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# Holiday hoopla



All kinds of activities greeted visitors to the Four Corners Holiday Open House over the weekend, including rides in a horse-drawn carriage.

# Grand jury to continue probe in Porco case

By LIBBYSCHIRMER

As the investigation into the murder of Peter Porco and the attack on his wife, Joan, reached a grand jury last week,

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Joan Porco's condition began, and continued, to slowly improve, according to police.

The district attorney's office said Monday charges are not necessarily expected to result from the grand jury probe.

While the law prohibits authorities from talking specifics about the grand jury,

Bethlehem Police Chief Lou Corsi said he expects new evidence to be presented each of the next two Fridays.

Several subpoenas were issued for the grand jury and witnesses, said Albany County Assistant District Attorney Dave Rossi, though he declined to say much more

"What goes on in there is a secret. It would actually be a crime for me to say," Rossi said. "It's for the investigation into the death of Peter Porco. We're just



presenting some of the things we've discovered."

A court officer from the State Appellate Court, where Peter Porco served as Judge Anthony Cardona's law

clerk, showed up at the Porco's 36 Brockley Drive residence on the morning of Nov. 15 when Peter Porco failed to report for work. Joan Porco was found upstairs from her deceased husband, with trauma to the head and body, police have said. Joan

Porco was alert before she was taken by ambulance to

Dave Rossi

the hospital.

She has remained at an Albany hospital, where there is a police presence, in a sedated state ever since, with her two sons, Chris and Johnathan and other family members keeping vigil.

"Her condition is slowly improving, slowly," Lt. Thomas Heffernan Jr. said. "She's still in an Intensive Care Unit. They've never changed her condition. She is conscious."

Whether Joan Porco is aware of the death of her husband, whom she met in college, is unclear.

"The family would do that," Heffernan said. "It wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment on that."

About two weeks ago, Bethlehem

Police sent more than 100 pieces of evidence to the State Police Forensics Lab, including what they believe to be the murder weapon, although Corsi declined to comment further on any possible results on that evidence.

"At the house, the physical investigation is done. We've completed the forensics portion, though we still have the jeep," Heffernan said. "But the investigation is continuing to gather additional information. What I've said in every memo that I've sent out is that the investigation is very active at this point."

Police have also declined to confirm whether the weapon was a hatchet.

Early in the investigation, police

□ PORCO/page 14

# Tempers flare at firehouse meeting

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Emotions surged at the Delmar Fire District's second public hearing regarding a referendum to build a new \$5 million facility on Delaware Avenue. A resident and a county legislator were at odds, as were some residents.

County Legislator Jack Cunningham, D-Delmar, said he was not entirely against the project, which would result in an annual tax hike of \$72.93 per \$160,000 of assessed value, but urged fire district representatives to deal with some of his constituents' concerns.

As Cunningham was leaving, Bruce Dix, whose daughter is a Delmar emergency medical technician and firefighter, called Cunningham's concerns, which ranged from finances to what he sees as a lack of open dialogue, "disingenuous garbage."

"The minute we get county legislators and politicians involved in the process, we won't have a new facility for five years," Dix said.

At least two residents stood and told Dix that he was out of line. Cunningham approached him, saying, "I take exception to those remarks."

Dix spoke in favor of the new firehouse, which would be built on a 5-acre parcel at 454 Delaware Ave., where Verstandig's Florist now is.

The proposal, which has been in the works since May, has not been without controversy since it was first unveiled Nov. 17.

"We've heard good reasons why we as a community need to look at opportunities to build a new facility. That being said, I think there are some legitimate issues and concerns regarding this project that have not yet been addressed and need to be," Cunningham

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# Bethlehem police make DWI arrest

By LIBBY SCHIRMEF:

Bethlehem Police arrested one individual on a driving while intoxicated charge last week.

Around 10:09 p.m. on Nov. 29, police received an anonymous call from a female telling police there was a male inside the Stewart's Shop located at 624 Delaware Ave. who was being loud, could barely stand up and could possibly be intoxicated. The caller number of the car the male got

When police arrived, they observed Brian M. Matala, 27, of 59 Ingalls Ave. in Troy, pulling out of a parking space.

As police spoke with Matala, they said they detected a strong odor of alcohol. Matala also had

glassy eyes, poor motor coordination and impaired speech, according to police.

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Matala allegedly told police he had "one shot of 99 Bananas in

Matala was asked to recite the alphabet and count backward from a number. Both tasks, police said, Matala completed incorrectly and with slow, slurred

Matala then performed one gave police the license tag field sobriety test, which he failed and then refused to perform any more and declined a breathalyzer

> He was taken into custody and processed for DWI after a chemical test showed Matala to be positive for alcohol. Matala is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Dec. 21.

# Pharmacy students face drug charges

Pharmacy students were arrested on drug charges following a Nov. 29 traffic stop in New Scotland that yielded marijuana paraphernalia and a bottle of Oxycontin, a pharmaceutical often used by heroin addicts.

The driver of the car, 19-yearold Ryan P. Benway, of 545 Notre Dame Drive in Albany, faces the brunt of the charges, ranging from a class B felony to traffic violations.

After a cooperative effort among the county Sheriff's Drug Interdiction Unit, the state Department of Health's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, police have since determined that Benway was in possession of 88 Oxycontin pills, allegedly stolen from McCann Rexall Drug Store

where Benway interned.

Just before midnight on Nov. 29, Albany County Sheriff's deputies observed Benway's vehicle cross the double vellow line several times.

As deputies approached the car, they detected an odor of marijuana emitting from the car leading to a search that produced a quantity of marijuana and several marijuana pipes as well as a duffel bag containing the stolen bottle of Oxycontin, a timerelaxed drug prescribed for severe pain.

According to the sheriff's department, Oxycontin has recently been stolen from pharmacies throughout the area.

It can be deadly when used improperly.

Benway's license was also altered, according to police.

Benway was arraigned before New Scotland's town Justice Thomas E. Dolin and was sent to

Four Albany College of on Main Street in Hudson Falls, Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

> He faces charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, a class B felony; criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree, a C felony; criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a D felony; unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation; and other violation and traffic charges.

Three passengers, also students at Albany College of Pharmacy, face unlawful possession of marijuana charges.

Charged were: Shawn M. Dean, 18, of 18 Morning Side Circle in Queensbury; Kyle J. Kent, 18, of 8236 Chiffon Path in Liverpool; and Chad W. Morgan, 18 of 624 Ganesvoort Road in South Glens Falls.

All three were issued appearance tickets and will return to court at a later date.

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# **Indian Ladder hosts** holiday open house

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

As the holiday crunch kicks into high gear, the folks at Indian Ladder Farms invite everyone to take a break from the Yuletide madness and join them for their 10th annual holiday open house.

This is a rustic and authentic alternative to the shopping mall

scene," said Laurie Ten Eyck, retail manager at Indian Ladder.

The festivities will take place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12. with Santa Claus arriving on a decorated hay wagon each day at noon. In ad-

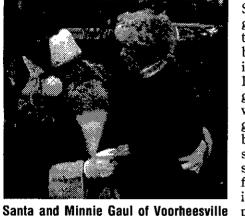
dition, real reindeer, courtesy of Bob Smith's farm in Ballston Spa, will also be on hand. Santa will visit with kids from noon to 2 p.m. both days.

"We have the best Santa around," Ten Eyck said. "But this year we also have a woman dressed as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to entertain the children."

At Rudolph's Holiday Workshop, children can make wooden tree ornaments and candy cane figures as well as decorate Christmas cookies. There will also be holiday sing-a-longs and refreshments. Admission to the workshop is \$5 per child.

For guests in the market for a tree, there is a special opportunity to help protect dwindling rural and woodland settings in the Capital District. Money from sales of specially marked trees, donated by Paul Baitholtz of Rensselaerville, will go to the Albany County Land Conservatory to help purchase land for

> nature preserves. Samples of gourmet treats will be available in Indian Ladder's gift store, where guests can browse and shop to the sound of festive holiday music performed by local musicians.



share a holiday moment at Indian Ladder Farms.

According to Ten Eyck, the idea of a holiday open house at Indian Ladder originated from her childhood when the owners of the farm, her grandparents Peter and Ann Ten Eyck, opened their home to neighbors at Christmas.

They used to have a big open house with everyone in the neighborhood invited," she said. "Santa would come down the stairs carrying presents for the children while everyone partook of refreshments.

These gatherings filled us with lasting memories and a tradition my family and I want to continue to carry on here at the farm."

# Jericho Bridge open to traffic

Improvements to the Jericho Bridge, which carries County provements enhanced safety on Route 53 over the Dowers Kill and the route, often traveled by cyconnects Route 9W and Elm clists as well as motorists. Avenue in the town of Bethlehem. are now complete and open to reduce chances for flooding of the

A scheduled ribbon cutting was cancelled last Wednesday, though town and county officials Selkirk. are pleased with the results, which include a complete reconstruction of the existing bridge to reduce flooding risks and improve sight distance for travelers of the route.

completed on time and under project, funded with federal, state budget, according to Albany and county funds, will enable safe D-Delmar.

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Breslin also said the im-

The improvements should Dowers Kill, according to the county legislator for the 36th District, Howard A. Shafer, D-

"This is an important link between Route 9W and Elm Avenue. These improvements will be welcomed by our community,' Shafer said.

Supervisor Theresa Egan said The improvements were the Jericho Bridge improvement County Executive Mike Breslin, travel by residents for years to

> The project evolved from goals to create a new bridge that would provide safe transportation, while meeting present traffic volumes and water conditions.

Construction of the project began in August 2004.

This is the third completed renovation in a series completed by the county. Other renovation projects included work on the Basic Creek Bridge and the Dunbar Hollow Road Bridge in Westerlo.

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# Christmas cheer



Andrea Aube and Ellen Sherman take a breather from the activities during the Four Corners Holiday Open House on Saturday. Jim Franco

# YMCA adds classes, equipment

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Room by room, the Bethlehem YMCA is closer and closer to having a full facility completely online and then some.

The Bethlehem Y has fitness features that can't be found in other Capital District facilities, which should keep the center's 2,050 members on the cutting edge of fitness.

The fitness center, which has been open since Nov. 1, could expand again, said the facility's Executive Director Scott Lewis.

Still to come are gym space, a pool, better locker rooms and an eight-mile running and walking

For now, members are getting cardio workouts on 10 treadmills, six EFX machines, two rowers and six arc trainers, including three total body machines that work the arms, a new addition to YMCA facilities. The fitness center has 12 full-body free weight machines, with Lewis saying an expansion of those could be on the horizon. The fitness center has room for 10 more machines, he said.

Lewis characterized the total body arc trainers as crosses between elliptical machines and stair steppers.

"It raises and lowers the body position," Lewis said, contrasting it with the EFX machine, which has a ramp that goes up and down. "The EFX machines change the muscles in the legs that you use. The total body arc trainers are still easier on the ioints. It's a little weird until you get used to it."

Many of the machines in the fitness center come with 15-inch flat screen televisions that exercisers can plug personal headphones into while working

YMCA has a contract with members a perk called "children's Time-Warner Cable to outfit their 'cardio theater" with full-service activities for children to have fun channel selection.

"I heard about them. I've never seen them," Lewis said. "They're in place of the big televisions that you see in many of the YMCAs."

Lewis said if the personal televisions prove to be popular, other YMCA facilities may pick them up.

Lewis said the facility's administration is looking to expand the list of aerobics classes it offers. The Bethlehem Y currently offers about 12 aerobic classes a week in the suspendedfloor studio, mostly due to a limited instruction pool, Lewis

Lewis welcomes anyone who is able to teach a class to do so. The Bethlehem Y offers the basic classes, from yoga and Pilates to step classes and a cardio kickboxing.

"Every year, something new comes out. The trick is finding people who can teach it," Lewis

Most of the classes are focused in the early morning and the evening, with Lewis hoping to add a noon-time class series, though that's dependent on the instructors' availability.

Skaters, hockey and figure, for the most part, Lewis said, have been sensitive to the YMCA's position in trying to accommodate people with one rink when all needs had been met with two.

'Community skating has increased," Lewis said. "We had about 200 at last Saturday's. You just see a ton of people out there all at once."

Lewis, noting certain downtimes during the day, said the public will probably see an increase in open skating sessions

"So everyone can stay happy," he said, noting home-schooled children and other groups that have free time during the day.

The Bethlehem Y offers the Bethlehem Y.

corner," which has neon mats and with while their parent exercises. Lewis said that facility could go through an expansion via instituting gym games when the gym floor is set for older kids.

Within two years, Lewis said, members can expect a fullfledged YMCA, including a sauna, steam room and hot tub with the construction of the pool.

Talks are ongoing, Lewis said, about what kind of pool the YMCA will have.

"We have two pools at the high school and at the middle school and then in the summer, we have the pool at the town park," Lewis said. "We haven't decided if we really need another eight-lane pool or if some sort of fun pool, with spray jets, fountains, and play space is needed.'

As that expansion, Phase II, nears, YMCA administration will consider what gym programs and other children's programs it will offer. Lewis said youth basketball leagues will probably be a stronghold, along with indoor soccer leagues and possibly lacrosse and volleyball leagues. A summer camp on the grounds of the facility is a strong possibility, too, Lewis said.

The ice floor will be replaced with a gym surface come April, Lewis said, allowing the facility more flexibility.

Lewis said the Bethlehem Y is in a unique position to complement the programs already offered in the community, including the popular School's Out program in the schools.

"We're not here to take that away, but we'll look into opportunities with new schools or other districts," Lewis said. "Right now, (the range of programs we offer is) a matter of staffing."

The Bethlehem Y is organizing programs for children during the December vacation from school. Registration is necessary, as staffing is limited; forms are at

# The smells of Christmases past linger in my memory

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Slivered almonds were where my mother — the part-time nurse with five children — drew the line when it came to cooking. In the culinary dark ages of the 1960s and 1970s, before radicchio. arugula and sushi were part of the common dining experience, any recipe that called for slivered almonds was deep-sixed.

