of health insurance by joining a consortium of school districts and

BOCES. But it is the health care system that is the problem, and there is not much

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O'Shea placed some

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Community mourns Lt. Finn's passing

By KRISTEN OLBY

Bethlehem police officers will join thousands of mourners in a memorial service to honor Lt. John F. Finn of the Albany Police Department, who died Feb. 12 of injuries sustained in a shootout with a robbery suspect nearly two months earlier.

The public memorial will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Pepsi Arena on South Pearl Street in Albany at 10 a.m.

Finn's wife Maura McNulty is a seventh grade social studies teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

On Friday, teachers, staff and

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more the district can do other than reducing benefits or charging employees much more.

"This is everybody's concern. We are going to be struggling to control the costs we can, but this is beyond our control," he said. "This is a national crisis. There will be a time when it will implode. You



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Woman wins court case against McDonald's

By KRISTEN OLBY

A Bethlehem town justice has ruled in favor of a Berne mother and daughter who claim they became ill after eating a McDonald's sundae containing several insects.

Dorothy Reed and her daughter Starlene Van Buren sued the Delmar McDonald's claiming they shared a yogurt parfait sundae last February that contained two ladybugs and an insect with wings.

The case was heard Jan. 28 in Town Court. Both women testified they vomited after ingesting the yogurt and were nauseous for several hours. They brought the yogurt container, frozen, to court and the bugs wrapped in plastic.

Reed said her health was compromised since she had just been released from the hospital for abdominal surgery earlier that day. Both Reed and Van Buren, who was 14 at the time, testified

that they have been unable to eat fast food since the incident and have difficulty eating any pre-packaged products.

McDonald's co-owner Dan Formica testified that it was highly unlikely the product became contaminated at his restaurant, if at all, since berries and yogurt are inspected for impurities prior to being sold.

"Since there is no evidence to contradict the plaintiffs' testimony ...and no evidence that the plaintiffs' case was fabricated, especially in light of the compelling nature of the exhibits, the court finds the plaintiffs' version to be true," wrote Judge Paul Dwyer in his decision.

He also determined neither woman had any medical proof to support their claims of illness or long lasting effects.

Reed was awarded \$100 in damages and Van Buren received \$500 in damages. Both women had sought up to \$3,000.

Bee mine



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Potter challenges Reilly for county Legislature

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

With last year's county Legislature's election moved to April 27, the race is off to an icy start with lawn signs dotting snowbanks and candidates and volunteers braving the cold to get out the vote.

In the 33rd County Legislative District, which encompasses parts of Bethlehem and New Scotland, including Voorheesville and Slingerlands, Republican Peter Potter challenges incumbent Democrat Herb Reilly, who is in his first four-year term.

A former small business owner and Navy veteran, Potter, 38, is a 1994 graduate of the University at Albany, where he majored in public affairs and political science. Currently, he is a regional coordinator for the Assembly Republicans.

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Peter Potter

He said he offers valuable experience, having worked for both Republican and Democratic office holders — two years with U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, R-Green Island, and six years as chief of staff and legislative director for Assemblyman Robert Prentiss, R-Colonie.

"Our county and towns are faced with out-of-control taxes, uncontrolled growth and water concerns," said Potter, adding that suburban residents are paying more than their fair share to subsidize the city of Albany.

In an effort to cut costs and improve representation, Potter pledges to reinvigorate efforts to cut the size of the county Legislature from 39 representatives making around \$20,000 per year to 21 seats.

He noted that Erie County's Legislature recently went from 17 to 15 members.

Potter said he also favors reducing benefits for county lawmakers.

"Our county representatives get full-time benefits for part-time work. I don't think that's responsible government," he said.

As for water supply concerns in New Scotland, Potter said he will propose a county water authority to bring equitable distribution of water to outlying Albany County communities.



Peter Potter

"It's time that the representatives closest to the people get more vocal on this matter," he said.

Potter's name will also appear on the Conservative Party line on the ballot.

A native of Washington County, Potter lived in the city of Albany before moving to Slingerlands two years ago. He and his wife Mary Beth have two boys.

Potter's opponent is no stranger to voters in his district. Reilly, 68, was a New Scotland supervisor for 12 years and a town board member for 10. He was elected to the county Legislature in 1999 after stepping down from the supervisor's post.

"I was not ready to give up serving the public," Reilly said. "I started in politics during the Watergate era. My goal was to bring open government and a two-party system to New Scotland. Back then you could put a fire hydrant on the Republican ticket and it would win."

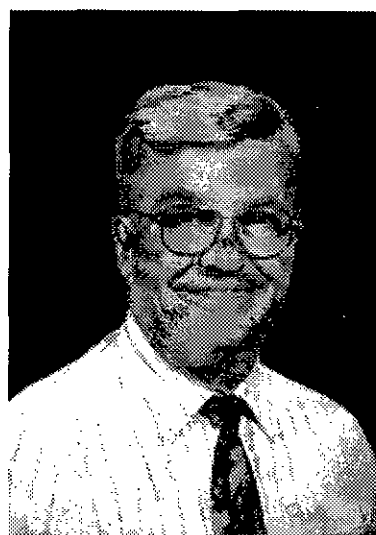
While serving New Scotland, Reilly lists erasing the town's deficit, renovating the town hall, and building a new community center among his biggest accomplishments. Still, he said, his greatest contribution was bringing the town toward open government.

"At meetings, I got my head handed to me on many occasions, but I let it happen because I believed it was the right thing to do," he said.

As a county legislator, Reilly points to road improvements on Cherry Avenue in Slingerlands and the new traffic circle in Voorheesville as significant achievements benefiting his constituents.

He also said he is proud of his efforts to secure funding to renovate the Albany County Courthouse.

"I'm pleased that I stood up and was counted for in the effort to save this building," he said. "If you don't spend money to maintain public buildings, they will fall apart and cost the taxpayers more in the long run."



Herb Reilly

By trade, Reilly is a funeral director who owns Reilly & Son Funeral Homes in Voorheesville and Colonie. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., where he majored in biology.

A lifelong resident of Albany County, Reilly moved to Voorheesville in 1963. He has been married to his wife Susan for 45 years and has nine children and 23 grandchildren.

Reilly is a longtime member of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club and is an avid runner who has competed in the Boston Marathon 11 times.

Reilly's name also appears on the Independence and Working Families tickets.

V'ville responds to Hitler complaint

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Voorheesville school officials have responded to a complaint regarding a Feb. 5 social studies exercise where 10th grade students were asked to list positive and negative accomplishments of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin as national leaders.

The complaint alleged that the teacher, Anne Lyons, cited medical advances resulting from human experiments conducted by the Nazis as an example of a positive accomplishment of Hitler's Germany.

Lyons' lesson and exercise was "ill-advised and inappropriate," said high school Principal Mark Diefendorf, adding that it was poor judgment to attribute any redeeming value to the leader who instigated the Holocaust.

Some parents kept their children out of class, requesting that they be moved to another class, said Superintendent Alan McCartney. As of Feb. 13, all but one student has returned to the class.

"She didn't mean to upset the students, and no way was she trying to glorify the Holocaust," McCartney said. "We were already dealing with the problem when someone anonymously leaked it to the press and gave the issue a life of its own."

Lyons has since apologized to the class and clarified her intentions when she assigned the lesson.

McCartney refuted rumors that Lyons could lose her job as a result of her remark. Lyons, who has only worked in the district for eight months, receives an annual review at the end of her first year.

"We are providing her the resource support she needs to treat sensitive subjects in the classroom," he said. "As she matures, I think she would make an outstanding teacher."

The Holocaust Survivors and Friends Education Center in Latham has sent information to the Voorheesville schools from its vast library of resources.

"To discuss World War II and Nazi Germany, it is important to illustrate the step-by-step process that leads a nation to mass murder," said center director Shelly Shapiro. "Students must know how a racial state is created."

After getting a call from one of the offended parents, Shapiro contacted Diefendorf and mailed material so that Lyons would better understand the subject matter.

Shapiro noted that the 1946 Nuremberg Military Tribunal concluded that none of the medical experiments carried out by the Nazis had any scientific benefit.

"I hope teachers will prepare and give more thoughtful lessons on the Holocaust and World War II," said Shapiro, adding she hopes Voorheesville school officials will work closely with Lyons on future lessons.

Architects review BCHS design

By LINDA DeMATTIA

A meeting held last week to gather community input for the upcoming Bethlehem Central construction project drew fewer than two dozen people, primarily district staff and members of parent support groups.

Paul Scoville and Richard Peckham of Collins & Scoville, project architects, were on hand to display some of the details that are under development.

One of the most noticeable changes to the original high school design was the slight pivoting of the new gym back toward the existing structure.

This was done to accommodate an easement for a 54-inch pipe that is located about 25 feet from the gym, according to Peckham.

"When we got the official site survey, (the easement) was clipping the corner of the gym," he said. "They need a certain amount of room to work if they need to replace it."

The new design sets the gym at a slight angle and reduces the interior storage space to a pie shape, Peckham noted.

The change will not add to the cost, and may in fact reduce it slightly because the storage area will be smaller, he said.

Key elements on the outside of the high school will be the name of the school and the school logo, Scoville explained. The firm had two different opinions on what it should look like.

"We want to make sure visitors know this is the main entrance to come in," he said.

The logo could either go on the outside wall to the left of the entrance, with back lighting so it stands out, or be hung from the front edge of the canopy, he said. "It could be black and backlit so you could look through it. It will create a welcoming look."

Also discussed but not decided was both the type and placement

square footage, but in a different shape, Scoville explained.

The choral room with retractable bleachers that could also accommodate removable chairs would be flexible enough to be used for other purposes, Scoville said, adding that the piano could be easily moved away when it was not needed. The orchestra room will also have a flexible design.

The cafeteria expansion includes a curved wall and oversized doors that can be closed off when the cafeteria is in use for testing.

A kiosk is planned for this area, as well. The kiosk can be used for sales of merchandise, tickets or other items, Scoville suggested.

High School Principal Michael Tebbano said he would like to see the walls used for student artwork and a hall of fame that is "highly visible."

The need for an improved sound system inside the cafeteria was also noted.

The design for science rooms was held off until the architects could meet with science teachers to find out what they needed for their program.

Scoville said they needed to hammer out further details quickly.

"Some of these projects we haven't gotten to yet can wait a bit," Scoville said. "The high school is the most critical project. We can receive input for a while, but by the end of March we need to be set."

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Paul Scoville

of the lettering for the name of the school.