Perhaps my mother didn't want to spend the time slivering the hard little nuts herself, or maybe the price of alreadyslivered almonds put her off.

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More likely, those little babies were the edge of a slippery slope: if a recipe called for slivered almonds, it might need you to do something really time-consuming and/or mind-numbing like stir constantly, beat egg whites in a chilled bowl, or separate eggs.

My Waterloo is lemon zest.

to cook, I read something that said zest was the white stuff inside the peel of a lemon. Have you evertried to grate the inside of a lemon recipes to fill the house with the rind? It's not pretty. Lemon rinds curl, and although graters look like easily-controlled implements, they'll rip your fingernail off at a place that will cause blood to spurt all over the kitchen counter, until you begin hopping around because now you've gotten stinging citrus in the wound, and so the cupboards, floor and children have blood specks on them as you make your way to the bathroom to wash the nowthrobbing cut and assess the

Later, I read that the peel counted as zest, and after donning gloves to grate the peel, got lovely lemony chunks in whatever holiday dish I was baking. I recently found lemon peel in a jar at the supermarket, and declared victory over the killer grater.

That jar of lemon peel is about a year old, but with the Christmas season upon us, perhaps it will get introduced me to extreme Christ-

saying the word Christmas makes me reach for the cookbooks, and hunt out Christmas cookie smells of cinnamon and nutmeg.

When I first lived in New York City, the college friend who put me up in her apartment for much longer than any person should have, also invited me to her parents' house for the annual cookie-baking event she and her mother held during the first weekend of December each year.

These were people unafraid of slivered almonds, and so wellorganized that they put out sticks of butter to soften the night before the baking was to begin. Until the first time I participated in that mother-daughter event, when I thought of Christmas cookies, I always thought of plain sugar cookies shaped like angels, Santas or snowmen, slightly burned at the edges and with sprinkled sugar definitely burned onto each snowman's belly.

Cammy and her mother

Eons ago, when I thought I liked some use again this month. Just mas cookie-baking. With only a pause to go fetch Christmas trees, we baked non-stop, producing delicacies like lemon bars, almond balls, mincemeat cookies with fluted edges and jam-filled ring cookies that required three or four steps to complete.

> We sliced red and green cherries to put in fruitcakes that Cammy's mother took to the oven in the basement and baked all day long; putting the boot to the lie that there's only one fruitcake that travels the country at Christmas time.

We cut waxed paper circles to put between layers of cookies in tins that had probably been in Cammy's family for years. Returning to Manhattan on the bus on Sunday evening, I clutched my tin of cookies like the treasure they were and hoped that the scent of baking would never leave

If scents fade, memory doesn't, and as the early December sky hangs gray over us, I remember being a student in Germany. It's ironic that a country populated by hard-working, mostly somber people is thought of as the home of Christmas, of good cheer, and of Tannenbaums lit with twinkling candles - and a bucket of nearby

In nearly every village and city, there's a Christmas market that starts four weeks before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Hut-like stalls decorated with wreaths and greens fill up the towns' pedestrian-friendly centers, and vendors sell decorations, sausages, pretzels, Gluhwein, and best of all, Lebkuchen.

Lebkuchen is like gingerbread, and usually sold as fat, round cookies. Some of them come with Oblaten, a white breadlike substance that goes on the bottom of the circular delicacy.

'Can you figure out what it is?" an American friend asked when I had my first Lebkuchen mit Oblaten.

It definitely tasted familiar. He grinned. "It's communion wafer." Excellent - a reminder of all things holy while indulging in a Christmas treat.

Once, on a December afternoon when darkness had fallen before 4 p.m. in that northern country, two friends and I decided that what we all really needed was Feuerzangenbowle — heated red wine with drippings from a coneshaped lump of sugar doused in rum and set aflame - and Lebkuchen. Bernd and Uli's fathers worked for the German post office, which used yellow V W Bugs as utility vehicles. Bernd





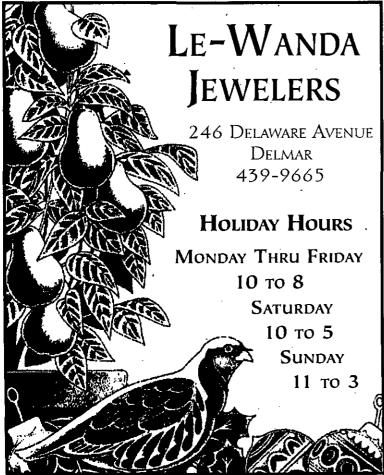
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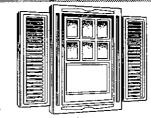
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and made Uli stand and pretend to try and figure out what was wrong with it, while Bernd and I got the Christmas treats.

"Three people stopped and asked if they could help, and one offered to call the police," Uli muttered as Bernd climbed back into the driver's seat and Uli and I pushed the car down the road till it started again.

No wonder, then, that we love the special foods of the holiday season. With each nibble of a cookie or sip of wine at a party, we are tasting a little bit of Christmas past. One of these mornings, before leaving for work, I'll put out some butter to thaw, and come home to fill the house with the scent of Christmas.

Perhaps someday, when my children are out on their own in the wide world, a scent will make them pause and remember a Christmas season when lemon peel came from a jar.

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# and Uli always drove cast-off postal Bugs, and on the afternoon Librarian makes some gift-giving suggestions

Suzanne Fisher, head of adult Alexander the Great by Steven \$13.95) started by pushing the length of services at Voorheesville Public. Library, has some suggestions for holiday gift giving. Some of her selections include:

His Excellency: George We pushed the car out of traffic Washington by Joseph Ellis (ISBN: 1400040310, \$26.95). This new, concise biography covers Washington's military career and his two terms as president. Ellis won the Pulitzer Prize in history for Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation (ISBN: 0375705244, \$14).

> A bestseller in hardcover, Benjamin Franklin: An American Life by Walter Isaacson (ISBN: 074325807X, \$16.95) was recently published in paperback. This is a new look at a man who helped craft American democracy.

Jeff Shaara has written two novels of the Revolutionary War, both available in paperback. The first is Rise to Rebellion (ISBN: 0345452062, \$7.99), followed by The Glorious Cause (ISBN: 0345427580, \$7.99). His newest novel. To the Last Man (ISBN: 0345461347, \$27.95) is set during World War I.

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The Virtues of War: A Novel of

Pressfield (ISBN: 0553580531, \$7.99). This is the latest from one of the best historical novelists around. Pressfield's first novel of warfare in ancient times is Gates of Fire (ISBN: 0553580531, \$7.99), a gripping novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, fought in 480 B.C. between the Spartans and the Persians. He followed with Tides of War (ISBN:0553381393, \$14), about the Peloponnesian

The Known World by Edward Iones (ISBN: 0060557559, \$13.95). This novel, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2003. is set in the antebellum South. This is a character-rich, complex

Donna Leon's mystery series, featuring charming police Commissario Guido Brunetti and a cast of delightful characters, are set in Venice and have great plots. Both men and women like her

Three of them are Acqua Alta (ISBN: 0142004960, \$7.99); Justice Uniform (ISBN: 0142004227, \$7.99); Death at la Fenice (ISBN: 006074068X.

#### Cookbooks

Dessert University by Roland Mesnier (ISBN: 0743223179, \$40.00). White House pastry chef Mesnier, whose life is "devoted to desserts," includes recipes for fancy confections as well as all-American favorites. He includes an entire chapter on making gorgeous decorations.

Essentials of Roasting by Rick Rodgers (ISBN: 0848728890, \$34.95). From Williams-Sonoma, this is a lusciously illustrated collection. Although most of the recipes are for poultry and meat,

there are wonderful fish, shellfish, vegetable and fruit dishes as well.

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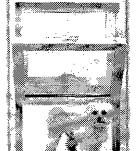
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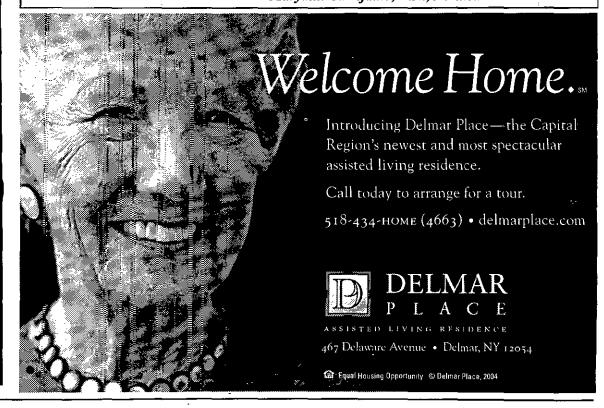
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# Matters of Opinion

# All charged up

At the risk of becoming the holiday Grinch, we feel compelled to comment on our skewed buying habits especially during this time of the year.

Most of us tend to go overboard during the Hanukkah/Christmas season. The sky's the limit—especially when it comes to the children in our lives.

In the good old days, many Americans actually saved

money in bank Christmas clubs all year long to ease the pain on our Editorial pocketbooks, when the holidays rolled around.

Today many of us handle holiday expenses with plastic, charging expensive gifts and even food to celebrate the season. Charging things has become almost a casual habit — relatively painless until the bills come in January.

Somewhere on the obscure part of the bill are the total interest charges for the month, and cards that carry high interest rates drive that figure skyward. The interest every month makes those lavish gifts even costlier with time. There really are no bargains when credit cards are used.

Some people go so far as to rob Peter to pay Paul, using credit cards with balance transfer options to pay off other credit cards. These transfers often involve a fee of \$50 or better, tacking on even more to the overall

For some, this pattern continues year after year, with no end in sight. Others find themselves declaring bankruptcy to erase the debt. Still others find their credit records tainted, which can lead to some serious consequences when it comes to big-ticket items. Many are unable to secure a mortgage because of a bad credit rating.

Even if the worst-case scenario doesn't happen, we should be more attentive to our credit card spending. If we were paying in cash, would we be spending as much as we do when we pull out the plastic?

Do we budget a certain amount for holiday spending or just shop willy-nilly, searching for the perfect gift for everyone on our list?

We should include a price estimate for gifts and stick to it. Whenever possible, we should pay up-front for things we buy. Instant gratification isn't all that it's cracked up to be. And we shouldn't let the guilt factor drive us off course.

The best thing to do is to get most of the plastic out of our lives — admittedly no easy task. One way to accomplish this is to never pay the minimum amount that is due. Pay as much more over the minimum as you can. It's one small step in the right direction.

# It's Hanukkah, no beans about it

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer lives in Delmar.

We were having fresh green beans with dinner a few weeks ago. Most went in the steamer basket on the stovetop, but a portion was set aside for my daughter who likes them uncooked. As we enjoyed our meal, I encouraged her to take more beans and then suddenly I launched into The Green Bean song, which I made up on the spot.

I did a few verses and then returned to eating. "Sing it again!" cheered a laughing Rachel. "I can't sing it again, I don't remember the words." So I made up new verses, that went something like:

'Green beans, green beans, put them in your mouth.

Send some down to grandpa who winters in the south.

Green beans, green beans, sitting on your plate.

Most have disappeared, look how much we ate.

They're green and they're fresh, eat them night and day. Casseroles with mushroom

soup is not the only way. . .

To eat green beans, green beans. ...

On and on I sang.

"This must be what it was like growing up with Adam Sandler," said my husband. "Funny you should say that," I replied, "I was just thinking that I feel like Adam Sandler, you know, minus the fame, wealth and musical talent.'

Adam Sandler, movie star and former Saturday Night Live performer, came to mind because I had been singing The Green Bean Song to the tune of his Hanukkah songs, those witty rhyming numbers about famous people who celebrate the holiday.

Hanukkah, which began today, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed and

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the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long battle against the Syrian army. While preparing to rededicate their reclaimed temple, the Jews found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. A miracle occurred, and for eight whole days, the

oil burned, giving the Jews enough time to obtain a new supply of oil.

Hanukkah, the Hebrew word for "dedication," is an eight-day celebration. Each night prayers are recited, candles are lighted, songs are sung and oil-fried foods (potato latkes and doughnuts) and chocolate gelt (coins) are consumed.

Hanukkah sounds like fun, right? In theory, Hanukkah is a fairly low-stress holiday. All you need is a menorah, candles, potatoes, cooking oil, some chocolate and a dreidel.

Unfortunately, there is some unwritten, unspoken rule that joyous occasions must be stressful. OK, it's not exactly unspoken since lots of people, myself included, are running around moaning, "This is such a stressful

One reason Hanukkah induces stress is that the holiday floats around and sneaks up on us. The starting date is determined by the Jewish calendar which runs on a lunar schedule. Each year the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev corresponds to a different date on the Gregorian calendar. This makes it difficult to determine "how many shopping days" left until Hanukkah. One year Hanukkah began the night after Thanksgiving!

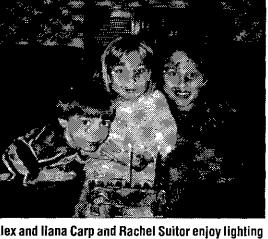
Not everyone can relieve holiday tension by improvising rhyming songs about eating vegetables. So here are some other suggestions to keep the stress down:

Unless you're a trained sculptor, do not attempt to make a usable dreidel out of clay. It will only lead to untold frustration. Feel free to sing the whimsical repetitive children's song about have to do with Hanukkah? the clay dreidel, but stock up on the functioning store-bought wood or plastic varieties.

One year I got a craft book from the library and tried to fashion a dreidel out of a homemade dough mixture. Making the "clay" dough was easy, but shaping it into the four-side spinning top was not.

'Shape dough into a cube and pinch one end into a point" sounded like a simple instruction, but I could not pinch one end without affecting at least four other sides. My goal was to have a homemade dreidel that could spin. In the end I produced a sort of caricature of a dreidel, good for decorative display purposes only.