Lighting was a factor in some other changes, from the canopy over the high school entrance to the choral room and the open ceiling design and skylights in the fitness center.

The updated design of the canopy captures more light and directs it toward windows that were raised to add more light to the lobby, Scoville said.

More windows and a skylight improve lighting in the fitness center. The open ceiling in the fitness center allows warm air to rise up and away from those using the space, he said.

The new fitness center will have about the same amount of

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Time to choose the means by which we live

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

It started this summer, when Mars pulled so close to the Earth that we could practically see where Spirit and Opportunity would later leave their tracks in red Martian dirt.

In the summer weather, we wondered about ominous portents. "End times," we and our children joked with my California brother and sister-in-law during their annual July visit, as we sat on our deck in hot and humid weather, swatting away mosquitoes looking to inject us with a dose of deadly West Nile virus.

Maybe it goes with middle age, that so many of the signs of the times look malevolent.

The Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake stunt was the last in a long string of events that make it seem like the world is truly going to hell in a hand basket.

We are not sports fans in our house.

"What's it like to be married to the only man in America not watching the football game today?" was my one true love's question for me on Super Bowl Sunday.

Excellent, I answered, and celebrated the event by making a nice Sunday dinner than we

usually eat.

We are raising sons, and any mixed feelings I might have had about them not being conversant in the language that so many men speak instinctively, faded when I heard of the breast-baring incident that the nation's families saw during that half-time show. It was interesting to hear the kids' reactions when they got home from school the next day. "People said it was disgusting," 11-year-old Cormac reported from the vantage point that girls, partially nude or otherwise, are still pretty icky.

Christopher's 13-year-old eyes held the truth that his shrug couldn't hide. Clearly, he had missed something he would have preferred to see.

Was that the NFL or CBS' intent, to draw in that audience sector that doesn't follow football, but is curious about female anatomy?

More bothersome than the flesh-baring was how it got bared, and yet again for one with children still young, I found myself talking about appropriate behavior; treating women respectfully; and how, in the real world, people don't rip bodices, bare flesh or jump into bed together with the same abandon as they do on TV.

COMMENTARY:

Mom's the Word



I hope. All the information our children see and hear contradicts my opinion, and leaves me hoping that they pay as much attention to the good-living adults they see around them as they do to the gorgeous but libidinous people they see on TV.

Hard news and the world around us require an exhausting amount of parental decoding and interpretation.

We are called upon to explain to our children about terrorist attacks and ensuing wars, and seek to impart our values as we explain our feelings and opinions about war to them.

We have to talk to them about little girls being abducted and killed as they take shortcuts home from school.

We have to remind them that if they hear anybody at their schools talk about having a gun, to tell a grown-up.

Don't chat with strangers on the Internet, we tell them, and above all, never let somebody

know where you live.

We have to define the word "recidivism" for them as we tell them about the sex offender who just moved to town, while offering hope that perhaps he has been fully rehabilitated and ours remains a safe community.

Even our churches impart more information than we might like our kids to have, as letters denying involvement with homosexual prostitutes are read from pulpits or the ordination of a gay bishop divides local Episcopalians.

Today's parents are proud of being open with their children; of explaining things kids and not saying "never mind"; and above all, of their efforts to keep them safe.

While all this openness is good, I can't help feeling we're stealing childhood away from them. When Cormac was 9, he and I walked home from his school together and somehow ended up talking about condoms.

I was pleased that he felt comfortable enough with me to talk about this in an otherwise routine moment, and glad that I had not shied away from a "teachable moment."

I was also filled with a huge sense of regret — what on earth

had that added to that little boy's life? Why did he need to know that at his tender age? "You want us to stay 6 and 4 forever," is the usual accusation at our house when we deem something inappropriate for our children. You betcha — 4- and 6-year-olds accept parental authority a good deal better than teens and pre-teens do.

They have bedtimes that mean Mom and Dad can watch a little TV without having to catch each other's eye and move on to the next channel since there are little ones in the room.

Their questions about sex can be answered in short, direct sentences. They're too young to even ask if they can walk alone to a friend's house. Best of all, they're just the right size to scoop up into the sort of hug that makes you feel you can hold them safe from danger forever.

Sadly, we know we can't, and the parental role gets more complex as our children grow, want to be out in the world on their own, and are just as likely to take their cues about living from their peers as their parents.

So we try to stay as involved in their lives as possible — opening our doors to their friends, asking about their school days, soliciting their opinions about world events, or the things that happen around them.

The hardest job can be to link daily behavior to big issues. It can be hard to help them see that getting their homework done and handing it in, being respectful to teachers, practicing their musical instruments, cutting everyone else a little slack and even just brushing their teeth, helps build the base that will make them contributing citizens to our republic.

As we're building that base, we need to allow them time to be kids, to let them daydream, to play, to fuss about school and the unbearable workload they feel they carry.

I guess the biggest thing we can teach our children is about choices. We can choose more than to just push the channel-changing button on the remote; we can shut the TV off.

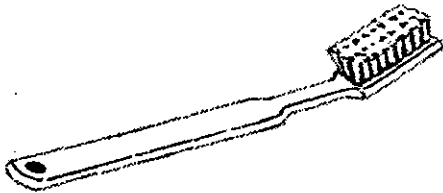
We can fold up newspapers and look around at the real people in our lives.

It's up to us, then, to live the best lives we can. After all, our children are watching.

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Board hears scaled-back housing plan

By KRISTEN OLBY

A proposal to transform a stretch of River Road property into a harbor and housing complex unlike any ever constructed in the state was presented to the town board once again — this time scaled back, in the hope the board would embrace the residential aspect of the plan.

Victor Gush, proprietor of Westleton based VLG Real Estate Developers, appeared before the board Feb. 11 to present his modified version of Beacon Heights — the residential complex to be built on 91 acres of River Road in northeast Glenmont. Beacon Harbor is the commercial component comprised of a marina, retail shops, theaters, luxury hotel and office space, to be built across the street in 77 acres overlooking the Hudson River. The planning board is already reviewing Beacon Harbor. The entire project is expected to cost about a billion to construct, according to Gush.

Since his last appearance before the board, Gush removed the single-family homes from the complex. Instead, he hopes to build 448 residential units consisting of seven condominiums and seven townhouses. Beacon Heights could include a community center with a pool, nine acres of green space and a network of walking trails linking it to the harbor.

"They're mostly designed for what we're looking for, which is professionals and adults," said Gush of the residential units.

Gush has requested the project be rezoned from heavy industrial use to a planned residence district. He hopes to have the riverfront property rezoned from heavy industrial to planned commercial district.

The town board once again responded enthusiastically to Beacon Harbor, in part, because of its boost to the tax base but also because of concerns about the residential component, namely its impact on the school district.

It was designed for heavy industrial use," said board member George Lenhardt of the town. "I have a real problem with having residents in a zone like this. I'm not in favor of that particular piece."

Beacon Harbor borders the VLG energy center site and Beacon Heights is virtually adjacent to it.

Even more troublesome to the board, is the fact that Gush's property remains on the federal Environmental Protection Agency's list of potential dredging sites. The land would need to be removed and treated PCB sediment from the Hudson River for at least 6 years, according to the EPA.

It can be shown the property development potential and under way, the EPA would consider removing the site from the list.

As far as I know, the property has not told us to do that," said Leo Rosales, community development coordinator for the town. "He's also considered a long property owner, he's given us access to the history and has indicated he's

interested in working with the EPA on the project."

At the town board meeting, Gush assured the crowd he does not want the land used as a dewatering site.

"I've asked them to take it off," said Gush. "I want this project, we're fighting for it."

But when pressed by Supervisor Theresa Egan as to whether he would consider allowing the EPA to utilize the land — should the board deny the residential component of the project — Gush appeared to be at a loss for words. After a long pause he responded, "No, I don't think so. We want the commercial to go. If we had to withdraw the residential, we would probably end up building commercial there," adding he hopes that doesn't happen.

It's unclear what effect the impending town-wide moratorium on residential construction may have on Gush's proposal.

"Certainly no (project) approval could be given during a moratorium," said town attorney Jim Potter, adding work on plans could continue while the moratorium is in place.

Gush said he would like to begin construction this fall, but conceded next spring may be a more feasible start date. While he would like to construct both projects simultaneously, Gush said it's possible the harbor project would be built first because it's already been referred to the planning board.

The town board voted to delay taking any action on Beacon Heights for another two weeks, pending the drafting of the moratorium, which is expected to be complete by the end of February.

Board member Dan Plummer recused himself from discussing the matter, or voting on it, because General Electric is a client of his lobbying company. The EPA is

dredging the Hudson to remove 1.3 million pounds of PCBs dumped by General Electric's

Fort Edward and Hudson Falls manufacturing plants over a 30-year period prior to 1977.



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Matters of Opinion

Lt. Finn's legacy

The loss of Albany Police Lt. John Finn is a tragedy for his colleagues and residents in the city where he worked, but it has also affected suburban residents in a community that is still reeling from the shock of his death.

Finn's wife, Maura McNulty, teaches at Bethlehem Central Middle School, and that entire community has been devastated by the death of the 38-year-old lieutenant, who leaves two young daughters.

Most suburban residents feel isolated and removed from incidents such as the one where Finn was shot by an alleged armed robber in a tough urban neighborhood. But here we are now, in the town of Bethlehem and throughout the region, mourning a highly decorated officer who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

We need to remember that bad things do "happen here" and can happen here or in any suburban or urban neighborhood in the Capital District.

Suburbanites did what they could to help Finn through blood drives, fund-raisers and prayers and support for his family.

Finn was a role model for the entire community and will be remembered as such because of his exemplary life and devotion to duty. What better legacy than an impeccable reputation to leave in a world so filled with turmoil and senseless acts of violence.

Our region has seen more than its share of troubling events in the last several months, including the death of an innocent young Colonie man from an Albany policeman's bullet and a student carrying and using a shotgun in Columbia High School in East Greenbush.

We've heard from some parents who say they are considering banning news broadcasts in their homes so their kids won't be exposed to the violence happening right here in our own backyards.

We think kids should be exposed to the news, even disturbing news about violence, and that they should talk about its impact on them with their parents. When they become adults, armed with the truth, perhaps they'll be better able to deal with and hopefully eradicate violence in their neighborhoods, their schools and their lives.

Our children will be the ones to shape the future, and in order to do so, they need to understand that things do go horribly wrong sometimes, and that some people are capable of great and senseless violence with little or no regard to the sanctity and gift of life.

We must remember that we are simply not immune from violence and its consequences, no matter where we live or how much we deny its existence in our lives.