Avoid homemade dreidels, but



Alex and Ilana Carp and Rachel Suitor enjoy lighting the menorah.

by all means cook up some homemade potato latkes. However, do not mix up too much latke batter or you will spend the entire eight-day holiday standing at the stove, spatula in hand, splattered with grease. This is bad for your back and your complexion.

Latkes are delicious but are bad for your health. Moms who care about their families will make the ultimate sacrifice by consuming large quantities of latkes directly from the frying pan. Any shouts of "Hey, who ate all the latkes?" deserves the response of "Hey, who grated all the potatoes?

Grated potatoes are a Hanukkah must, but grated candles are not. Make sure you buy extra boxes of Hanukkah candles. Inevitably a few candles will break as your child gingerly jabs them into the menorah. Adults may also accidentally break candles while trying to hurriedly set up the menorah amidst chants of "Presents! Presents! We want presents!"

Remember also that slightlycracked candles still work. Just gently urge them into the holder and as they burn down the crack gets fused together with melted wax. Candles flopping over into a u-shape should be discarded, not saved in a box of misfit Chanukah candles. Saving broken candles only leads to great disappointment the following year when your husband mistakes the box for a usable supply.

No matter how tempting, do not substitute beans, even the wax variety, for candles. It's not a good idea. A better plan is to substitute silliness for stress.

"Mom, what do green beans asked Rachel. "You tell me," I answered, ever encouraging critical thinking: "Well, green beans are healthy and Judah Maccabee helped Jews win that war," she said quite seriously.

Exactly! Ah, inspiration to finish my song.

'Green beans, green beans, in oil you can fry 'em.

Not exactly Hanukkah food, but go ahead and try 'em.

Eating green beans is the key To grow up strong like Judah Maccabee.

Eat green beans and latkes, too Happy Hanukkah from me to

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# Mour Opinion Matters

# Fire and EMS personnel give unselfishly to community

Editor, The Spotlight:

Almost 29 years ago, I took the advice of a friend and joined the Delmar Fire Department.

I didn't intend to become heavily involved, but I did have an interest in emergency medical

After going on a few ambulance calls as an observer, opposing the firehouse. two things struck me.

First I knew that if I were to do this, I needed a lot of training. Second, I thought 'Wow, these people are very sincere and extremely unselfish.' Many left during the day, giving up income to help a neighbor in a time of

After training first as an EMT, then a paramedic, I saw the need for service increase dramatically. When I began, we answered about 600 rescue calls a year; today we answer 1,600.

It seemed to me that EMS and firefighting were so important that one should be available as much as possible.

When people do difficult and dangerous things together, a strong bond develops. I am proud to help my neighbors in their time of need. I have a group of brother and sister firefighters and EMS people who are among the most unselfish and giving individuals that exist.

Two weeks ago, we had a public meeting on a proposal to construct a new firehouse. A small group of people claimed

that we should have included them prior to beginning land Listening to this admission, I was acquisition and preliminary struck by the thought that here building design. Our education training focuses on being prepared. We would never go to our neighbors without something to propose.

Some of those present actually said they had "selfish reasons" for

They didn't want it near them. we had the selfish, lecturing the unselfish.

Had we had the same attitude. there would be no fire protection or EMS service in Delmar without a \$3 to \$4 million annual

Fortunately, we have 78 people

who don't have this selfish approach to life.

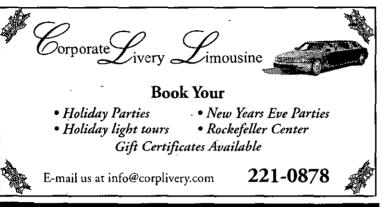
At this first public hearing, Jack Cunningham did not identify himself as a county legislator. He spoke as though he were just a concerned citizen.

However, since he does not reside in the Delmar Fire District he must have been representing people in his legislative district: his presence then was political.

At the second public meeting, he began with some lip service to the fire department, but went on to attack the veracity of our financial report, as well as our intention to be up-front and accurate.

I feel that, by not being up-front beforehand, he is the one with questionable motives.

> Amos Bastiani Delmar Fire Department





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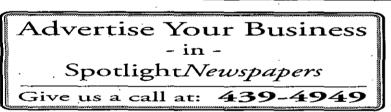


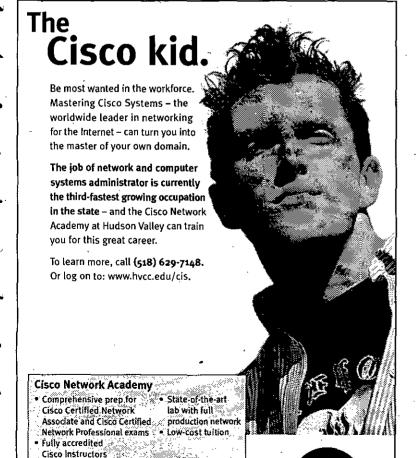
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# Matters of Opinion

# Residents should support fire facility

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to encourage our community to support the Dec. 14 bond issue vote to build a much needed Delmar fire and EMT facility on the property now occupied by Verstandig's Florists.

The community has now had the benefit of a second informational meeting and the need, which was outlined in the brochure mailing, has been

and well thought out.

The current location has many problems that cannot be fixed due to the limitations of the building itself, as well as its location.

The current building does not meet various legal requirements to protect the volunteers and to meet the standards and needs for the safety of the community,

It is important that we act on clearly demonstrated at both this now while we have the

meetings. The plan is sensible opportunity. There are others willing to buy the Verstandig property. If we lose this window of opportunity, we will lose the advantage of being in a central location.

It is crucial that the fire department be centrally located to save valuable time, which can literally mean the difference between life and death.

I encourage the good people of this community to vote in favor of the new fire department and EMT facility on Dec. 14.

> The Rev. Larry Deyss Delmar

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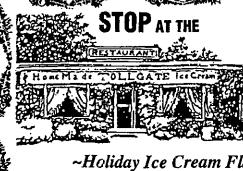
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# Chairman explains need for facility

Editor, The Spotlight:

I write to share information that will be helpful for members of our community that want to understand the proposed construction of a new Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Much of the coverage in last week's Spotlight focused on the concerns of 15 neighbors about the location and timing of the proposed project. We are addressing those concerns with neigh-

We have no room to expand the existing firehouse, which is undersized for the community's

The building is not compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act and does not meet safety codes for a modern firehouse. We cannot fit all of our ambulances and fire trucks in the building. We must buy fire trucks that don't have the latest safety features because they won't fit through the doors.

We don't have sufficient parking for emergency responders who must use precious seconds looking for parking, or leave their cars in the street. The ambulances and trucks are so cramped together that we have trouble maintaining our vehicles in the station between calls. Storage space is so limited that we are forced to keep important back-up supplies in places that are difficult to access in emergencies.

Fire doubles in size every 30 seconds and just a few minutes is the difference between life and death in a medical emergency. Our entire department is organized around rapid responses, but the old firehouse is a barrier to getting our volunteers on the way to emergencies quickly.

The location for the proposed Fire and Emergency Medical Services station was carefully selected. The facility needs to be centrally located and this is one of the few parcels of land in the center of the community that is large enough to support an emergency services facility. The land is large enough that we can create a considerable barrier of space and landscaping between the proposed two-story building and the surrounding neighborhood.

We are building a facility not just for today, but also for tomorrow.

The membership of the department has put many hours into planning a facility that meets the needs of our community. A few people have remarked that the process is moving too fast. I hope they understand that a top team of professionals is designing this facility, and we have and will continue to make changes basedon community input.

However, this is a unique parcel of land and when it became available, it was important for us to act quickly. Even under an optimistic scenario, it will take until the end of 2006 to complete construction of the building

However, for that to happen, the bond issue must pass on Dec. 14 so that we can move forward and close on the land purchase.

I was quoted in the Spotlight as saying there is no plan B. That is dentify any other suitable piece of from our volunteers. land that is close enough to the center of Delmar.

As the population of our town grows, so does the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department's responsibility. Our ambulances will respond to more than 1,500 calls in 2004. We are the only ambulance provider in Delmar, Slingerlands, and Elsmere. Our fire trucks roll to about 300 emergencies every year. The number

true; we have been unable to i- the community demands the best

We put countless hours in being ready to respond.

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> David Scoons chairman of the board



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# Community should vote yes for Delmar fire facility

Editor, The Spotlight:

I attended Wednesday night's meeting at the Delmar Fire Department regarding the bond vote to purchase land on firehouse.

Delaware Avenue for a new firehouse has health and safety

Delmar Rescue Squad are a group our volunteers and possibly slow of volunteers giving of their time response time in an emergency.

There s no exhaust system to I learned that their current get rid of the fumes from the truck, the garage doors are only 10 feet wide instead of the standard 14 feet, creating a dangerous situation, whereby someone may get caught between the garage door and a fire truck.

> compliant, the trucks cannot be washed inside the building, and the driveway is not long enough to put a truck outside without blocking a neighborhood street.

There is no parking for

These men and women who put to our fire and EMS protection their lives on the line for us are that we have all grown to expect? volunteers working in substandard conditions.

If this were your office, where you had to report to work everyday, wouldn't you be asking for better working conditions? Or would you refuse to go to work?

The municipals buildings in The building is not ADA Delmar (police station, town offices) are is someone's backyard, why not the fire station also, they are placed where they are to provide the best response time for everyone served.

If the Delmar Fire Department volunteers, there is not enough and EMS can't secure this piece room for their gear, there is no of property on Delaware Avenue, contamination area for EMS which is centrally located within

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Delmar Fire Department and issues that could be harmful to workers with an exterior door. the fire district, what will happen

We all choose to live in different areas for different reasons. One of the reasons we chose to live in the Delmar area was for the services the town provides. As we get older, we are choosing to stay in the Delmar area, therefore, putting an additional burden on our EMS personnel.

Unfortunately, as we get older, we usually require more medical treatment, and more often than not, it requires ambulance service.

If we can't provide proper equipment for our EMS, they won't be able to respond as quickly, and that's putting our health at risk.

At the meeting, it was brought up the cost of the project is about 20 cents a day.

This seems to be pretty cheap insurance for the protection of our lives, limbs and property.

Let's vote on the bond issue, so the Delmar Fire Department can secure this piece of land for our new firehouse.

> Donald Cichon Delmar

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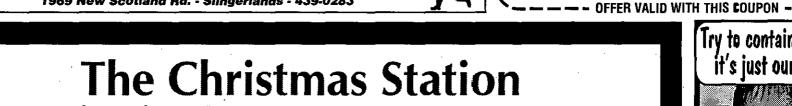
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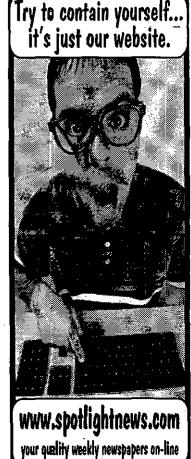
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# Land purchase contract should be extended

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe that the Delmar Fire District has done a good job demonstrating the need for a new firehouse.

Learning that the leading cause of mortality for volunteers is cardiac arrest, it also makes sense that the facility includes such amenities as a weight room.

Almost all residents speaking at the community meetings supported the volunteers and their need for a new firehouse.

However, many residents expressed concern that the current design, finances and the location at Verstandig's may not be the best solution.

Both the need for a new firehouse and the proposed building were presented to taxpayers only three weeks before we have to vote on Dec.

While the fire district is not

It was disturbing to read in the

Delmar Fire Department news-

letter that the fire siren has been

turned off to lessen noise in the

siren was being replaced, the

the pager call because of dead

batteries or device malfunction.

alarm can't compare to the longer-

term sound level of the sirens of the emergency vehicles that

The short-term noise of the fire

Some time ago, when the old

Editor, The Spotlight:

community.

Fire department should resume

town relied on pagers to notify disasters such as imminent volunteers who did not answer tornados and even air raid

use of siren as alarm signal

legally required to be part of the town planning process, I would feel greater confidence in the solution if it was incorporated into the overall town master plan.

In the context of future growth in Bethlehem and how we want our town to develop, is this the best solution for both the fire district and town residents?

In order to retain the right to buy the property, the fire district indicates that it is locked into a contractual agreement with Mr. Verstandig to have a bond vote by the end of the year.

I hope that the fire district and Mr. Verstandig will extend the contract so that there is more time for review and planning before the bond vote.

In this way, town residents could feel greater confidence that the solution they vote on supports both the volunteers and planned town development.

Is the next step to mute the

I suggest that the fire

department reconsider the

deactivation of the alarms and add

a signal to warn of impending

warnings (which, in these times,

sirens of ambulances, firetrucks

and police cars?

I hope not.

is a faint possibility).

Mark Lewis Delmar

### **Health pro** lauds panel on teen suicide

Editor, The Spotlight:

Following the outstanding teen suicide panel and community meeting, held recently at Bethlehem Central High School (Spotlight Nov. 17, page 1), I wish to commend the sponsor, Bethlehem Community Partnership's mental health task force and the parents, BCHS, the state mental health professionals and others who made that event possible.

And thank you, Spotlight, for your excellent reporting.

> Les Fisher, M.P.H. Delmar

The writer is a safety/management consultant and has a national, historical and resource timeline on the Injury Control and **Emergency Management Services** Web site, www.icehs.org.

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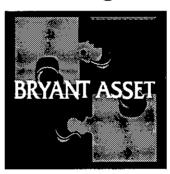
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# Bethlehem gets royal treatment

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls cross country team came away with new athletic gear and, in all likelihood, a top-15 national ranking from last Saturday's Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore.

Running as the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club (more on that later), the Eagles finished 13th in the team standings with 269 points. Their rivals from Saratoga Springs ran away with the national championship with 51 points, 74 ahead of runner-up Sisu Cross Country from Smoky

"Thirteenth was good, and I think with a healthy Emily

(Malinowski), we could have finished even higher," Bethlehem coach Jack Rightmyer said. "But we got to the big show, and that's what matters.'