Editorials

Youthful obesity is on the rise

By VERONICA ARMBRUSTER

The writer is a nurse practitioner in Delmar.

While rising rates of obesity in this country have captured national headlines, the problem of obesity is still quite personal in nature.

Obesity is different from other health maladies in that its very nature seems to be an aesthetic one. It is a difficult subject that often puts patients on the defensive when health care professionals note that a child or adult has a high percentage of weight according to their body weight index or height vs. weight percentile.

As a nurse practitioner working in a busy pediatric office, I have witnessed increasing numbers of children who are exhibiting disproportionate weight for their height at physicals.

Overweight children and adults are growing in numbers in this country. The prevalence of overweight individuals has risen markedly in the last 30 years. Consequently, we have seen an impact socially and on children's health.

Children who are above average weight for height can experience early menstruation, poor self-esteem and cardiovascular changes and insulin resistance over time.

As a health care provider, I have seen an increase in the number of children and adolescents in the practice who have struggled with weight issues.

Many struggle from low self-esteem. It is difficult for females to feel normal about themselves when they are bombarded by media that portray a body ideal that is thinner than ever.

The epidemic of obesity and overweight children in this country is not the fault of a gene gone awry, but rather a response to the environment we have created for ourselves. As consumers, we demand and enjoy value meals with larger portions.

Point of View

These foods are usually filled with highly saturated fats.

Today, we can enjoy 20 ounces or larger sizes of juices or sodas. An average meal at McDonald's 30 years ago was somewhere around 590 calories. Today, the average meal at McDonald's is 1,500 calories.

Coupled with this trend is our gravitation toward more sedentary activity such as handheld computer games, the Internet and increased car travel. It's easy to see how children and adolescents have increased their caloric intakes in the last 10 years by just hanging out in the Stewart's shop near the high school.

The average teenager on the way to school grabs a 24 ounce soda, juice or Gatorade, unaware that they are imbibing triple the average beverage serving size before the school day begins.

Questions arise as to why the increased weight of our children is epidemic and what we can do as parents and as a community can do to prevent unhealthy weight gain and to promote healthy lifestyles.

I believe we need to address the problem like any other health problem and look for ways to as parents and as a community to combat it.

First, as health care practitioners, we must provide the appropriate counseling for families of children with increased weight because statistics reveal that these children are more likely to be at risk for the diseases mentioned above.

This is not always a popular undertaking. Families of children at risk might be concerned that intervening in the child's eating pattern could lead to lower self-esteem and eating disorders. Research reveals that the earlier change is initiated and the more a family (including parents) models good eating habits, the better the child's hopes are for a healthy long life.

It is important that families be aware of portion sizes and to include vegetables and fruits at nutrition guides or by seeking the counsel of a local nutritionist.

Anecdotally, some teens have joined Weight Watchers with family members and have come back enlightened by what normal portion sizes look like.

In addition, some basic suggestions to help families reinforce healthy eating behaviors are: Planning family meals and involving children in the process of making the meals. This is a valuable way to involve children in healthy choices.

Also, keep the TV off during

meal times so that kids can be aware of what they are eating and not easily distracted.

And, shop around the outside of the grocery store where unprocessed and fresh foods are located.

It is also imperative that exercise be included in the family dynamic.

A program can include planning a family exercise once a week. The actual exercise can be as simple as a walk or bicycling. Rollerblading, ice skating or sleigh riding.

I have often heard parents comment on what a different world it is since they were kids. Many of us remember playing

outside for hours with neighborhood children relatively unsupervised until our parents called us in for dinner.

Many parents today feel the world is not a safe place anymore. I wonder as suburban parents

how we can make strides so that we can feel good about our kids being outside and active again.

I would suggest we assess our ability as a community to provide healthy spaces for our children. We must have safe areas for our children, as well as easily accessible play areas. We must support local enactments of playgrounds.

There are many developments in most suburban areas, but we do not provide a play space green area for children. Would be much more difficult for a builder to provide a small green space or park to provide for many children's activities.

I also support changing current food offerings at public places to provide more healthy choices at community events, town parks and other activities.

I would also encourage our community to support local farmers markets and food ops.

Most schools in recent years have been doing a good job of intervening in the prevention of obesity by promoting morning exercise programs and appropriate snacks in schools.

I had the pleasure of recruiting a group of children to "train" me for the Delmar Dash last year. It was part of a healthy program for kids that I had started in practice.

I watched as children who were weight-challenged gained greater self-esteem as they strided to their goal to complete half mile in the race.

Finally, it is paramount for our community that we realize the extent of the health problem increased weight imposes on the next generation and that we step up with ways and means for families and a community to continue to promote healthy living.

Our children's health and longevity depend on it.

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Matters of Opinion

Elsmere chief will be sorely missed

Editor, The Spotlight:
On Saturday, Jan. 24, Bethlehem lost a friend, a mentor and a tireless community servant.

And we in the Elsmere Fire Department lost our chief, Kevin Shea.

Kevin was more than just our leader. He was more than just our friend, teacher and compatriot. He was the person every volunteer firefighter aspires to be — selfless, serving and caring. He was the consummate community servant and the epitome of everything good that a person can be.

In a world where the word hero is used too freely, Kevin was a true hero.

Every firefighter is aware of the dangers we face every time we answer a fire call. But when we answer that call, all we are thinking is that we have to help. None of us ever thinks that answering a fire call may be the last thing we ever do in this world. We volunteer because we love our community. No one anticipates that they or their friend may be making the supreme sacrifice.

Kevin always said, "Take care of each other." It was his motto, and he lived it. He always put everyone else first. In 30 years as a volunteer firefighter, the needs and safety of his fellow firefighters were his principal concern.

Experiencing a sadness and grief that is difficult to even describe, the Elsmere Fire Department wanted to pay its most sincere respects to a man who had not only served us, but had given his life in the service of others.

It took the entire community to pay Kevin the respect he so richly deserved, and on behalf of the Elsmere Fire Department, I would like to thank our wonderful community.

I would like to thank our brother firefighters from Delmar, Selkirk, Slingerlands and North Bethlehem who helped us say goodbye to Kevin with the dignity and honor that he truly deserved. They were there for us from the very beginning and never left our side. They took our calls and supported us through this trying time in every way possible.

Paying our respects to Kevin

could also not have been possible without Bethlehem's superb police department. The police were absolutely phenomenal, as were the town's highway and parks and recreation departments. They each answered our many requests without hesitation and reinforced how blessed we all are to live in a community that truly comes together when one of us has fallen.

The media also showed the utmost respect to Kevin and his family. We cannot say enough about how kind, considerate and respectful every member of the media was. We are truly indebted to them for helping us properly and with great dignity pay tribute to Kevin.

I would also like to thank all of the Bethlehem businesses that donated food, flowers, time and their services. Our community

was grieving, and our businesses were there to support us.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank the Revs. David Berberian, James Daley and Richard Leskovar and Deacon Al Manzella of St. Thomas Church. These shepherds of the parish community graciously made this one of the most beautiful services we ever witnessed.

We will miss our friend and leader. Kevin died much too young. It is a tribute that he would pass on doing what he loved the most, helping others. Thank you, Kevin, for all that you have taught us, given us and shared with us. We hope that we did you well, and continue to do so as we serve the community you loved so much in your honor.

Joe Catalano
President
Elsmere Fire Co.

Report blasts Atkins diet

Editor, The Spotlight:
So, the jig is up. The Atkins high-protein diet craze that has been sweeping the nation has shown its ugly underbelly, and it's heart disease, as well as a host of other chronic diseases linked with consumption of fatty meat and dairy products.

A consumer advocacy group released a medical examiner's report showing that the late Dr. Atkins suffered from obesity and heart disease.

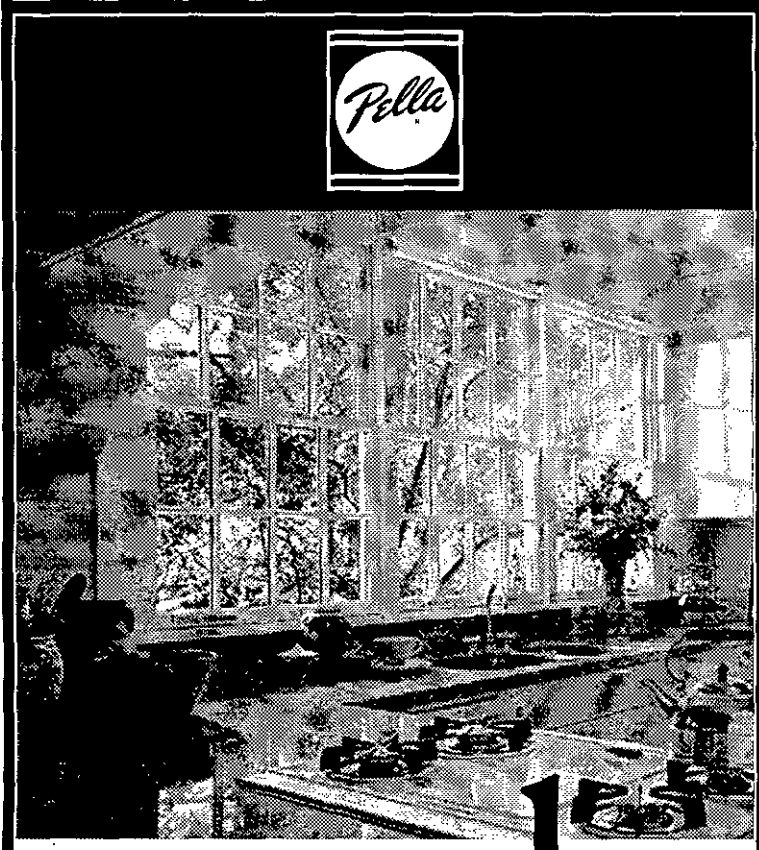
Apparently, the dozen expert panels who reviewed thousands of diet and health studies over the past three decades were not crazy after all. Every one of them

concluded that Americans should replace meat and dairy products in their diet with vegetables, fresh fruits, and whole grains. None reached the opposite conclusion.

As consumers, we need to be constantly vigilant for diet gurus who would exploit our obsession with physical appearance to promote their profit-driven agendas. The price we pay, beyond an inflated food bill, is lifelong chronic afflictions and a curtailed life span.

Let's hope that this lesson does not come too late for victims of the Atkins diet.

Richard Tokarowski
Delmar



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V'ville faces tough choices for '04-'05 budget

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Continuing unfunded state mandates, coupled with the consolidation of data-driven state categories, will force most school districts to once again choose between cutting programs or raising taxes next year, according to Voorheesville Schools Superintendent Alan McCartney.