It was indeed a big show. Nike paid for all the travel expenses to bring in the top 20 boys and girls high school cross country teams from around the United States and gave everybody free athletic gear, including new uniforms.

The company also built a special course for the race at Portland Meadows Harness Track — a one-mile loop that included man-made hills and Jumbotron video scoreboards so spectators could watch every runner up close and keep track on team scoring.

"The kids kind of liked the course," Rightmyer said. "It was kind of different, and it took some time to get used to it, but they liked it."

The only stipulations were that the teams could not run under their high school names, and the coaches that guided them throughout the season could not be on the course or in the team

Nike, though, gave each team a new uniform. So, Bethlehem traded in its orange, black and white high school running togs for royal blue-and-white uniforms with Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club written on them. And all the coaches received palm pilot computers, which were digitally connected to the computers following the race, to keep track of their runners.

"They just felt so special for the whole weekend. Nike treated them so well," Rightmyer said.

Decked out in their new uniforms, Bethlehem and the other teams were given introductions worthy of a professional sporting event.

"They showed each team on the Jumbotron in their (starting) boxes and talked about all the great things they did during the year," Rightmyer said. "I'll never forget seeing the Bethlehem team up there."

Bethlehem's top two runners placed in the top 40. Senior Roxanne Wegman finished 28th in a time of 19:42.9, and freshman Kristin Kenney placed 35th.

"(Wegman) had a great race, and Kristin Kenney had another great race," Rightmyer said. "Kenney is going to have a great

Malinowski - who had four wisdom teeth removed between the New York State Federation Championships and the Nike Team Nationals — was 53<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Kristin Peck (75<sup>th</sup>) and Claire Luke (78th).

"I was impressed with the fact that even though she wasn't 100 percent, she gutted it out," Rightmyer said of Malinowski.

With Nike looking to make its national cross country team championship a yearly event, Rightmyer said Bethlehem would like to be a regular participant. But, it can only do that if it builds on the regional and national reputation it has built over the last three years.

"Now that we have a taste for uns ... we want to continue uns We don't want it to be a one-year thing," he said,

#### Patry named **All-American**

Bethlehem Central High School's Vanessa Patry was one of two Capital District soccer players named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-American team.

Patry led the Eagles with 15 goals and 21 assists in her senior season. Patry's efforts helped Bethlehem reach the Section II, Class AA finals for the second consecutive year.

Colonie Central's Caitlin Colfer was the other area player named an All-American.

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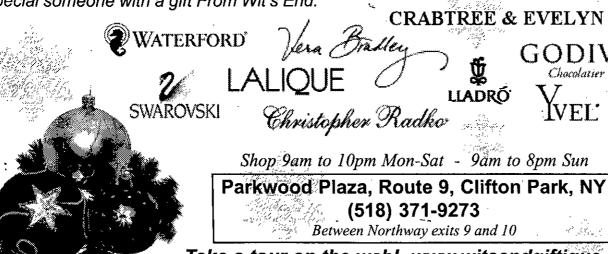
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# Lady Eagles learn lessons in tough tournament

The good news for the Bethlehem girls basketball team following last weekend's home tournament is that the season can only get better.

It certainly can't get any worse

basket."

"There seemed like

what happened in last Saturday's second-round game against there was a lid on the Colonie Central. The Lady Eagles misfired on all but a handful of

Garnet Raiders.

"There seemed like there was a lid on the basket," Bethlehem coach Mark Nealon said. "Colonie presses, and I thought we did a good job of handling it. But, I thought we weren't patient on offense in the first half."

Colonie, which lost to Guilderland 45-37 in last Friday's opening round, showed no mercy to Bethlehem. Kelly VanValkenthree-pointers, and Karrah Madden nailed a layup off a lead pass from Ola Shjuyigbe to put the Garnet Raiders ahead 8-0 less than three minutes in.

themselves, but it didn't help. Shjuyigbe canned a three-pointer after the timeout to continue Colonie's run. By the end of the first quarter, the Garnet Raiders had a 20-0 lead.

> The Lady Eagles didn't have trouble dealing with Colonie's press in the first quarter. Their problem was shooting the ball. Whether

shots and had numerous it was a three-pointer or a layup, turnovers in a 55-16 loss to the Bethlehem couldn't get a shot to fall through.

**Mark Nealon** 

"There are girls on this team that can shoot. I feel comfortable in our shooters," Nealon said. "Give Colonie credit, though -they challenge your shots.'

Colonie's lead grew to 30-0 before Bethlehem finally made a shot — a driving layup by junior forward Liz Casline with 4:25 left in the second quarter. Casline finished with six points in the burgh opened the game with two period, but Colonie still led 36-8 at halftime.

The second half was much like the first for Bethlehem. When the Lady Eagles weren't missing shots, they were turning the ball

his players a chance to collect tenacious defense to limit Colonie to 19 second half points, but the damage was already done.

> "We'll learn from this and get better," Nealon said. "This has no bearing on Sectionals or anything."

#### **BC** boys struggle at Girmindi tourney

The Bethlehem boys basketball team had problems with its offense at last weekend's Girmindl Tournament at Shaker High School.

The Eagles lost to defending Section II, Class AA champion

30 in last Friday's opening round and then fell to Shaker 44-39 in last Saturday's consolation game.

Bethlehem threw a scare into CBA by taking a 10-4 lead after the first quarter, but the Brothers responded by outscoring the

Nealon called a timeout to give over. Still, Bethlehem played Christian Brothers Academy 49 Eagles 38-11 over the next two periods to pull away.

> Against Shaker, Bethlehem built a seven-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but the Blue Bison went on a 20-8 run in the final period. John O'Brien-Carelli scored 15 points for the Eagles.

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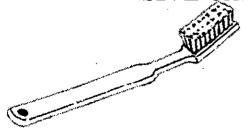
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interviewed the Porco's two sons. Heffernan wouldn't say how many times or how long either or both of the sons were in-

terviewed. Interviews with Chris department has been working armed and dangerous," Kindlon Porco ended when Terence with the state police and "several Kindlon, whose services were other police agencies since the retained by 21-year-old Chris onset of this investigation," Porco's family, advised him not though he declined to name those participate in any more police agencies. interviews.

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Corsi's comments came after Corsi said Monday the police the attorney for the couple's younger son criticized the town police Department's investigation, though he declined to characterize them as a response to the defense attorney's allegations.

> Kindlon said the police "jumped to a conclusion" that Chris had committed the crime.

> Ever since then, instead of investigating, they've been collecting shreds and pieces of evidence to support their theory," Kindlon said. "Plain and simple, that's not the way to conduct an investigation."

Corsi said Chris Porco has never been called a suspect in the murder of his father and the attack on his mother.

"Chris is a person of interest. We've never called him a suspect. Chris got a lot of attention from the media because of the Jeep,' Corsi said. "There's a long list of people who are considered persons of interest. That list is dwindling now. In a murder investigation, you move in a direction until something moves you away from there.'

Corsi mentioned the department's concern of safeguarding the rights of people of interest and added that the department has done that in this investigation.

Less than two hours after the discovery, Kindlon said police issued an all points bulletin for Chris Porco, a student at the University of Rochester.

"They issued an APB that named him as a suspect that was

said. "That's what they said."

Corsi couldn't confirm whether Kindlon's statement was accurate, though he did say an APB was issued for the 2004 Jeep Wrangler registered to Peter Porco. Chris Porco was included in that request, Corsi said. Bethlehem Police traveled to the University of Rochester, Heffernan said.

"It's not typical (in an APB regarding a murder investigation for someone to be listed as armed and dangerous)," Corsi said. "There has to be some extenuating circumstances to lead someone to believe they are armed and dangerous."

Police still have the jeep in their possession, Heffernan said. The Porco's residence was turned back over to the family last Saturday, Heffernan said.

Cleaning crews obtained by the family worked on the house.

Kindlon said it's typical in the state for grand juries to convene without a defendant.

"It happens all of the time around here," Kindlon said.

Between 16 and 23 people are called for a grand jury, where evidence is presented and witnesses testify. In cases where there is a defendant, he can waive his right to a grand jury hearing or he can testify on his behalf.

Heffernan stressed that Delmar residents should feel safe.

"Residents should be assured that their safety is of the utmost importance to the department,' Heffernan said. "When we feel outside agencies are needed, we accept those offers for help. These are major cases.'

# Inaugural

(From Page 1) counsel to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

With noted the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Homeland Defense, a branch of the Department of Defense - which has the authorization to support the office of the president for his swearingin ceremony every four years as additions to the fabric of the federal government. JTF-AFIC is non-partisan, With noted, focusing more on a mission to uphold a 200-plus-year-old tradition that's been a stronghold in American politics since George Washington took office. JTF-AFIC has been planning general portions of the event since August 2003. With said the military's involvement in the ceremony symbolizes the services' support of the president, regardless of his party affiliation.

"The military's involved because the president is our commander-in-chief, With said.

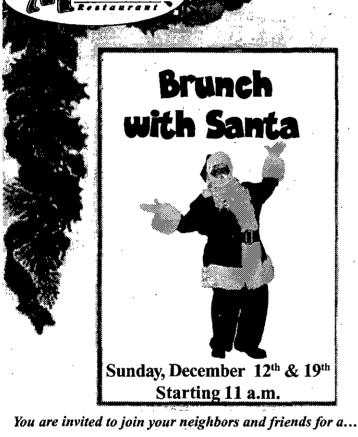
Up to 12,000 people will participate in the ceremony, with about 4,000 or 5,000 participants coming from the military, With said. By early January, up to 710 people will comprise JTF-AFIC. As of last week, With said 100 new officers had just been processed as part of the task force. With, who comes from a family of military officers, estimated the task force to be about 400 strong.

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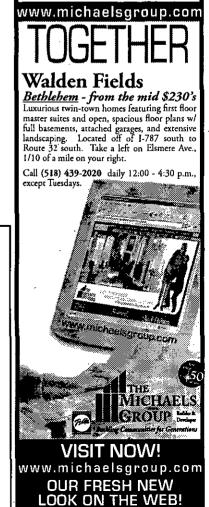
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# Tracing the roots of three holiday traditions

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

ou can't miss the Christmas decorations that hit the stores beginning in December; menorahs and

dreidels fill store shelves as Hanukkah approaches; and more people learn

about Kwanzaa every year. There's more to these holidays than what you see in the store,

though, for they are full of history, faith and traditions.

Christmas began some 2,000 years ago, when a baby boy was born to a poor couple unable to find a hotel room during the then-busy census-counting season.

Mary and Joseph, of Nazareth in the Middle East, were two people contemplating marriage, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear the son of God. Joseph was skeptical about his girlfriend's sudden pregnancy, until another angel appeared to him, verifying Mary's words. Pregnant with Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be

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Yet another angel appeared to nearby shepherds to alert them to the birth, and in a distant place, philosophers and scientists set out to follow the new star that shone over the

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It's widely believed now that Jesus was not born on Dec. 25, the day that celebrates his birth, but that early Christians in about 343 fixed that day to eclipse a number of pagan holidays that celebrated the solstice, particularly the Roman holiday Saturnalia, which celebrated Saturnus, the god of agriculture.

Santa Claus in his red suit and sack full of gifts is on every street corner during the holiday season, and his origins can be traced back to St. Nicholas. Nicholas was born during the third century in Patara, in today's Turkey. When he was young, his parents died in an epidemic, and he heeded Jesus' words to give away everything he owned, and gave his inheritance to the sick, the needy and the suffering. He became the Bishop of Myra, and in addition to his generosity, became known for his love of children and concern for sailors and ships. He was exiled and imprisoned during an era of

Christian persecution, and died on Dec. 6, 343 A.D. A relic was found in his grave that had healing powers, and devotion to St. Nicholas grew.

The Dutch revere St.
Nicholas, and that tradition continues in the Capital District, home of many Dutch immigrants, and

immigrants, and where celebrations honoring objective R

the saint still take place in early December. In many European countries today, Nicholas arrives with his traveling companion, Black Piet, to deliver a small gift to children on Dec. 6. The more ubiquitous Santa Claus and the tradition of gift giving have evolved from the tradition of St. Nicholas.

Part of the pagan holidays that Christmas eclipsed included tree worship, and the display of boughs in an effort to entice spring to arrive more quickly. Christmas trees come from Germany, where, more than a thousand years ago, the missionary St. Boniface once uprooted an oak tree after finding a group of people worshipping it. When a fir tree grew from its roots, Boniface took it as a symbol of the Christian faith.

Martin Luther, whose objection to many tenets of the Roman Catholic Church led to the Protestant

Reformation, is thought to be the first person to put candles on a fir tree, perhaps to symbolize the star that hovered over Jesus' manger at his birth. The tradition of an indoor

tree lit by candles was widespread in Germany in the 1800s; along with her German husband, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria brought the tradition of a

Christmas tree to England. The German immigrants to Pennsylvania probably brought the tradition to the not-yet-united States.

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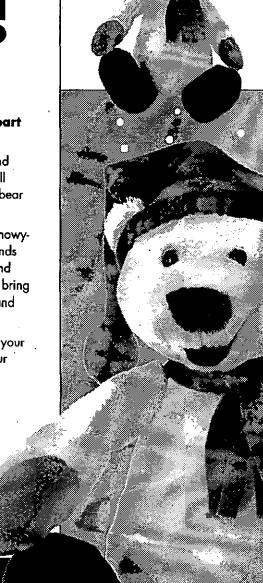
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Lights are lit during the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah in early to mid-December each year. On the Hebrew calendar, Hanukkah takes place on the 25th of Kislev. This year, Hanukkah will begin on Dec. 8 and last, as it always does, for eight days.

The story of Hanukkah is one of endurance. When Alexander the Great ruled the Middle East, he allowed the people to practice their own religions, leading to an assimilation of some aspects of Greek culture.

When Antiochus IV took power, he forbade Jewish practices, and in 167 A.D., took over the Temple in

Jerusalem, putting up idols and images of Greek gods.