At the Feb. 9 board meeting, McCartney presented Voor-

heesville's preliminary 2004-05 school budget of \$18 million, up \$1.2 million (or 7 percent) from this year's spending plan.

McCartney noted that the biggest increases come from rising pension and health insurance costs.

The district has little control over increases in these expenses, he noted, adding that a likely freeze or cut in state aid will force a property tax hike.

"The consolidation and capping of aid formulas, as structured in Gov. Pataki's proposed state budget, constitute a reduction in revenue for school

districts," he said. "With no other revenues, school districts have no choice but to raise taxes, thus fostering adverse relations with the communities we serve."

These rates are set by the pension plans and the insurance carriers. The biggest increases impact the normal costs of doing business. To stretch our resources, we're cutting things we shouldn't, making it tougher for the kids.

Alan McCartney

follows: board of education and central administrative staff, \$519,425; operations and maintenance of plant, \$1,210,720; special items, \$183,200; supervision, \$568,590; teaching regular school, \$5,995,591; programs for children with special needs \$1,505,900; other instructional services, \$626,330; pupil services including athletics \$868,590; transportation, \$1,132,150; community service \$22,650; fringe benefits \$3,965,300; debt service and interfund transfers, \$2,287,897.

Line items for instructional services included a \$16,640 increase to the adult swimming program as well as community services. These programs, McCartney said, are self-sustaining with no added cost to taxpayers. Fringe benefits, which include health insurance and pensions, however, are expected to rise by

more than 55 percent. "These rates are set by the pension plans and the insurance carriers," McCartney said. "The biggest increases impact the normal costs of doing business. To stretch our resources we're cutting things we shouldn't, making it tougher for the kids."

In addition to increased benefits, costs in the form of unfunded state mandates imposed on schools since 1997 add to the budget burden, according to McCartney.

School districts comply with more than 100 mandates annually and while many have merit, they need to be looked at to see if they are still necessary, McCartney said.

He added: "Any need that is important enough to mandate is important enough to fund, otherwise it diverts resources from teaching and learning."

"When the state requires new mandates without offsetting new funding, school districts are forced to raise local revenues or cut back on existing programs and services," he said. "I'm not sure where I will go if I find out my revenues are much lower than we anticipate, but there are some state legislators working for mandate relief and additional funding for school programs."

District Financial Officer Sarita Winchell said revenues will not be determined until at least July, assuming the state budget is passed by then.

She added that this year's tax rates and levies won't be finalized until August.

When this year's budget comes up for a vote in May, residents of the district will have to present identification before voting.


"A driver's license or even a utility bill proving you live in the district will be accepted," Winchell said.

In other business, Winchell reported that the town of New Scotland has adopted a sliding tax exemption scale for senior citizens. If the school district adopts this scale, the exemption rate could shift as much 15 percent.

"Those who qualify, and many who currently get an exemption will, can expect to see an increase in their tax exemption, except those already getting the maximum rate of 50 percent," she said.

The board scheduled a public hearing on March 8 to discuss adoption of the exemption scale.

Finally, the board recognized school bus drivers Joan Decker and Florence Bradon for their years of service to the district.




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There are ways to prevent baby bottle tooth decay. You can start oral care early. Wipe the baby's gums with a clean gauze pad or wash cloth after each feeding. Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as the first tooth appears and always check your child's teeth regularly. If you notice any discolored areas, call your dentist immediately. The most important step to remember for prevention of early decay is to avoid sugary liquids in the bottle.

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Community center in New Salem to screen movie for kids

The Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem will be having a winter break movie on Friday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. The movie that will be shown is "The Lion King."

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Admission is free, and juice and snacks will be provided.

Adult pastel art class will be offered at the center every Wednesday for six weeks from Feb. 25 to March 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. The instructor is Sandy Pelletier, and the cost is \$40 plus materials. A material list will be provided by the instructor at the first class. For information or to register, call Pat Geurtze at 475-0385.

A ski trip to Gore Mountain is set for Sunday, March 7. The bus will depart from town hall at 6:30 a.m. and leave Gore Mountain at 4:30 p.m. Adults tickets are \$51 and under 18 is \$45. This includes a one-day ski pass and round-trip motor coach transportation. There is a special for age 13 and over — beginner lift, lesson and rental for \$65.

For information or to register by Feb. 26, call Geurtze at 475-0385.

Village sponsors Cabin Fever Party

The village of Voorheesville Youth and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a "Cabin Fever" night at the high school on Saturday, March 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

This event is free for students in grades nine through 12.

There will be door prizes, pizza, soda and snacks. They will also open the pool for anyone interested in swimming and will also have volleyball and basketball. Music will be by the up-and-coming band Turnpike.

Presbyterian church sets Lenten Schedule

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will conduct the following Lenten services and activities.

A joint Ash Wednesday service will take place on Feb. 25 at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville at 7:30 p.m. Morning prayer will be at 7 a.m. and noon prayer on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Feb. 25.

There will also be two special evening services during Lent on two Wednesdays, March 10 and 24, at 6 p.m. with a simple meal of bread and soup. HolyWeek observances will be announced at a later date.

Mayor to address Kiwanis club

New Scotland Kiwanis Club members will learn about the State of the Village of Voorheesville from Mayor Jack Stevens on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner session will be held in the community room of New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85.

For information or to make a reservation, call 765-4084 or 765-4257.

New Scotland Seniors plan theater trip

New Scotland Seniors will be taking a trip to Proctor's Theatre on Tuesday, March 9.

They will be enjoying the Irish festival featuring Irish singers, dancers and comedians.

The cost of the trip is \$28, and the bus will leave at 1 p.m. from St. Matthew's Church parking lot. Following the show they will stop at the Golden Corral for a buffet-style meal.

For information, call Lois Bristol at 765-2109.

AARP offers driving course

The AARP Defensive Driving Course will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center, with George Staba as instructor.

For information or to register, call 439-4865. There will be a \$10 charge, and checks should be made payable to AARP.

World War II veteran to speak to Kiwanians

World War II veteran Robert D. Humes, a Voorheesville resident, will talk about his time in the service to the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland at the Feb. 19 meeting.

The dinner event, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will be held in the community room of New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85. For information or to make a reservation, call 765-4084 or 765-4257.

School book sale slated

Voorheesville Elementary School will be holding a book fair on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 26 and 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conference room 211 near main office. For information, call 765-9305.

Kiwanis to hold baseball registration


New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for spring baseball on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 24 and 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or in the Voorheesville school district. The program is for boys and girls ages 5 to 12 before August.

The season will start on April 21, and culminate with the Kiwanis baseball league picnic for players and families on June 15.

For information on girls softball, contact Dianne Denman at 765-256; for T-ball questions, contact Rich Reilly at 765-2608.

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Sports

BC bowlers edge Ravena for trip to Canandaigua

By ROB JONAS

The center of Section II boys bowling this year is along the corridor between Bethlehem and Ravena.

Bethlehem qualified for the state tournament in Canandaigua by winning the Class A title at last Thursday's Section II Championships. The Eagles' score of 6,089 was two pins ahead of Ravena-

Coeymans-Selkirk, which took the Class B title last Wednesday with a score of 6,087.

"I feel wonderful," Bethlehem coach **Deb Elmendorf** said. "I couldn't ask for more. They're all good kids, too."

"That's OK. I get along good with those boys," said Ravena coach **Rich Sayward**, who will guide the Section II team at the state tournament.

Bethlehem saved one of its best games for last. The Eagles rolled 1,061 in the sixth and final game to fend off hard-charging Shenendehowa for first place. Shen had scores of 1,031, 1,093 and 1,006 in the three afternoon games to move up from 12th to second place with a score of 6,084.

"I thought we had to have an 11 (hundred) or a high 10 (to win), but I guess I was a bit off," Elmendorf said.

"We had the top three guys

strike out in the 10th frame, and the whole team stayed clean," said junior **Joe DeVoe**, who tied senior **Matt Young** for the top six-game individual score with 1,268 pins.

Ravena had a good shot at going to states itself after winning the Class B title by more than 200 pins over Cohoes.

"The boys did a great job," Sayward said. "All the coaching that I've done this year — and I've been harping on them to make their spares — paid off today."

Shawn Harris led the Indians with a six-game score of 1,281. **Brian Walton** rolled a 278 in his final game to finish with a 1,277 series.

The Ravena girls team registered the third-highest overall score at Sectionals with 5,356 pins. Lansingburgh won the Class B championship and earned the right to go to states with 5,447 pins, while Class A champ Colonie Central had the second-highest score with 5,394 pins.

Richardson wins diving title on final try

By ROB JONAS

David Richardson no longer has to play second fiddle to any diver.

The Bethlehem senior nailed his final three dives to take first place at last Saturday's Section II Swimming and Diving Championships at Niskayuna High School.

"I'm really excited," said Richardson, who placed second to Shaker's **Brandon Birchak** the last two years. "I've been working toward getting first place for the last five years."

"He saved his best three for last," Bethlehem diving coach **Jan Fecteau** said. "He had a nice, big finish."

Shaker sophomore **Nathan LaRowe** and Shenendehowa

junior **Ben Hamling** kept the pressure on Richardson down the stretch, but Richardson secured the victory by performing a two-and-a-half tuck somersault on his final attempt that earned him judges' scores ranging from 7.5 to 8.5.

"It was probably the most important dive of the meet," Richardson said.

Richardson's performance highlighted another strong Sectional meet for Bethlehem. The Eagles placed second with 340.5 points to a dominant Shen squad that won eight of 15 races for a final score of 429 points.

"I knew they were looking for a win," Bethlehem coach **Doug**

Gross said of his swimmers. "But realistically, they were looking for a close meet with Shen, and I think we gave them a good run."


Freshman **Larry Gloeckler** and sophomore **Tim DeGroff** will join Richardson at the state meet on Long Island. Gloeckler met the qualifying standards in placing third in the 200- and 500-meter freestyles, while DeGroff earned a spot on the Section II team after finishing third in the 100-meter backstroke.

"We have a really young team, and our freshmen really came through," Gross said. "We knew our sophomores and our juniors would be there, but our freshmen really swam well."

Strong first quarter propels Lady Eagles

The Bethlehem girls basketball team jumped out to a 19-5 lead after the first quarter and never looked back in a 54-40 victory over Mohonasen last Saturday.

Katie Rowan scored 24 points to lead the Lady Eagles, who also outscored Mohonasen 17-9 in the third quarter. **Holly Storm** contributed 12 points.