Α group of men, five

25th of Kislev.

sons of the priest Mattityahu, or Mattathias the Hasmonean, became known as the Maccabees, which means "men who are as strong as hammers." They fought a three-year war to regain the Temple. Under their brother Judah's leadership, they were successful, and decided to re-dedicate the Temple on the

Perhaps the most prominent symbol of Hanukkah is the menorah, a candelabra that holds nine candles. Since the Jews had not been able to celebrate Sukkot while the Temple was occupied, they celebrated it when they rededicated the temple.

Sukkot is an eight-day festival which commemorates the 40year period during which the children of Israel wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Like Sukkot, Hanukkah is celebrated over a number of days.

The menorah also commemorates a miracle the Maccabees experienced, as they only had one day's supply of oil when they needed eight days' worth to re-dedicate the Temple. The oil burned for eight days, allowing more oil to be produced. The menorah began to be commonly used during the Middle Ages, and it can be of any particular design, as long as the flames don't touch each other.

There are nine candles in a

each night plus the Shamash, the large candle lit before the holiday starts. Another candle is lit each night during the holiday, so that the light shines more brightly each night. A special, unique blessing is said when each candle is lit.

Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights, and the word itself means "re-dedication." In America, Hanukkah has become a family time, with traditions of food, games, and gift giving.

Spinning the dreidel is a popular Hanukkah game. The dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with a Hanukkah letter on each side. Dreidel was a

> common enough game during Antiochus' time that if Greeks discovered Jews studying their forbidden Torah, they often produced dreidels and

said they were simply playing. Before spinning the dreidel in today's Hanukkah celebrations, each player has a number of coins or candy that go into the pot, or kupah. The letter that shows up on the spun dreidel determines who:gets how much, if any, of the pot.

During the holiday season, you'll see net bags with gold-wrapped chocolate coins on store shelves. Todav's Hanukkah tradition of gift giving evolved from the practice of giving Hanukkah gelt - chocolate or real coins - to children.

You can't gather family and friends without having traditional foods to celebrate the

holiday, and Hanukkah has its delicacies. To commemorate the miracle of the burning oil, Hannukah foods are often fried in oil. Latkes are potato pancakes fried in oil and served with applesauce or sour cream.

Sufganiyot are jelly doughnuts that are fried in oil, and during Hanukkah, are sold on street corners throughout Israel. They symbolize the cakes hurriedly prepared for the Maccabees as they went into

Like Hanukkah, Kwanzaa is a multi-day celebration. Unlike Hanukkah and Christmas, it's non-denominational and was created in America. Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga devised Kwanzaa in 1966. Rooted in the ancient harvest festivals in Africa, it is a celebration of the African-American family, community and culture. It is not meant to replace Christmas, Hanukkah or any religious celebration.

Each day of Kwanzaa is devoted to one of seven guiding principles known as the "Nguzo Saba." The principals are reflected in the kinara, a menorah-like candelabra that holds one candle for each day of the celebration, which runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Families gather to light the kinara, with candles in the Kwanzaa colors of black, red and green. Each candle in the kinara represents one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Black represents the people, and the black candle that is in the center of the kinara is lit on the first night of Kwanzaa. It symbolizes the principle, Umoja, which is unity.

The color red represents the people's struggle. The red candles are to the left of the black candle, and lit next, day by day, to represent the principles of Kujichagulia, self-

determination; Ujamaa, cooperative economics; and Kuumba, creativity.

Green is the color that represents the hope that comes out of the people's struggles. The green candles go to the right of the black candle. They stand for the principles of

Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Nia, purpose; and Imani, faith.

Lighting the candles in their assigned order symbolizes that the people are first; the struggle is next; and out of that comes hope for the future.

Families are encouraged to use African art and harvest

symbols to decorate at Kwanzaa, and there is a Kwanzaa set around which to gather during the holiday. There's an African

cloth to cover the table, and a -000 mkeka, or mat, to go on that. Ears of corn represent the crops, mazao, and the kikombe cha umoja, or unity cup, is used to pour a libation to honor the ancestors. There is a special prayer to offer to the ancestors when drinking from the

unity cup. As families gather and light the candles, they talk about the day's principle, and how they practiced it during the day. They also make a commitment to practice it throughout the year.

There are special Kwanzaa greetings that reinforce the seven principles of the holiday.

Gifts are sometimes given during Kwanzaa usually to 000children - and they should include a book, to stress the African value and tradition of learning, and a heritage symbol, to reinforce the African commitment to

tradition and

history.

Tradition and history seem to be the mainstays of holiday celebrations worldwide. As parents watch their children partake in holidays old and new, it's reassuring to watch the flame pass to the next generation







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# echnology helps families bridge the gap at holiday time

he holidays are here, and now more than ever, the desire is to be close to friends and

family. While not everyone can catch a plane or train to be with the ones they love, today's

communications technologies make staying in touch with friends and relatives easier than ever

Video instant messaging and mobile messaging

are gaining in popularity as convenient and fun ways to feel like you're right next door even when you're not.

And now, group voice conferencing – the modern version of the "party line" - is offering a way to chat with up to 15 friends and family members at the same time.

> These days, nearly everyone has friends and family scattered across the country. If not around the

world. It may be impossible to see everyone over the holidays, but video instant messaging can bring you one step closer to

your sister in California and your favorite aunt in Maine.

By combining conventional instant messaging with real-time video services, Video IM enables you to send live audiovideo messages back and forth with friends and family members. With just a simple web cam and the IM service on your home computer, you can collaborate with siblings on gift ideas or let children say 'thank you' to long distance relatives in real-time.

Most instant messaging services, including the popular AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) service, give users the ability to send and receive video instant messages.

And with easy-to-use web cams available nationwide, Video IM lets you see and hear the family and friends you would otherwise miss this holiday season.

Whether you're out shopping for last-minute gifts or on the way to grandma's house, it's easy to send a quick text message or mobile instant message from your cell phone. To send a text message, just open your phone's messaging menu, enter a 10-digit cellular number into the "to" field and

Alternatively, if you and your friends or family members send instant messages from your computers, you can use your mobile phone to continue the conversation whether you're on the bus or standing in line to have your gifts wrapped. Just activate IM forwarding when you leave your computer to redirect your IMs to your phone or log on through your phone's mobile IM menu.

Mobile instant messaging lets you stay in touch wherever

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you may go this holiday season.

Brand new and particularly convenient for families and groups of friends that are scattered across the country is the modern day "party line" from the AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) service.

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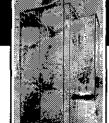
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# Sareful planning can help you take control of holiday spendii

ometimes it seems like your credit. cards and check book have a mind of their own you go into the holiday season with the best intentions of limiting your holiday spending, only to face the New Year with a

mountain of debt. The holidays can be one of the toughest challenges for your budget: You

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your mom, but it's \$25 more than you planned to spend.

Or your co-worker (who wasn't on your list) gives you a gift and you feel you need to reciprocate; add another \$20 to your balance due.

As hard as it may seem to tame holiday spending, you don't want to spend the coming year paying off one month's worth of merriment.

Here are a few steps you can take to make this New Year one you look forward to.

Plan ahead: Make a list of all the gifts you expect to buy, and set a realistic budget for these purchases. Talk to your family and friends about setting a price limit on gift exchanges. You may not want to be the one to broach the subject, but chances are the suggestion will be welcome.

Stay focused: As you shop, keep close tabs on your spending and compare your actual costs to your budget. Keep a running tally of how much you're

spending and how close you are to your limits. When you want to splurge by ignoring the fact that you can't afford something and putting it on your credit card, avoid the temptation.

"The rule of thumb is that your debt should be no more than 30 percent of your credit limit. Otherwise, creditors

> may view it as excessive debt and be concerned you may not be able to pay as agreed,' says Maxine Sweet of Experian, a

company that provides consumers with information and products to help them understand, manage and protect their personal credit profiles.

·Be an informed shopper: The Internet makes it easier than ever to compare prices on just about any item. Better yet, around the holidays, many Web sites offer special incentives such as free shipping.

· Give gift cards: They're easy to shop for, you can choose an amount that fits your budget, and the recipients get to choose

> something they really want. And, they're easy to wrap and ship.

Monitor your ATM and charge cards: 'Identity theft is on the rise, and the busy holiday season is prime time for this

type of crime, cautions Sweet. "Don't be an easy target. Pay extra attention to your cards and receipts. Check your monthly statements for any inaccuracies or fraudulent

activity." If you carry a monthly balance, consider consolidating

your debt on the card with the lowest interest rate.

Review your credit report: You can get a copy of your credit report from Web sites such as www.experian.com. Verify that all the information is correct, and that there are no unfamiliar accounts on the

If a quick review of your ... financial situation shows that you can't spend as much as you'd like on gifts this year, get creative. Just because you can't spend a lot of money doesn't mean that you can't make the holidays special for your friends and family.

If you just can't afford to buy gifts for the whole family, consider suggesting that your family draws names this year and buys for just one person, instead of getting gifts for your siblings, their spouses and their

Similarly, how about starting a grab bag tradition among your friends in place of buying gifts

for everyone? Giving a charitable contribution in honor of your friends or family is really two gifts in one - the charity gets a much-appreciated donation, and the honoree gets the satisfaction of knowing they've made a difference.

Finally, consider getting your friends and family together for a holiday party. Spending time with those you love is what the holidays are all about, after all.

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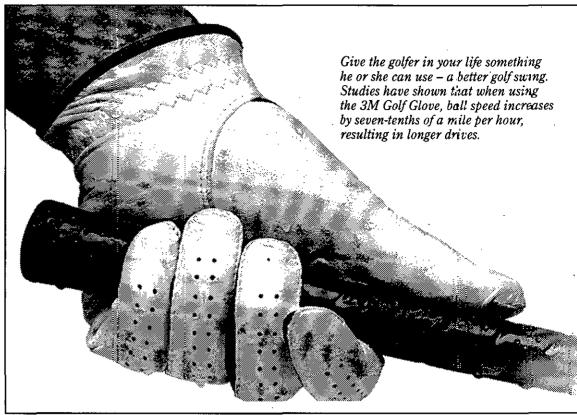
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# Moliday time can mean additional stress for many people

is ironic that a time traditionally associated with good cheer and jolly times can turn into a virtual nervous breakdown for so many of us.

"High expectations paint the holidays as a time of fun and joy, and when people don't feel this way they then feel even worse because they somehow aren't living up to an idyllic portrait

of the season," says Dr. Jim Wasner, dean of the Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University/

Schaumburg.

Experts in the areas of family psychology, personal finance, home decorating and health have come up with some sensible tips they hope will provide some comfort and joy to the faithless, weary, and frazzled this holiday season.

#### **Avoid Family Burnout**

The classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" portrays idealized images of family harmony during the holidays: everybody gathered around a piano and roaring fireplace, singing carols, merrily laughing and drinking eggnog - with every family member present.

"In the past, the holiday season was a way for families to take a break from their difficult work life and come together in celebration," says Wasner. "But the reality for most families is that there is a considerable amount of stress surrounding the holidays.'

When a family comes together for the holidays, some members simply don't get along with each other for a variety of reasons.

To avoid ruining a family gathering, Wasner suggests that you think of holiday visits more like a special ritual, such as a wedding or birthday party.

"It's fine to be on your best behavior and not deal with hurts or grudges because of the special event. If you are not on the best terms with a relative and feel like you need to talk to them about it, I recommend you do it one-on-one before the holiday visit, either on the phone, by mail or for shorter visits," advises Wasner.

If that is not possible, there is nothing wrong with setting limits on the time that you spend with that relative.

#### Set a Budget

Money may make the world go 'round, but it can also make one's head spin, especially when it comes time for shopping for holiday gifts, party preparations and travel.

"Having the amount you need for holiday spending already saved when the holidays arrive will relieve much of the financial stress of the season," says Gary Morgan, senior accounting faculty member at Brown Mackie College in Akron, Ohio.

He suggests creating a personal holiday budget plan the sooner the better.

"I suggest a holiday budget be prepared as early as possible in the calendar year," explains Morgan, "Determine your gift list and assign maximum dollar amounts to this list, entertaining, travel and charitable donations."

Be realistic and do not underestimate, cautions Morgan. Add these figures and divide by the number of weeks remaining before the

spending actually begins. Each week, set this money in a savings account. So the earlier in the year one starts

this process, the less he or she needs to set aside each week, and less stress will mount as the holidays approach.

#### **Keep Decorating Simple**

"The main stresses behind holiday home decorating would be money, time management and selecting a theme," says Wayne Wiram, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of Las Vegas.

But Wiram suggests looking around the house first before venturing out to the stores.

"Many items stored away in your home, including hidden or stored antiques, fabrics, drapery and upholstery trims, and old hats, can be decorated with your own personal style. Greens, trims, ribbon, fabric and other things can be used to enhance these items," says Wiram.

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other around-the-house items will save you money and time since you don't have to shop for

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For example, in cold snowy areas, trimmings could be bare branches, evergreens, holly and magnolia leaves.

In the southwest, cuttings would be evergreens, palm fronds, magnolia, rosemary and eucalyptus (the last two being fragrant).

"Areas that you may wish to add other decorations to include windows, doors, railings, walls and mantels," advises Wiram.

your yard trimmings in wreaths, swags, garlands and sprays."

#### Don't Overeat

Betsy Kawecki, a nursing faculty member at South University in West Palm Beach, Fla., believes that major health complaints that surface during holidays, such as gaining weight, are a result of extremes in behavior.

"Overeating leads to indiges-

proportions of food and indulging in foods with a high degree of fat," explains Kawecki.

She suggests that attitude plays a significant part on dieting expectations and actions.

"If you view the holiday season as the last hurrah, you will overindulge and gain weight. Remember that 'fat and jolly' is an oxymoron," she says.