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Gymnasts qualify for state tourney Registration under way for 2004 Delmar Dash

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem gymnastics team capped a successful season by placing third at last Thursday's Section II Championships at Shaker High School.

The Lady Eagles earned the highest team score on the balance beam with a 42.350 on their way to an all-around total of 161.150.

Bethlehem coach **Kim Irwin** said experience was a factor in her team's performance.

"These kids started out as seventh graders, so they've been

through this for three or four years now," she said.

Brittany Rodgers and **Kendall Day** each qualified for the state championships in an individual event. Rodgers placed fourth in the uneven bars with a score of 8.800, while Day tied Shaker's **Shayla Roehr** for fourth place in the balance beam with a score of 8.800. Rodgers finished sixth in the all-around standings with a score of 34.300, and Day placed eighth with a score of 33.025.

"I think they really pulled it

together," Irwin said. "Those two put so much pressure on themselves, and it would be so easy for them to break under that pressure. But they wanted to do it for themselves and for the team."

Rodgers and Day return to Shaker in two weeks for the state championships as part of the Section II squad. The top three all-around gymnasts plus the next three highest finishers in each of the four individual events — balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars and vault — advance to states.

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club is holding its annual Delmar Dash Sunday, April 4, at 9 a.m.

The five-mile road race starts from the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues in Delmar. There will also be kids runs of one mile, one-half mile and one-quarter mile starting and finishing at Elsmere Elementary School.

The five-mile race is open to runners of all ages and abilities, and the kids races are open to children age 12 and under. The

entry fee for the five-mile race is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members in advance, and \$12 for club members and \$14 for non-members on the day of the race. All kids races are \$1.

There are several ways to register for the Delmar Dash. Registration forms are available in the February edition of Pace Setter magazine and at Charter One Bank branches in Elsmere, Delmar and Slingerlands.

For information, visit the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Web site at www.hmrrc.com.

Coles dashes to titles at Class A meet

Emily Coles won two events to lead the Bethlehem girls indoor track and field team at Sunday's Section II, Class A Championships at the University at Albany.

The junior claimed the 55-meter dash title in a time of 7.57 seconds and won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.02 seconds in the finals.

Johanna Marvin added a pair of top-six performances for the Lady Eagles. Marvin finished second in the long jump with a

distance of 16-feet, 2.25-inches and leapt 31-1.5 to place fourth in the triple jump.

Jessica Rawlins finished second in the 1,500 racewalk with a time of 11:10.1, **Roxanne Wegman** placed fifth in the 3,000 with a time of 10:48.73 and **Andrea Stupp** took sixth place in the shot put with a distance of 29 feet for Bethlehem, which was fourth in the team standings with 44 points. The Lady Eagles also placed third

in the 800 relay, fifth in the 3,200 relay and sixth in the 1,600 relay.

Steve Blanch had the top performance for the Bethlehem boys track team at Sectionals. Blanch won the long jump with a distance of 21-3.75.

Conor Murphy contributed a fourth-place finish in the 1,600 for the Eagles, who were eighth in the boys team standings with 15 points. Bethlehem's 800 relay team was sixth.

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At the same time, the Friends are also looking for someone to fill the position of vice-president, with a busy time of the year coming up for the group. Leadership is needed to assist with the May book and bake sale, the bus trip to New York City and the summer concerts.

If you are a reasonably sociable library lover with spare time on your hands, there is no better way to be involved in your community than by working to benefit your library.

The Friends fund many extra programs and services not included in the library operating budget. The Friends board meets



once a month and welcomes anyone interested in participating.

Please consider joining the Friends. For information, contact Friends President Cindy Childs at 765-2911 or Barbara Vink at the library.

Everyone is invited to join us for "Springtime in the City," the Friends' bus trip to New York City on April 24. Bring the family or a group of friends for a wonderful day.

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It's that traumatic time for most people when they are wrestling with filling out their income tax. It might help you to know that we have tax forms of every description at the library.

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Ask for help from the reference librarians if you can't find what you are looking for.

A program on college planning for high school juniors and their parents will be at the library on Tuesday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

This working session for juniors and their parents with Sally M. Ten Eyck, CEP, will cover specific steps to take in starting the two and four-year college search. Call 765-2791 or e-mail to sign up.

Check the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org for program information.

Barbara Vink

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will be holding its February dinner meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Quality Inn in Glenmont.

The guest speaker will be Robert Graves, co-owner of Faddeggon's Nursery in Latham.

Graves, a 1974 Union College graduate, has been at Faddeggon's since 1972 and has been manager of retail operations there since 1976.

Graves will be speaking about the selection and care of houseplants (mostly tropical). He will also address the parameters needed to have strong, healthy plants such as light requirements, humidity needs and size of the room.

Also included will be advice on watering frequency, potential insect pests and diseases and how to cope with them, proper pruning and the effect of too much salt.

There will be time for questions relating to any plant concerns or problems you may have.

To make a dinner reservation or for information, call Henry Fox at 438-7550.

There is no need to make a reservation if you are only coming for Graves' presentation at 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Marjorie Switzer

Marjorie "Marge" Moore Switzer, 92, of Albany and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 13, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Lexington, she was raised in Prattsville, Greene County.

She graduated from Windham High School and attended Oneonta Normal School, now known as SUNY Oneonta.

She was a member of the Arthusa Sorority and was extremely active in student government.

Mrs. Switzer taught elementary school at Castleton-on-Hudson from 1931 to 1943, teaching both first and second grade. While teaching, her nickname was "Marjorie Tea Cookie Moore" for her love of tea and cookies.

Later she joined the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp., selling telephone directory advertising.

She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

She was a 70-year member of the Eastern Star and was also a member of the Cyprus Belles and Marvia Court.

She attended the Aurania Club sewing and bridge club for many years. She was a member of the Delmar Antiques Study Club and attended the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Bridge Group. She was also very active in the PTA and Cub Scouts.

She was a member of the Tri-Village Ladies Bowling League, bowling at Sportaven Lanes and Del Lanes.

She was also an avid golfer, playing at the Colonial Acres Golf Club in Glenmont where she was a member. In 1998, she was named golfer of the year. She was very proud of the hole-in-one she scored at Hiawatha Trails Golf Course in Guilderland.

Mrs. Switzer was an avid New York Yankees baseball fan. She enjoyed dancing, motorcycling, watching sports on television and visits from the family dog, Mackie Boy.

She was the widow of Guy P. Switzer Jr.

Survivors include a son, Mark Switzer of Voorheesville; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

Friends may call at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Interment will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, 301 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208 or First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

Thomas Robbins

Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Robbins, 27, of Delmar died Monday, Feb. 9, in Mosul, Iraq, where he was a cavalry scout with the Stryker Brigade's 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Delmar. He was a graduate of Bethlehem

Central High School and SUNY Morrisville.

He had also attended the State University of Agriculture and Technology in Cobleskill.

Mr. Robbins was a talented artist, played soccer, ran track and also played the trumpet while at Bethlehem Central. He loved nature and the environment and was a life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 89, Clarksville.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Robbins; a daughter, Marisa Hanul Robbins; his parents, Douglas Robbins and the Rev. Charlene Robbins; his grandfather, Judge Joseph P. Dean; his

paternal grandmother, Barbara M. Robbins; a brother, Joseph D. Robbins; and a sister, Deborah M. Robbins.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. today, Feb. 18, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mountain View Avenue, Colonie.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt and Frederick Memorial Home in Albany. Burial will be in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Linda Kroth

Linda A. Kroth, 57, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 13, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital

in Albany.

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

For the last four years, she was a receptionist at Delmar Animal Hospital. Previously, she was a dental chair assistant for Dr. Edward J. Downes in Guilderland.

Mrs. Kroth then worked at the Fleet Bank branch in Glenmont.

She was an active member of the Glenmont TOPS and was a former member of Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Kenneth M. Kroth; two sons, Eric J. Kroth and Peter A. Kroth, both of Delmar; a sister, Barbara Van Slyke; and a brother, David W. Aller.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Spring burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

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George Moore

George Douglas Moore, 49 of Berne and formerly of New Scotland, died Friday, Feb. 13, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

He lived in Florida before moving to Berne two years ago.

Mr. Moore owned a vending and food service company for many years.

He was a successful member of AA and mentored many people on their way to recovery.

He was a former member of the Voorheesville Friends of the Library and an avid photographer.

Survivors include his wife,

Jacqueline Bosset Moore; two daughters, Danielle Moore of Louisiana and Karina Moore of Florida; his mother, Elizabeth Moore of New Scotland; five sisters, Kate Wheatley, Meredith Chamberlain, Joan Mount, Martha Awad and Laure Sullivan; two brothers, Lance Moore and Hugh Moore; and a granddaughter.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 18, at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, with a service at 7 p.m.

There will also be a reception at noon on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Cheldan House, Route 156, Altamont.

Contributions may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous, World Services, Inc., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York City 10163.

Olive Rombough

Olive Leonard Rombough, 93, of Slingerlands died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Lebanon, Conn., she was educated in Massachusetts before moving to Altamont where she lived for 40 years. She recently moved to Slingerlands.

She was a member of the Helderberg Chapter 331 Order of the Eastern Star, the Cyrene

Temple 18 Daughters of the Nile, the Daughters of the American Revolution Old Hellebergh Chapter and Altamont Reformed Church.

She was the widow of Stuart T. Rombough.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. at the Fredendall Funeral Home, 199 Main St., Altamont.

A luncheon reception will follow at Altamont Reformed Church, 129 Lincoln Ave.

Contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund, c/o Altamont Reformed Church, 129 Lincoln Ave.,

Paul Garnett

Paul Vincent Garnett of Clarksville died Friday, Jan. 30, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Kansas, he was a direct descendant of Edward Doty, a passenger on the Mayflower, and John Gardner Garnett, who fled from England in 1634.

Mr. Garnett was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

After the war, he worked for the state Highway Department in Kansas as an engineering consultant. He spent four years in Pakistan as a consultant for highway construction.

He was husband of the late Ruth Yoakum Garnett.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Braga of Clarksville; a sister, Ruth Feuling of Minneapolis; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

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

Charles Palmer

Charles Wesley Palmer, 76, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 6, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

He was a graduate of Wilber Lynch High School in Amsterdam.

Mr. Palmer was an Army veteran of World War II.

He worked for Hartford Insurance Co. as an adjuster before he retired.