Kawecki adds that during the holidays, maintain healthpromoting behaviors, but be flexible. Exercise by speedshopping in the malls instead of your usual walk around the block. Maintain a normal healthy diet and eat your five fruits and vegetables a day, especially on party days. Be a healthy host or hostess by cooking low-fat, presenting food in various locations to promote mingling and not just eating, and making portions small.

"Pacing oneself is essential," says Kawecki. "The holiday season involves more than one day. With holiday shopping, decorating, parties, feasts, and traveling people should worry most about trying to keep balance in their lives and maintaining healthy habits."

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# ruits and veggies help control eating during holiday season

s the holidays wind down, it seems the most popular topic of conversation with friends, family and co-workers is how much

everyone overate during the season's festivities. With New Year's fast approaching, why not make a healthy deal with

yourself to include more fruits and vegetables in your diet?

The vitamins and minerals from fresh fruits and vegetables offer many health benefits. And if you're trying to shed a few. post-holiday pounds, eating more fruits and vegetables and fewer high-calorie foods is a good place to start.

A recent poll showed that more than 85 percent of consumers are not eating the federally recommended minimum of five servings of produce a day.

Part of the problem is that many consumers aren't aware of the dietary recommendations.

Still others aren't sure how to fit five-a-day into their food plan.

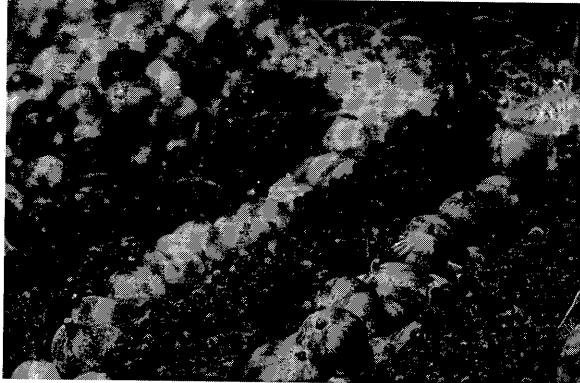
One easy way to start is to include some form of produce at each meal. For example, have a bànana or an orange with your breakfast. At lunch,

have a salad, or pack an apple for dessert. For dinner, etables a prominent part of your

menu. Sprinkle in a few healthy snacks such as carrot or celery sticks, a pear or an apple. and you've got your five-a-day.

Another strategy for getting in the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables is to eat a rainbow - that is, choose produce in a variety of colors every day. Deeply hued fruits and vegetables provide the wide range of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and phytochemicals your body needs to maintain good health and energy levels, protect against the effects of aging and reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease.

Blue/purple fruits and vegetables such as blackberries



eggplant and purple grapes contain phytochemicals that help lower the risk of some cancers, maintain urinary tract health and memory function and assist in health aging.

Green foods such as green. apples, avocados, asparagus and broccoli help lower the risks of some cancers, promote vision health and maintain strong bones and teeth.

White produce such as bananas, cauliflower, garlic and mushrooms promote heart health, help maintain healthy

cholesterol levels and lower the risk of some cancers.

Yellow/orange foods such as cantaloupe, grapefruit, oranges and mangoes contribute to heart and vision health, help maintain a healthy immune system and lower the risk of some cancers.

Finally, red produce such as red apples, cherries, beets and red peppers can help maintain heart health and memory function, lower the risk of some cancers, and keep your urinary tract healthy.

Eating fresh fruits and vegetables is the best way to get the vitamins, minerals and antioxidant benefits.

A panel of experts at the American Heart Association has conclude that there is too little evidence to recommend taking antioxidant supplements to reduce the risk of heart disease. Instead, the panel advises the public to get plenty of antioxidants from food sources.

By working in five-a-day into your daily routine, you'll not only do your body a favor, but if you branch out and try new varieties of produce, you'll be adding color, flavor and diversity to your menus.



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# Kiwanis Club sponsors Christmas tree and wreath sale

The New Scotland Kiwanis area school for the less fortunate. Club's annual Christmas tree and wreath sale is currently being held at Nichols Market.

The hours are weekdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and weekends from 10



a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost of the trees is \$30 to \$40 and undecorated wreaths are \$10.

The proceeds from the sale of the trees will be used to fund Kiwanis youth service projects

#### Program on Knox School

Friends of Thacher Park will present a program on the history and restoration of the old oneroom schoolhouse, Knox School 5, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7

The presentation by Elisabeth Johnson and Dan Driscoll will follow a brief business meeting. The program will take place at the Voorheesville Public Library.

For information, call 872-0800.

#### **Holiday craft workshop**

Thacher Nature Center will hold a holiday craft workshop on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. Each craft is unique and makes a great gift or keepsake. Class size is limited and advance registration is required. The crafts are appropriate for all ages, but younger children will need assistance. The materials fee is \$1 to \$4 per craft. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be held on Dec. 18.

For information, call 872-1237.

#### Child care drop-off

The Future Educators of America want to help you get your holiday shopping or other errands done at this busy time of year and are holding a child care drop-off on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

There will be games, snacks, movies and crafts for young children who are toilet trained and older children. Space is limited so registration is re-quested. For information, call Laura at 765-

#### 'Blue' Christmas Service

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 will be holding a "Blue" Christmas Service on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

This service is for those feeling little down this holiday season or for those wanting to celebrate the season.

#### **Board schedules meeting**

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville board of education will be held on Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the commons area of the high school.

#### Friends of Music meeting

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville Friends of Music will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in room 159 at the high school.

#### Items still needed

The Voorheesville Public Library has a decorated Christmas Tree where you can donate a new pairs of mittens, hats or scarves as ornaments. The items will then be wrapped on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and donated to an

#### **Evening walk planned**

A night walk will be held on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers' Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in

Moonlight can make a night walk as bright as day, but there will be no moon on the 10th. Experience the mystery of the moonless evening with the rustle of the wind through the trees, the call of an owl and the sense of adventure. Test your night vision skills as we find our way around the trails without using artificial light. For information, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

#### Sheriff helping needy

The Albany County Sheriff's Department is sponsoring the Hilltown Christmas Program by collecting toys, food and cash donations.

All items are redistributed back into the community. Drop boxes are located at Village Hall

in Voorheesville, New Scot-land Town Hall, Nichols Market and the Sheriff's Department on New Salem Road. For information, call 765-5976.

#### **Drama workshop set**

Instructor Ann Biese will hold a drama workshop on Saturday, Dec. 11, for grades 5 to 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

Students will work on use of character, scene improvements, mask work and personal exploration. The course fee is \$25 and class size is limited to 15.

#### Library hosts bus trip

The Voorheesville Public Library will host a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, Dec 11. The cost is \$25 for Friends of the Library members and \$30 for

nonmembers. Reservations may be made at the circulation desk.

Contact the library at 765-2791.

#### **Food Pantry items needed**

The food pantry at St. Matthew's Church is in need of food and personal items.

Donations can be left at the church.

Call 765-2805 for information.





# **Polar Express** ready to roll out for library pajama party

All aboard the *Polar Express!* Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

A delightful evening is Chris Van Allsburg book at the Voorheesville Library's Polar Express Pajama Party on older.

Wear pajamas and have hot planned with readings from the cocoa "as thick and rich as melted chocolate bars."

This program is for ages 4 and

#### Mitten Tree deadline

The deadline is nearing for donations for our Mitten Tree. The tree will be decorated with your donations of hats and mittens.

gifts will be brought to Phillip Chambers on Friday, Jan. 7 at 6

Albany for distribution to children with cold fingers and uncovered heads.

#### Teens to discuss book

There will be a discussion for teens (grades 9 through 12) of an On Wednesday, Dec 15, the out-of-the-ordinary book by Aidan

### Voorheesville **Public Library**

Postcards From No Man's Land deals with some adult issues, as well as the joy of investigating a new city and a foreign culture.

Participants can sign up at the reference desk and pick up a copy of the book.

#### Yoga session offered

Mira Lechowicz, a certified Kripalu Yoga Teacher, is again offering a free session of yoga on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

Participants should bring their own mat or blanket.

#### **Lapsit Storytimes**

Lapsit Storytime is Thursday, Dec. 16, at 10:15 a.m. for caregivers and babies up to 2 years old. Signup is necessary.

Regular storytimes end on Friday, Dec. 10, and start again on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

#### First Dog next book

Grades 2-3 book discussions will talk about The First Dog, by Jan Brett, on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The library will be open for the program only.

#### Copy of book available

Adults can now pick up a copy of *The Photograph*, by Penelope Lively, for the Wednesday, Jan. 5, book discussion.

Barbara Vink

# **Library sets** facility tour

Bethlehem Town Library and Bethlehem Senior Projects are cosponsoring a special tour of the library's renovated facilities on Friday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

The tour will highlight and locate collections of interest to seniors, such as large-print books,



mysteries, health and medical information, DVDs and videos, music and magazines, genealogy and local history publications. Participants can also learn about features and services such as the library's magnifying reader, computer classes for beginners and Books to People.

Call 439-9314 to register.

#### **Upcoming youth programs**

This Sunday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p.m. The Princess Bride (PG) will be the featured film for young people in grades 6 through 8.

"Candy Houses" will be reprised next Friday Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth.

If you build it, you can take it home - if you don't eat it first. Bring a container of frosting and an assortment of small candies. All other materials will be provided. Those interested can register by calling 439-9314.

#### **Bookmark contest**

Design a bookmark to celebrate your favorite month of the year. The library will be choosing 12 winners in each of two age groups: 6 through 9 and 10 through 13. Copies of winning bookmarks will be made available for general use.

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LEDs have been around for years. They provide high-quality, durable, and safe lighting with low energy consumption, using 0.4 watts while emitting virtually no heat. They come in a wide variety of colors, can be strung in long lengths and when one bulb burns out, the rest of the strand keeps working, making replacement easy.

New in many retail stores, is an artificial tree outfitted with fiber optic lighting in the branches. With one small light bulb and optional color wheel, beautiful light is transmitted through the fibers with none of the heat. Many trees have rotating bases and come in sizes from two to eight feet. Set it up, place your favorite decorations on and you are done.

Mini-lights are very popular and consume 0.4 watts, come in long lengths for indoor and outdoor use, with many colors to suit any festive need. You will also find CFLs, with a mini-base, to fit into candelabras and small holiday displays providing bright, warm light.

Information about lighting, and other energy-saving tips for your home and business can be found by visiting the **New York Energy \$mart**<sup>SM</sup> website, www.GetEnergySmart.org.

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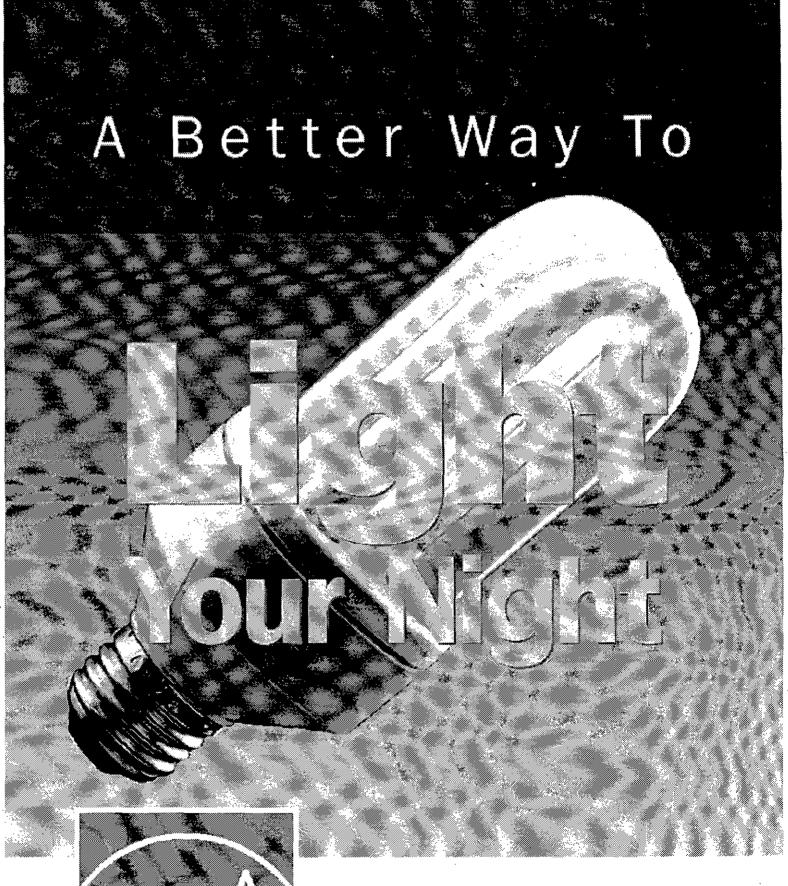
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#### Frederick Barends

Frederick W. Barends, 73, of Slingerlands, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany,

Mr. Barends was born in Albany and was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He worked as an installer for the New York Telephone Co. in Schenectady. After retirement, Mr. Barends delivered newspapers for The Spotlight.

having served during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Murphy Barends; four sons, William F. Barends of Feura Bush, Kenneth H. Barends of Albany, Timothy J. Barends of Ponchatoula, La., and Matthew H. Barends of Westerlo; a stepbrother, Walter "Bud" Barends; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt & Jennie Brate Frederick Memorial Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, Oakland Avenue, Menands 12204.

#### Sarah Holmes

Sarah Sally Holmes, 64, of Voorheesville died Monday, Nov. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Holmes was born in Albany.

She worked for Cosimo's Restaurant for many years, and then for the state Department of Taxation & Finance.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Raymond of Voorheesville and Wendy He was an Army veteran Hallenbeck of Royersford, Pa.; two sisters, Margaret Mary Brumbaugh of Palm Desert, Calif., and Denise Rockefeller of Henderson, Nev.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Hans Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205-3890.

Jennie Mas Brate of Feura Bush died Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Peter's Hospital in Albany.

resident of Feura Bush and a Joshua Becker of Largo, Fla.; and

graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel P. 3rate Sr.; a daughter, Regine Brate of Clifton Park; three sons, Bruce Brate of Westerlo and Mark Brate and Daniel Brate Jr., both of Selkirk; a sister, Beatrice Drew of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Onesquethaw Ambulance Squad. Clarksvil.e 12041.

#### Stephen Becker

Stephen F. Becker, 51, of Glenmont died Wednesday, Dec.

Mr. Becker was a motorcycle enthusiast and loved drag racing at Lebanon Valley Speedway.

Survivors include his father. Community Hospice Inn at St. Elmer Becker; his step-mother, Elizabeth Becker; a daughter, Mrs. Brate was a lifelong Tina Becker of Albany; a son,

two brothers, Rick Becker of Voorheesville died Thursday, Rochester.

Services were from Durant Albany. Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

#### Josh Brittell

Josh M. Brittell, 30, of Loudonville, died Wednesday, Dec.1, 2004.

Mr. Brittell was born in Albany and lived most of his life in Feura Bush and graduated from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk central schools.

Survivors include his mother, Susan VanDerVolgen Brittell of Loudonville; two brothers, Todd Brittell of Guilderland and Adam Brittell of Loudonville; and his grandmother, Harriet VanDer-Volgen of Loudonville;

Services were from Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home in Latham and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Regional Food Bank, 965 Albany Shaker Road, Latham 12110.

#### Thomas Roe

Thomas W. Roe, 82, of

Tampa, Fla., and Jeff Becker of Dec. 2, at Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in

> Mr. Roe was born in Yonkers and lived in Voorheesville for over 50 years.

> He was the owner of Air Way Sales, Service and Distribution. He was a member of United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and was involved with Boy Scouts of America, Troop 73, where he was committee chairman for nearly 40 years. He won the 1984 Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. He was a member of New Scotland Senior Citizens and the Historical Society.

Mr. Roe was voted the 1984 New Scotland Citizen of the Year and received the Dewitt Clinton Masonic Award for community service in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Roe; a son, Glenn Roe; a stepdaughter, Diane Haarmann; a stepson, Wayne Roe; and three step-grandchildren.

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A reception followed.

The maid of honor was Laura Dowse.

Bridesmaids were Jamie Haas, Jessica Haas and Melissa Garand.

The best man was Devon Hedges.

Groomsmen were Adam Prior, Dan Ryan and Joe Normandin.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Russell Sage College.

She is a nutritionist for WIC in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson College.

He is a computer technician for Web MD in Albany.

After a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple lives in Delmar.

Got news? Call Spotlight at 439-4949 or e-mail us at www.spotlightnews.com.

### Organization schedules holiday party

QUILT, Inc. will meet on daughter of George and Darlene Friday, Dec. 10 at the Delmar requested. Doors open at 9:15 Dowse of Delmar, and Arlie Reformed Church, 386 Delaware a.m.

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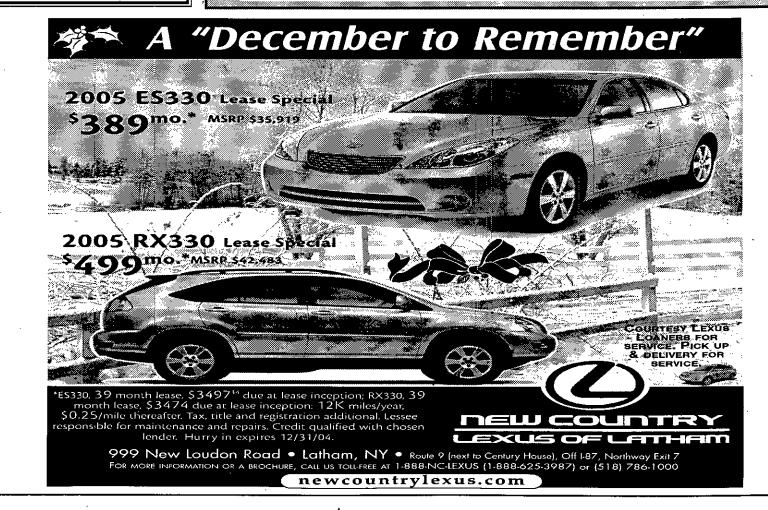


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guest soloist at the Albany Symphony Orchestra's Christmas in China concerts.

Wu Man, who plays the pipa, a Chinese lute, will be the

The Canadian Brass will play brassy holiday favorites on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

#### By DEV TOBIN

oliday music, in many varieties, will be ringing throughout the Capital District in the next two weeks.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will be busier than usual this weekend, presenting three performances of its Christmas in China concert and a Sunday Symphonies for Families show.

Music Director/Conductor David Alan Miller said he tries to put together a December program that "is not purely holiday, but a little exotic."

Christmas in China fits that bill, he said, with "very exotic" Chinese works, along with "more traditional holiday, December-type pieces."

The former take advantage of guest soloist, Wu Man, who plays the pipa, a Chinese lute. The orchestra and Man will play "Concerto for String Orchestra and Pipa" by Tan Dun, who won an Academy Award for the music for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," and the world premiere of "Make a Joyful Noise" by Dorothy Chang. And the orchestra will also play "Saudades de Macao" by Bun-Ching Lam.

The more traditional works include the overture to Handel's "Saul," Pachelbel's "Canon," Vaughn Williams' i "Fantasia on Greensleeves" and Mozart's "Haffner Symphony No. 35.

"It's a perfect concert for anyone interested in folk music, world beat music or a beautiful holiday musical experience," Miller said.

The concert will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, and on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pittsfield. Tickets range from \$22 to \$37.50, depending on venue and seat.

The Sunday Symphonies for Families "The Search for Tchaikovsky's Lost Holiday Show" show is a unique take on a holiday classic, with Miller as "Michigan Miller," a kind of Indiana Jones musical adventurer, working to help Tchaikovsky break his writer's block and create the music for "The Nutcracker."

The show will be performed by orchestra members, dancers from Northeast Ballet and the intrepid Miller on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in Albany. Tickets are \$15, \$8 for children. For information and/or tickets to either concert, call 465-4755.

**Besides** the ASO, the Troy

Mistletoe.

Savings Bank Music Hall will present several more traditional holiday concerts.

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Judy Collins returns with her holiday show on Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m., along with singers from Albany Pro Musica. Tickets are \$33 and \$35.

The Canadian Brass will play brassy holiday favorites on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets

Tickets are \$39.50 and \$49.50. For information, call 465-4663.

And Proctor's will have The Lettermen singing holiday tunes on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19.50 and \$29.50. For information, call 346-6204.

The area's premier choruses will also be singing this holiday season.

The Mendelssohn Club of Albany will perform its traditional holiday concert, along with soprano

> Deborah Rocco, twice, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., at The Egg at Empire State Plaza, and on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at First **United Methodist** Church in Delmar. Tickets for both shows are \$16. For information, call 395-

And Albany Pro Musica will present two performances of "A Mostly Traditional APM 🔔 Christmas" — on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church in Scotia, and on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m., at St. James Church in Albany. Tickets are \$20, \$18 ior senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for students (under 24). For information, call -438-6548.

The Union College chamber music series also gets into the holiday spirit with the Boston Camerata's A Mediterranean Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Tickets are \$20. For information, call 388-6098.

And finally, Old Songs will present their perennial Nowell Sing We Clear, A Mid-winter Pageant of Carols, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, 142 Maple Ave., Altamont. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for children under 13. For information, call 765-2815.

Nowell Sing We Clear will be presented by Old Songs at St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont on Dec. 11. \$32, \$25 for students. And the perennial favorite Mountain Snow & Mistletoe concert, by folksingers Christopher Shaw, Bridget Ball and friends (this year including guitarist Pat Donohue from "A Prairie Home

are \$17.

The holiday schedules at the Palace Theatre in Albany and Proctor's in Schenectady are somewhat lighter.

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets

Companion"), will be presented on

Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. and

Pat Donahue, guitarist from A Prairie Home Companion," Will perform at the Mountain Snow & The Palace will have the Kenny Rogers Holiday Show on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Music Hall, State and Second streets,

Information, 273-0038.

Dec. 18 at 8 p.m., Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., \$17.

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18, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$25, \$20 for

children under 13. Information, 473-

19, 1 and 4:30 p.m., \$30, \$28 for

seniors, \$20 for children under 13.

Information, 473-1845.

Second streets, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., \$33

and \$35. Information, 273-0038

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#### THE SISTERS OF SWING

Andrews Sisters musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St. Albany, through Dec. 19, \$32 to \$40. Information, 445-7469.

#### THE SECRET GARDEN

New York State Theatre Institute production, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 19, \$20, \$16 for students and seniors, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

#### **RUN FOR YOUR WIFE**

Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Jan. 8, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

#### **GYPSY**

Schenectady Light Opera Company production, 826 State St., through Dec. 12, \$18. Information, 399-9359.

#### THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Schenectady Civic Theatre production, 12 S. Church St., through Dec. 12, \$12. Information, 347-2372.

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#### **ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

playing works by Handel, Lam, Pachelbel, Dun, Chang and Mozart, Canfield Casino, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., \$19 to \$37.50. Information;

#### THE ROCHES

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext.

#### MENDELSSOHN CLUB

holiday concerts, with soprano Deborah Rocco, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Delmar, Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m., \$16. Information, 473-1845 (Egg concert), 439-9976 (church

#### **NOWELL SING WE CLEAR**

Old Songs concert, St. John's Lutheran Church, Maple Avenue, Altamont, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

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Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., \$25 and \$28. Information, 273-0038.

#### **ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Sunday Symphonies for Families program on Tchaikovsky, Palace Theater, North Pearl Street, Albany, Dec. 12, \$15, \$8 for children. Information, 465-4755.

#### **BOSTON CAMERATA**

A Mediterranean Christmas concert, Memorial Chapel of Union College. Schenectady, Dec. 12, 3 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

#### **JUDY COLLINS**

TroySavings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$33 and \$35. Information, 273-0038.

#### THE LETTERMEN

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., \$19.50 and \$29.50. Information, 346-6204,

#### MOUNTAIN SNOW AND MISTLETOE holiday folk songs, Troy Savings Bank

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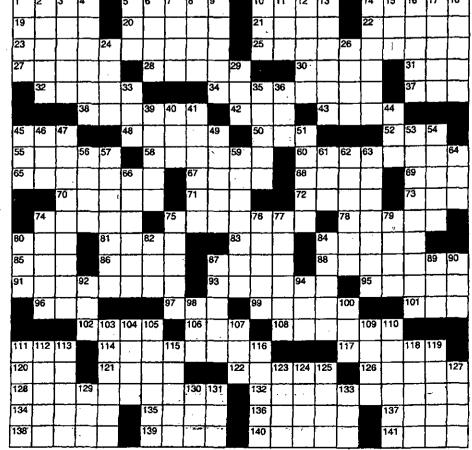
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openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland, Information, 861-8000,

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#### Wed. Dec. 8

#### **BETHLEHEM**

## **DELMAR ROTARY**

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### **MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS** (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

#### SECOND MILERS

Normanside Country Club, noon, Information, 439-2752.

#### **SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

#### **CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND** MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., Information, 374-1792.

#### **TOWN BOARD**

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### **BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS**

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts.,1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

#### BINGO

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

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851

#### **TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

At the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m., no signup

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791

#### TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

#### **PRAYER MEETING**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE** Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Information, 765-2870.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS**

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, AA MEETING

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

### Thurs. Dec. 9

#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### **BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-

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firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

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

#### **BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW**

Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk, Information, 767-2243.

#### **AA MEETINGS**

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

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

### Fri. Dec. 10

#### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

#### **CHABAD CENTER**

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

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### PIONEER CLUBS

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

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

### Sat. Dec. 11 Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly

#### BETHLEHEM

#### **AA MEETING**

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

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BETHLEHEM WORSHIP INFORMATION Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585

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King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955 KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.

Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist

Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-

3265: St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086. Clarksville Community Church, Route

443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32,

Feura Bush, 439-0548 Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133. New Scotland Presbyterian Church,

Route 85, 439-6454 St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

# Mon. Dec. 13

#### BETHLEHEM

### FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bethlehem Senior Services sponsors free program where representative of Legal Aid Society will help with food stamp applications, Appointment required, 10 a.m. to noon, Bethlehem Senior Services office, 445 Delaware Ave., 439-4955 ext.

#### PEACE VIGIL

Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

#### **MOTHERS' TIME OUT**

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### **DELMAR KIWANIS**

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

#### **CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**

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

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information,

#### **DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHES-**

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439-4205.

Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,

#### **ROYAL ARCH MASONS** Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple,

421 Kenwood Ave.

#### AA MEETING

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

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL\*

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

#### Tues. Dec. 14

#### **BETHLEHEM FARMERS MARKET**

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP First United Methodist Church, 428

Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Also Thurs. 2-5:30

p.m. Information, 439-0503. PRAYER MEETING At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-

#### PLANNING BOARD

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

#### BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

#### **ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM** Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### **VOORHEESVILLE PTA**

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

#### Wed. Dec. 15

#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### **DELMAR ROTARY** Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m.

Information, 767-2930.

#### **MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS** (MOPS)

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#### **BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association

meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. **SOLID ROCK CHURCH** 

1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and

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#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

#### BINGO

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58** Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### **BC SCHOOL BOARD**

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

#### 1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233** 

**TESTIMONY MEETING** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,

439-2512.