He was a member of the Mystic Masonic Lodge and the Second Milers.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Snyder Palmer; a daughter, Dale Fink of Delmar; a son, Richard Palmer of Selkirk; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

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

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Daniel Pakatar and Jessica Craft

Craft, Pakatar to be wed

Jessica Nichol Craft, daughter of Barbara Rosato of Latham and Michael Craft of West Sand Lake, and formerly of Selkirk, and Daniel James Pakatar, son of James Pakatar of Troy, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta.

She is a Medicaid service

coordinator for Catholic Charities Disabilities Services in Latham.

The future groom is a graduate of Schenectady County Community College.

He is a sous chef at Daisy Baker's in Troy.

The couple plans a March 13 wedding.

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Scouts to dish up spaghetti dinner

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The dinner will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Avenue in Voorheesville.

Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

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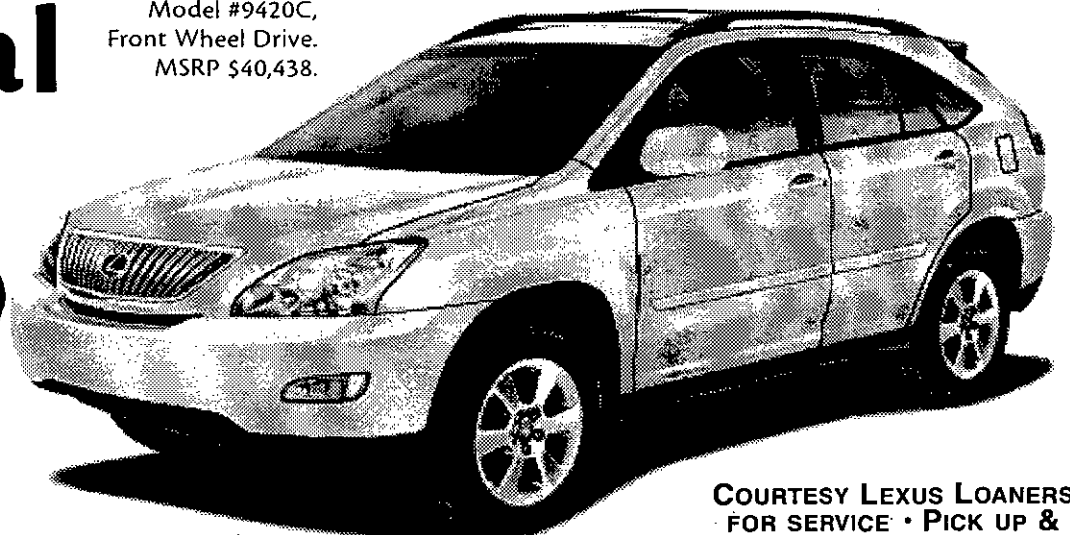
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Boy, Gavin Alexander Follos, to Christine and Eric Follos of Delmar, Jan. 11.

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St. Stephen's to serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be hosting its annual pancake supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In addition to pancakes and sausage, crepes will be on the menu.

The cost of the dinner is \$7, and proceeds will benefit the youth group's mission trip to Honduras.

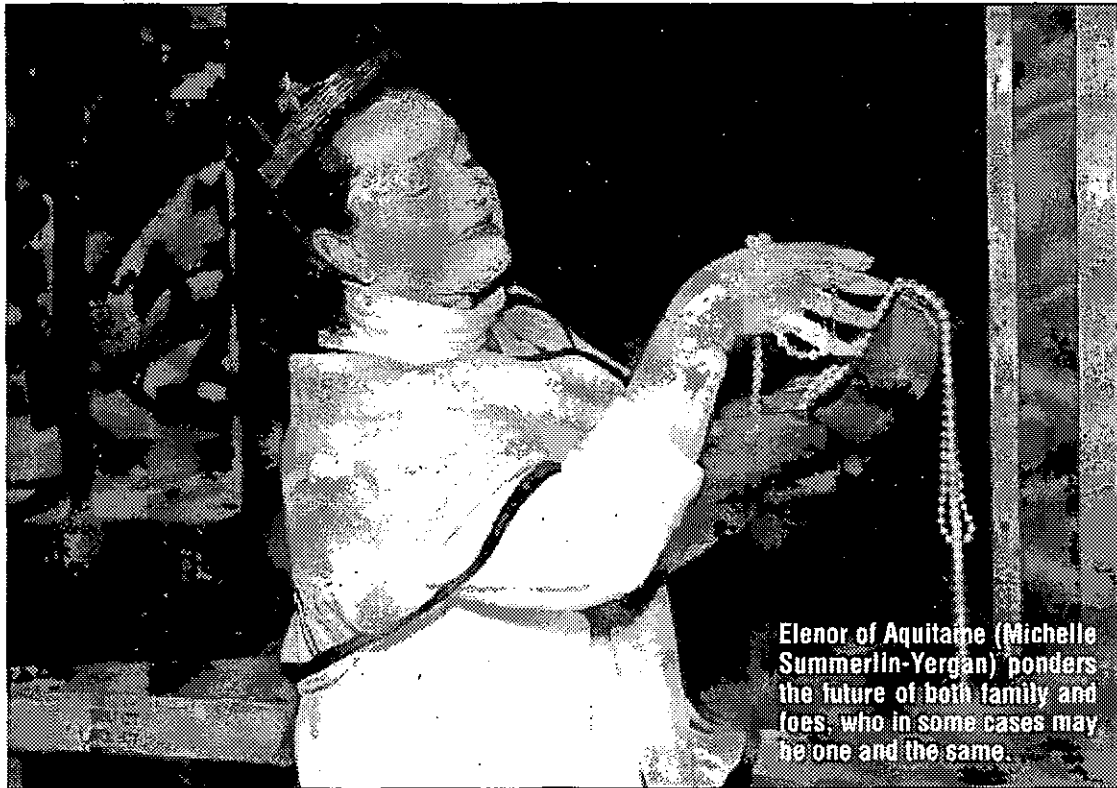
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Lion in Winter

Royal drama roars in Saratoga



Eleanor of Aquitaine (Michelle Summerlin-Yergan) ponders the future of both family and foes, who in some cases may be one and the same.

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Sure, Christmas with the family is never perfect. There's the uncle who talks too much; the aunt who drinks too much; and the elderly relative who sees the kids' behavior, the abundance and kind of presents, and the pie crust that comes out of a box as further evidence that the world's going to hell in a handbasket.

Still, nobody's Christmas could have been anything like the Plantagenet Christmas of 1183, when Henry II of England summoned to him the wife he'd imprisoned 10 years before, in punishment for leading a rebellion against him.

In James Goldman's play "The Lion in Winter," Henry and Eleanor of Aquitaine spend a Christmas debating, conniving, scheming, and hurling dry, quick-witted bon mots at one another as they try to decide who should succeed Henry as king. The sons who are the subject of the Christmas council take their lead from their parents — to make this a family that redefines the word "dysfunctional."

As the play unfolds, Henry favors his youngest son, John, a dim-witted fool, while Eleanor wants the warrior Richard to take his father's place. Suffering from an excruciating case of middle-child syndrome is Geoffrey, and Henry's young and beautiful mistress Alais provides the link to her brother, King Philip of France, and, more importantly, his land.

Home Made Theater began performances of "The Lion in Winter" on Feb. 13, and the show will continue

through Feb. 19 at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Spa State Park.

"In choosing a season, we look for a balance," Homemade Theater's General Manager Stacie Mayette said of "A Lion in Winter." "This play has been out there for us for a while. It's a strong, well-written play that uses a small ensemble cast, and we have the ability to do it from this stage."

John Mountford plays Henry II; Michelle Summerlin-Yergan is Eleanor; David Bedard is John; Elizabeth Foster is Alais; Jonathan Getnick is Philip; John O'Neil is Richard; and Mark Wheeler plays Geoffrey.

"It's unusual," Mayette said, "but everyone in the cast has worked here before."

The show was cast in November, and the ensemble began rehearsing regularly about six weeks ago.

The Home Made Theater is now in its 19th season in the Spa City.

"Our first show was in 1985 at Caffe Lena," said Mayette, who began as a volunteer with Home Made Theater when she was just out of college and the company was just beginning. "After each show, people said to each other, 'You wanna do another one?'" In the fall of 1986, Home Made Theater moved into the Spa Little Theater, a WPA building that started as a medical lecture hall in the 1980s and was later named the John Houseman after the actor whose Acting Company troupe had a summer residence there for several years.

"The building sat empty except for the summer," Mayette explained. Today, Home Made Theater uses the Spa Little Theater from September to May, and SPAC sublets it for summer performances, often of the Lake George Opera or for chamber music ensembles.

"We started out with a budget of \$500," Mayette said of Home Made Theater, "and we now have a budget of \$250,000. We're very excited about turning 20 next year." Volunteers, Mayette

said, are crucial to the company.

"We get more than 150 volunteers each season," she said.

Although "The Lion in Winter" is set in the 12th century, Mayette said the themes of the show are extremely current.

"There's a husband and wife bickering, and a power struggle among siblings," Mayette said.

Or, as Eleanor of Aquitaine says in the play, "What family isn't without its little problems?"

Home Made Theater's performances of "The Lion in Winter" are scheduled for Feb. 20, 21 and 27 at 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. and Feb. 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. The Spa Little Theater is in Saratoga Spa State Park. Tickets cost \$21 and \$19.

The Home Made Theater is also offering a special dinner package for ticket purchasers at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, for \$19 plus tax and gratuity.

For information or to reserve tickets, call 587-4427.

King Henry II (John Mountford) and Eleanor of Aquitaine (Michelle Summerlin-Yergan) find themselves in a battle of love, wits and power.



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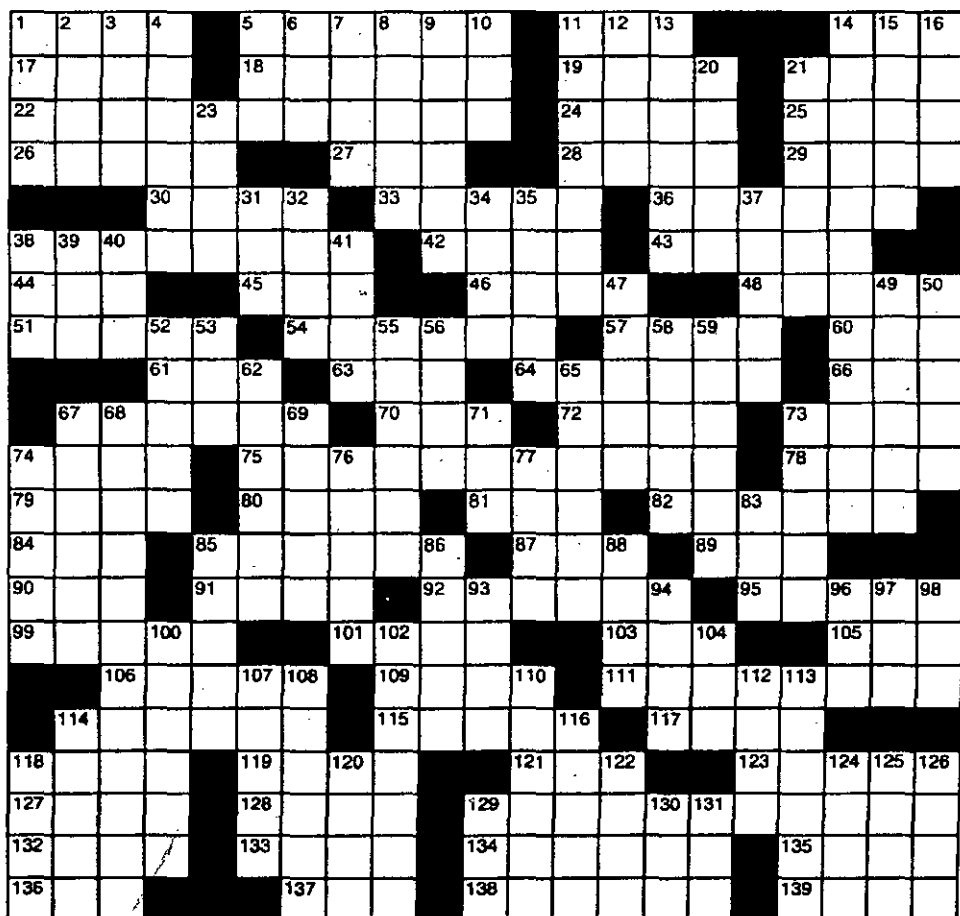
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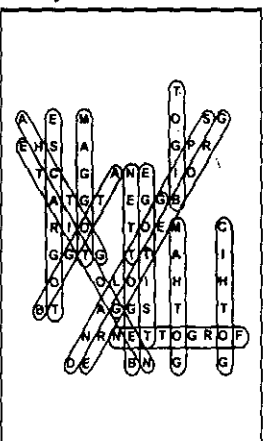
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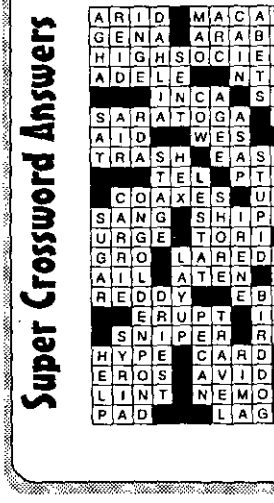
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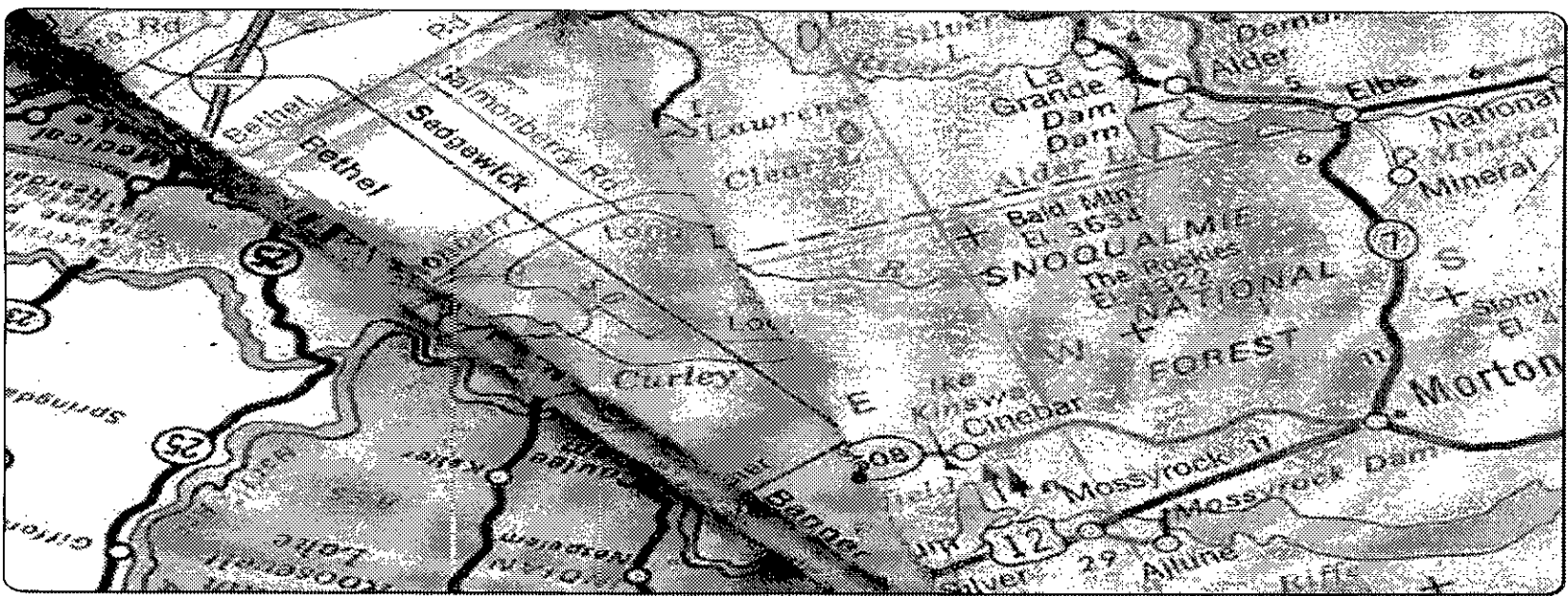
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BEVERWYCK ABSTRACT AND SETTLEMENT CO., LLC

Notice of formation of Beverwyck Abstract and Settlement Co., LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/31/03. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 1924 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203-5011. The purposes of the LLC are to make, purchase, obtain, complete, continue and furnish one or more sets of abstracts of title, title reports and title insurance to real estate, abstract books, charts, maps, and indexes and the like, and of making and continuing and certifying and selling abstracts of title to real estate and title insurance policies in one or more counties of the State of New York, or in any other state.

LCD-9425
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDER PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the Town Board, Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York sealed bids for the purchase of the following items: New and Used Guiderail and Posts and their installation, Winter Sand or Screenings, Crushed Stone, #2 Fuel Oil, Gravel (Run of Bank and processed), Bituminous Pavement, Galvanized Corrugated Culvert Pipe will be received at the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, Town of New Scotland, County of Albany, 2029 New Scotland Road Slingerlands, N.Y. 12159, until 10:00 A.M. on the 5th day of March, 2004 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids will be submitted in duplicate in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and title, "Bid for (item you are bidding on)". Detailed specifications and bid forms are available at the office of the Highway Superintendent.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Town Board to the lowest responsible bidder. In case where two or more responsible bidders submit identical bids as to price, the Town Board may reject any or all bids at its discretion.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids.

All bids must be accompanied by Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate required by Section 103-d of the General Law.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
DATED: February 11, 2004
Diane Deschenes

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Town Clerk LD-9481
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OLILAB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/21/04. Office location: Albany County. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9474
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Formation Of A LLC

Coordinated Care of America, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 21, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Dan Tobin, MD, AIP Management, LLC, 113 Holland Avenue (11T), Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.

LD-9473
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Empire Investors LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Empire Investors 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-9472
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

KT 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. 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.

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(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

PR 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. 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-9470
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

KAR 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. 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-9469
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

LRP 3000 Hempstead Tpk, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 2, 2004. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, Attention: Vincent L. Valenza. 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-9468
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Sutton Place Gourmet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/16/1988. 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

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12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 900, Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-9464
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Red Rock Power Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/30/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 120S Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9459
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Albany Advanced Apartments & Construction, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/17/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 49 Arch St., Providence, RI 02907. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9445
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Sutton Hay Day, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 900, Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-9448
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license has been applied for by Uri Saati to sell liquor, beer and wine at retail at the Colonie Country Club under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 141 Maple Ave, Rte 85A, Voorheesville, NY for on premises consumption

LD-9443
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Suburban Colonie Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/5/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Janice Meola, 1 Suburban Plaza, 240 Rt. 10W, Whippany, NJ 07981, principal office of LLC. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/5/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 580 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9428
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ZON RE-USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 9/16/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office address of the LLC: 4 Research Drive, Suite 102, Shelton, CT 06484. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LD-9437
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Echo Eyewear L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 2/1/1995. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Willi Huber, Silhouette Optical, Ltd., 260 Cannon St., Green Island, NY 12183, the principal office of the LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Division of Revenue, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08625. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LD-9431
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication: MARTINDALE REALTY LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/21/2004 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, 35 RIDGE ROAD SEARINGTOWN, NY 11507 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9430
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication: 86TH STREET REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/27/2004 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC,

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1839 58TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11204 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9429
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication

104 SANFORD ASSOCIATES LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/27/2004 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, 580 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-9428
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION - LLCL

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is SBL - LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 22, 2003.

3. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County, NY

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process against the Company. The Secretary of State shall mail process to 15 Edenberg Avenue, Albany, New York 12203

5. The Company's purpose is to operate a restaurant/catering service and other lawful business purposes.

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LD-9427
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Taster Treat Ice Cream, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/6/04. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Latest date 12/31/2075.

LCD-9426
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Great New Wonderful, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/13/04. 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 activity.

LD-9420
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CSFB 1998-C1 Fuera Bush Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/22/04. Office location: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lennar Partners Inc., 1601 Washington Ave., Ste. 700, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Registered agent upon whom process may be served: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LD-9421
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: 74 CHAPEL LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 74 Chapel Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-9407
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: LB RESEARCH & CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 21 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-9401
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LD-9399
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bruckner Plaza Center, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Swan Concepts, 54 Danbury Road, #313, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877.

LCD-9394
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of INO Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/6/

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tion Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-9398
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LD-9393
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LD-9397
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

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

LD-9396
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is RR LATHAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 21, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Swan Concepts, 54 Danbury Road, #313, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877.

LD-9375
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication

Caserta Properties, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/03/03. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC

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

LD-9393
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LD-9376
(February 18, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC

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

LD-9375
(February 18, 2004)

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Notice of Publication

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

LD-9399
(February 18, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of INO Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/6/

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of the blame for higher health insurance on drug costs and the heavy marketing of brand name drugs. There has been a 15 percent increase each year for the prescription drug benefit, he said, going up from only 10 percent of the total cost of health benefits to more than 30 percent in only 10 years. Providing prescription drug benefits that encourage the use of generics is one way to handle the situation, he said.

"If the generic pill provides the same medical effect as the 'purple pill,' then the consumer would have to pick up the extra cost if they want it," O'Shea said. "These are the things we have to consider."

Board members James Lytle and Richard Svenson agreed with O'Shea.

"A case can be made that the cost of this is unsustainable," Lytle said. "One would think we could work on a shared responsibility. We would rather pay for more teachers or pay teachers more than pay the health insurance."

Svenson suggested that the benefit is siphoning off resources

that are needed elsewhere.

"There has to be reform in this area, we can't keep taking a 15 percent hit on this every year," he said. "It competes with everything else we are trying to do."

The other big increase the district has no control over is contributions to retirement systems, O'Shea said. After many years of extremely low contributions, due to the strong stock market, contributions are expected to spike next year.

Contributions to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) will go up from only .36 percent of payroll to 2.52 percent of payroll, an increase of more than \$560,000. Employee Retirement System (ERS) with all the tiers averaged, will increase to 12.7 percent of payroll, or more than \$10,000.

Complicating the situation is the fact that measures taken by the state to help municipalities deal with the increase in the ERS do not coincide with school district's fiscal year, O'Shea said.

Glenmont school plans craft fair

Glenmont Elementary School PTA will hold its 22nd annual craft fair on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free. Lunch and

snacks will be available throughout the day.

The school is on Route 9W in Glenmont, two miles south of Thruway Exit 23 and I-787.

Preschool to host open house March 2

Bethlehem Preschool is having an open house for its fall 2004 kindergarten programs on Tuesday, March 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Preschool offers a full-day kindergarten program as well as kindergarten enrichment programs for children who attend half-day kindergarten programs.

The kindergarten programs offer flexibility to busy families — morning or afternoon sessions, flexible hours (7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or anything in between) and

Bethlehem Central students can be bused to Bethlehem Preschool from the Early Learning Center.

Children spend the morning of afternoon in a small, nurturing environment with a low 1-9 teacher-to-student ratio.

Bethlehem Preschool is conveniently located at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, near the corner of Feura Bush Road, and is open year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information, call 463-8091 or attend the open house on March 2.

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<p>served upon him: 48, Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business LD-9374 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Formation of Mastropietro & Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 90 State Street, Ste. 1030, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9365 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 1203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of MICHAEL J. MULVANEY, MD, PLLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on January 2, 2004.</p> <p>The Company is being formed to engage in the practice of Dermatologic Surgery; to have and to exercise all powers necessary and convenient to affect any and all purposes for which the Company is formed, together with all powers now or hereafter granted to it by the State of New York; in any lawful act or activity incidental thereto for which limited liability companies may be organized under the limited liability company law of the State of New York (the "LLCL").</p> <p>The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has</p>	<p>been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Michael J. Mulvaney, MD, 18 McKown Road, Albany, New York 12209. LD-9364 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Care Financial of Texas, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/31/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/4/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 2044 North Highway 360, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9355 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION</p> <p>FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(c)</p> <p>1. The name of the limited liability company is REDHAWK REAL PROPERTY LLC</p> <p>2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was December 1, 2003</p> <p>3. The county in New</p>	<p>York in which the office of the company is located is Albany</p> <p>4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to 4 North Street Delmar N.Y. 12054</p> <p>5. The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent is Harold G. Beyer Jr. Esq.</p> <p>upon whom process against the company may be served.</p> <p>6. The business purpose of the company is to engage in Ownership and management of real estate and "any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York". LCD-9354 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).</p> <p>The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA WESTERN GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 6, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-9351 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p>	<p>Notice of Formation of Carol Point I, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9350 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Suburban Albany Property, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/2/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Janice Meola, 1 Suburban Plaza, 240 Rt. 10W, Whippany, NJ 07981, principal office of LLC. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9349 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.</p> <p>Name: Comfort Living Realty Group, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 29, 2003. Office location: Albany County.</p> <p>SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 9 Clare Castle Dr., Albany, NY 12205.</p> <p>Purpose: Property Management and</p>	<p>Rentals LCD-9336 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Publication</p> <p>S & L DELUXE HOMES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/02/2004 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: THE LLC, PO BOX 492, MONSEY, NY 10952 Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-9325 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY</p> <p>NAME: SHELROC HOMES LLC</p> <p>Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 2, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 4 Walker Way, Albany, New York 12205. For any lawful purpose. LCD-9319 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Financial Service Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 1118th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 214 North Tryon St., Suite 2300, Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: provider of fulfillment technology and services for lenders of residential first mortgages. LD-9317 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Poughkeepsie Building Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be</p>	<p>registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 100 North Tryon St., 37th Fl., Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: technology services and development. LD-9318 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Financial Service Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/22/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 1118th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 214 North Tryon St., Suite 2300, Charlotte, NC 28202. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: provider of fulfillment technology and services for lenders of residential first mortgages. LD-9317 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of Building Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/1/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be</p>	<p>served. NJ address of LLC: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, Div. of Revenue, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9316 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>PUBLICATION NOTICE</p> <p>1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAKE LAND ESTATES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").</p> <p>2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 20, 2004.</p> <p>3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Greene County.</p> <p>4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office Address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 54 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1B, Albany, New York 12205.</p> <p>5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Laws of the State of New York. LCD-9415 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold the annual members meeting on Monday March 1st in the Bethlehem Town Hall at 7:00 PM. The meeting will include the election of board members. If any member of the Bethlehem Soccer Club is interested in becoming a board member they should</p>	<p>contact: John Reese at (518) 439-8662 by February 25th. LD-9463 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>THE GODFREY FINANCIAL GUIDES, LLC</p> <p>Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company.</p> <p>Articles of Organization of The Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 7, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to The Godfrey Financial Guides, LLC, c/o 11 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. LD-9475 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898</p> <p>LCD-9371 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC</p> <p>Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company</p> <p>Certificate of Conversion of WOLF ROAD PARK, a Partnership, to WOLF ROAD PARK II, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 12, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Wolf Road Park II, LLC, 14 Hemlock</p>	<p>Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898</p> <p>LCD-9390 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of formation of JI EYEWEAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Silverman Perlstein & Acampora LLP, 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 300, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-9475 (February 18, 2004)</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Qualification of BP Developers L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/16/04. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LP: 18 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Name/address of each gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NJ Office of Commercial Recording, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-9406 (February 18, 2004)</p>

Mourns

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students carried on with heavy hearts following the news of their beloved teacher's loss.

"We met with the students today," said Middle School Principal Dave Ksanznak. "We talked with them about the passing of Lt. Finn." Counselors were on hand to talk with students, he said. A letter went home to parents on behalf of the district, thanking everyone for their continued support of the Finn family.

A box in the school lobby containing cards deposited by faculty, parents and students has served as a daily reminder of the Finn family's ongoing battle since the shooting. Finn, 38, was shot three times as he chased a suspect in a convenience store

robbery down an Albany street on Dec. 23 around 11:15 p.m. He was hospitalized in critical condition at Albany Medical Center and underwent numerous surgeries before suffering a brain hemorrhage the day before he died.

Support from the Bethlehem Middle School community has been constant throughout the ordeal.

"Teachers have been visiting Maura and her kids daily," said Ksanznak, and a long-term substitute is covering her classes. A Feb. 8 benefit concert organized by Bethlehem Police Det. Bruce Oliver raised about \$12,000 for the Finn family, with donations still pouring in.

Finn and his wife have two children, Clara, 9 and Molly, 20

months.

"She's one of the strongest individuals I've ever met in my whole life," said Ksanznak of McNulty. "She's an incredible teacher and human being."

Word of Flynn's death hit home with the Bethlehem police department, where some officers knew him personally. For a time, Flynn headed up the Albany Police Department's juvenile unit. Bethlehem Det. Mike McMillen knew Flynn for a decade, since the two worked closely together when McMillen oversaw Bethlehem's youth bureau.

"He helped foster a better working relationship between the two juvenile units that continues today," said McMillen, the Detective Supervisor of the Family Services Unit.

"If you went to John for help, he was the kind of guy who would bend over backwards for you," McMillen said. "He made you one of his own."

Flynn's alleged shooter, Keshon Everett, 26, of Albany, is charged with attempted murder. A grand jury is expected to consider upgrading the charge to first-degree murder, making Everett eligible for the death penalty.

Teacher's

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his honor, Vinson's name has been added to an existing memorial plaque on display at the school.

Currently, substitute teacher Nanette Bub is teaching Vinson's fourth grade class as well as helping students cope with the loss.

War

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feared for his grandson's safety upon learning of his assignment in the Middle East. The Stryker brigade is a 4,000-member unit named for its state-of-the-art, infantry-carrying vehicles.

"I was worried, I was worried," Dean said, fighting back tears.

At the meeting, parent Nancy Rucks asked that Bub remain with the class for the remainder of the school year.

Diegel said that when a new teacher is hired, Bub will have a role in the transition.

Diegel later reported that applications have come in and interviews should begin later this month.

"It's not a conventional war over there."

Robbins leaves behind his wife Gina and a five-month old daughter, Marisa.

The army is calling the explosion an accident and an investigation continues. Robbins will be laid to rest in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Church to display quilts

Delmar Reformed Church is offering a large selection of quilts on display on Friday, Feb. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The display will feature over 100 quilts, including old quilts

made in the late 1800s and quilts from the early 20th century.

The show will benefit a program sponsored by the Reformed Church of America to organize volunteers to assist ministries here and abroad with special needs. Bruce and Laurie Hawley, former members of the Delmar Reformed Church, are the coordinators for the program. Selected programs have included an orphanage in Ecuador, churches in New Jersey, and a Bible school in Honduras. Volunteers from across the country, including the Delmar Reformed Church, travel at their own expense, donate their time and money to support this project.

Admission to the show is \$3.00; all proceeds will be donated to the Hawley Mission Fund. The show is being coordinated by Ardyce Elmore, Linda Drew and June Lee. For information call 439-9929.

School board petitions due

Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central Board of Education are available at the office of the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

The terms for seats currently held by Richard Svenson and Stuart Lyman will expire in June. Each term is 3 years. Petitions must be filed with the district by 5 p.m. on April 19 and include a minimum of 86 valid signatures. The Board of Education elections occur at the same time as the district budget vote on May 18, 2004.

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