765-2109.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

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

#### PRAYER MEETING . evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church.

Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390. **NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS** 

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New Salem, call for time. Information,

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

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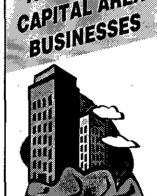
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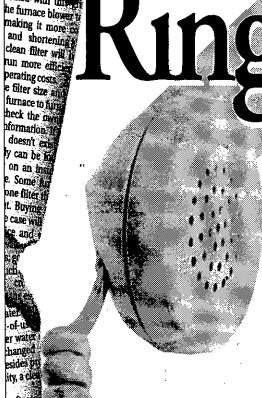
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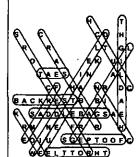
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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION PARTNERSHIP ("LP")
The name of the LP is TM Orchard Park Residential Partners, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on Octo-ber 18, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Sec-retary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York LCD-10636

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

NÓTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ("LP") The name of the LP is TM Orchard Park Residential Partners Acquisition Company, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The purpose of the is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Exten-sion, Albany, New York

LCD-10638 (December 8, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-SHIP ("LP")

The name of the LP is R.P. Associates Acquisition Com-pany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to th the Secretary of shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-10640

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-SHIP ("LP")

The name of the LP is R.P. Associates of Albany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on October 20, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York LCD-10641

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

MRP Brunswick Associates, LLC notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or ac-tivity. 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205 LCD-10643 (December 8, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

MRR Livingston Apartments, LLC notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 18, 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York

LCD-10644 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

MRP R.P. Associates, LLC Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Com-pany (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 18, 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 255 Washinaton Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-The name of the LP is Country Club Manor Associates P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LP is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.LCD-10646

#### (December 8, 2004) **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-The namé of the LP is Livingston Apartments, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LP is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York LCD-10647

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

MRP Country Club Manor Associates, LLC notice of formation of a domestic Lim-ited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 18, 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York LCD-10648 (December 8, 2004)

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION

Notice of formation of limited

liability company (LLC).
Name: Nine Century Realty,
LLC. Articles of Organization
filed with the Secretary of
State of New York (SSNY) on
October 25, 2004. Office location: Albany County SSNY cation: 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: Nine Century Realty, LLC, address c/o James P. Trainor, Esq., Cutler, Trainor & Cutler, LLP, 2 Hemphill Place, Suite 153, Malta, NY 12020. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business of every kind and character for which LLCs may be organized under the New York LLC Law, or any successor statute. LCD-10651 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

FIREHOUSE PROPER-

TIES, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization of
FIREHOUSE PROPERTIES, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("DSNY") on September 22, 2004. Office location: Albany County. DSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. DSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Firehouse Properties, LLC, 11 Rolling Hills Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. 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-

LCD-10665 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is HICKORY MANOR APART-MENTS OF GATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. The pur-pose 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 Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York LCD-10671

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

CMR Financial LLC, was filed with the SSNY on 10/26/ 04. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Michael T. Rodman, 1500 State Street, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92101 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LCD-10673 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED COMPANY

(LLC). The name of the LLC is Derbywood, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on Octo-ber 25, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The of-fice 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 4017B State Street, Schenectady, New York 12304. LCD-10676 (December 8, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE** "Art & Fashion Production LLC" was filed with the SSNY on 10/27/04. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Vanguard Corporate Ser-vices, Ltd., 307 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10680 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of MJM NY LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/6/ 04. Office location about County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 1 Charles Lane, Greenbrook, NJ 08812. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10684 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of WBWJB, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/14/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10685

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the Saratoga Pet Associates, LLC The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on Octo-ber 22, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The of-fice of the LLC is to be located in Saratoga 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 130 Canvass\_Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. LCD-10724 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICA-

TION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION

1. The name of the limited liability company is Whitman Holdings L.L.C.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

2. The date of filing the articles of organization with the Department of State was Nov 2, 2004

3. The county in New York in which the offices of the company is located is Albany

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 Brian Whitman.

5. The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent is Brian Whitman, 505 Elm Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158 upon whom process against the company may be served. 6. The business purpose of the company is to own, operate and manage real property for rental purposes, and all other lawful business or activities whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law and as determined from time to time by its members. LCD-10725

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Habersham Funding, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/26/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in GA 3/2/01, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. LLC addr. in GA: 415 E. Paces Ferry Rd., NE. Terrace Level, Atlanta, GA 30305. Art. of Org. on file: SSGA, 315 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10733 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Bellevue Rentals L.L.C., Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 22 West Meadow Dr., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10734

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of TSG Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/27/04. Office location: Al-bany County, SSNY design nated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 137 Tallmadge Place, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10735 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Raimo Auto Tag & Title LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/7/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 108 Orlando Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10736

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is Troy Realty, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 2, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any law-ful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secre-tary 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 any process against the LLC is 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LCD-10740 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is M&W DONUTS OF NEW YORK, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 8, 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 ad-dress to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.

LCD-10747 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

The name of the LLC is SPINNERS II, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on Octo-ber 1, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be lo-cated 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 668 Western Avenue, Albany, New LCD-10751

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is R & M REALTY HOLDING III, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 1, 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 668 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-10752

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

The name of the LLC is Pai's Tae Kwon Do of Latham, LLC. The Articles of Organi-zation of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 8, 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 pro-cess against the LLC is 728 Louden Road, Latham, New York 12210. LCD-10753 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-SHIP ("LP")

The name of the LP is MM Family Partnership III, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on September 14, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State 1989. which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 255 Washington Avenue Exten-sion, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-10761

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Business Management and Consultant Group, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secre-tary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 14, 2004, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Al-bany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 1 Loudon Heights, Loudonville, New York 12211. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

LCD-10765 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 98 Fourth Street Development Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/18/ 04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 306 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10769 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is Jupiter Park, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 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 Secre-tary 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 1025 Central Avenue (Rear), Albany, New York LCD-10771 (December 8, 2004)

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICA-

FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(C)

1. The name of the limited li ability company is EBC Physical Therapy and Reg-istered Nurse Associates,

2. The date of filing the ar-Department of State was 11/24/04.

3. The county in New York in which the offices of the company is located is Albany

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 Elizabeth

5. The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent is Elizabeth Chauvot, 109 Watertrough Road, Berne, New York 12023 upon whom process against the company may be

6. The business purpose of the company is to conduct all lawful business or activities whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law and as determined from time to time by

its members.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF DR CONSTRUC-TION CONSULTANTS, LLC 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: DR CONSTRUCTION CON-SULTANTS LLC

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 15, 2004. 3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is:

DR Construction Consultants, LLC

6 Wembly Court Albany, NY 12205

5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: DR Construction Consultants, LLC 6 Wembley Court, Albany, NY 12205

6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. LD-10634

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of OP TRADING USA, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 10/21/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 2502 86th St., 3rd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11214 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-10637

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FDK DEVELOPERS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/30/04. 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, 7 Van Tassel Court, Loudonville, For any lawful purpose. LD-10639 New York 12211. Purpose: (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Relational, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/16/04. Office location: Albany County LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/10/04, SSNY designáted as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal office of LLC: 3701 Algonquin Rd., Ste. 600, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10650

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Scharf Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/22/04. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LD-10656 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Hillside Venture, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 17, 2001. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o James D. Kerr, PLLC, 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 520, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. (December 8, 2004)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

The limited liability company of 484 Central Ave Rear, LLC was formed on October 20, 2004 by Dominic M. Minciell and Gregory S. Clayton. The address of the company is 484 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 in the County of Albany, The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company on whom process can be served. LD-10661 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of One Corporate Drive, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/ 12/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Dela-ware (DE) on 9/22/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: c/o TSG Real Estate, LLC, 744 North Wells St., Chicago, IL 60610. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: acquisition, ownership, operation, leasing and disposition of real estate. LD-10663

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of One Corporate Master, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/ 12/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/22/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNÝ shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o TSG Properties, LLC, 744 North Wells St., Chicago, IL 60610. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal , Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: acquisition, ownership, operation, leasing and disposition of real estate. LD-10664

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Cardinal International Leasing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/13/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/28/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SŠNY shall máil process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 301 S. College St., Charlotte, NC 28288. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Pur-pose: any lawful activity. LD-10669 (December 8, 2004) SSNY shall mail process to: (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of OnSight Energy, LLC. Au-thority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/ 18/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/6/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 909 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secv. of State Federal & DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10670 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Richmond North Beilmore Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/2004. 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 Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activities.

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of C & G DENTAL PLLC a NYS prof. limited liability company (P.L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 10/29/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of PLLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall maii copy of process to: The LLC, 24 Fifth Avenue, #615, New York, NY 10011 Purpose: All Lawful purposes.

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Small Smiles Dentistry of Albany, LLC, a professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/28/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP, 800 Fleet Bank Bldg., 12 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry. LD-10690

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: KRUG FARMS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/14/04. 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, 65 Everett Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful pur-LD-10691

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of FANT EXPERT INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/27/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958: Purpose: any lawful activities. (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs of Philadelphia, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/2/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/ 14/00. 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. PA address of LLC: 600 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 300, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Dept of State, Corp. Bureau, 308

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10703 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of KENTFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/ 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958: Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10705 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of REDLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958: Purpose: any lawful activi-LD-10706

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of G.M.S. GENERAL MEC SYSTEMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/04/2004. Ofe location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958: Purpose: any lawful activi-

ties. LD-10707 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Phase Four, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/28/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/21/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, P.C., 488 Madison Ave., 9th Fl., NY, NY 10022, Attn: Mara Canner, Esq. FL address of LLC: 950 N. Collier Blvd., Ste. 427, Marco Island, FL 34145. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, 500 S. Bronough, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activity. activity LD-10711

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of NY-CLEC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/2/04. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-10713

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is KKS Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on October 21, 2004. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. The county within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service of process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail

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a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 12 Shanks Place, Delmar, New York 12054. LD-10714 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** Notice of Qualification of CK

Westdan Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/ 25/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 5/15/03. 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. NJ address of LLC: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of COGETEL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/2/04. Of-fice 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10719 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Gartner LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/28/04 as amended. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services, Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is NORTHERN LIGHTS NURSING AGENCY, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was 10/28/04 The County in which the of-fice of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company LD-10721

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Notice of Formation of Union Fox LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/19/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 419 Elm Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10722

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Dorr Settlement Services of Atlanta, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 12/16/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Av enue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001. The principal office of the LLC: 5555 Glenridge Connector, Ste. 200, Atlanta, GA 30342. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E., Suite 315, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10726

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Cardenas/Morales and Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 11/3/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2434 W. Division, 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60622, IL address of LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Dept. of Business Services, Howlett Bldg., Rm. 351, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10729 (December 8, 2004) ...

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Notice of Qualification of More LLC. Authority filed with Secy of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/04. Fictitious name in NY State: More Lyons. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/14/04. 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. Prin-cipal office of LLC: 7790 Blue Heron Way, W. Palm Beach, FL 33412. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity LD-10730

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Hatch Way L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/04. 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. Purpose: any lawful activi-

LD-10737 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Fishkill II Building Associates, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/04. Office location: Albany County LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 9/3/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-cess to: c/o Corporation Ser-vice Co., 80 State St., Al-bany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LLC: 18 Columbia Toke., 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-10738

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: 1325 BROADWAY REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/09/04. 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, 18 Crestone Road, Albany, New York 12205, Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10741

(December 8, 2004)

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OMS REALTY, LLC The name of the limited liability company is OMS RE-

ALTY, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on October 29. 2004 and became effective on said date.

The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of

the limited liability company

upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against it is OMS REALTY, LLC, c/o Capital District Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, LLC, 11 Century Hill Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. The purpose of the limited liability company is to en-gage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New

Dated: November 18, 2004 NOLAN & HELLER, LLP Attorneys for OMS RÉALTY, LLC 39 North Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 LD-10770

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

(December 8, 2004)

Notice of Formation of Kieselstein Law Firm, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/ 16/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail pro-cess to: Airport Park, 43 Brit-ish American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: practice the profession of law.

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Exigent Technologies, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/ 16/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 1/13/1998, 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. NJ address of LLC: 67 East Park Place, 6th Fl., Morristown, NJ 07960. Arts. of Org. filed with State of NJ, Dept. of Corps., P.O. Box 308, Trenton, NJ 08925. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10774 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of OSEP-NY-717 Fifth Avenue, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/04. Office location Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/3/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lexis Document Services Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: LexisNexis Document Solutions Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Prin-cipal office of LLC: 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10775 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Fypon, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/04. Office location: Albany County NYS fictitious name: Fypon, Ltd. L.P.LP formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 5/19/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PA address of the LP: 3846 Green Valley Rd.,

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Seven Valleys, PA 17360. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with PA Dept. of State, Corps. Bureau, 206 North Office Bldg., P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105 8722. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10776

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Cornerstone Real Estate Advisors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/7/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: 1 Financial Plaza, Suite 1700, Hartford, 06103, Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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(December 8, 2004)

Notice of Qualification of Inergy Transportation, LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/ 14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Dela ware (DE) on 9/26/00. 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, Principal office of LLC: 2 Brush Creek Blvd., Ste. 200, Kansas City, MO 64112. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-10787 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA TION

ASPEN HILLS II. LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: AS-PEN HILLS II, LLC

SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: AL-

THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability com-

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pany upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

ONE EXECUTIVE CENTRE DR., SUITE 102 ALBANY, N.Y. 12203 Robert A. Bosman Filed by: Robert A. Bosman ONE EXECUTIVE CENTRE DR., SUITE 102 ALBANY, N.Y. 12203

LD-10796 (December 8, 2004)

**LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME SHARTKER REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/04. 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, 142 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10801 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Hub Corporate Crossing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/ 24/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Dela-(DE) on 11/19/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: 400 Centre St., Newton, MA 02458. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful LD-10810

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Collins + Scoville Architects, Project No. 03124.00 Bethlehem Central School District Bethlehem High School Additions, Alterations, and Sitework

SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BIDDERS Architect: Collins + Scoville Architects,

40 Beaver Street Albany, NY 12207

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PH: 518-463-8068 FX: 513-463-8069 Project Information: Bethl∋hem Central School Distric:

Bethlenem High School 700 Delaware Avenue Delmar, New York 12054-

Additions, Alterations, and

Sitework The Owner, the School Board of Bethlehem Central School District, will receive separate sealed bids to furnish materials and labor to complete additions, alterations and sitework at Bethlehem High School within the school's district Each bid shall be on a stipulated sum basis for the following contract: CONTRACT

NUMBER AND TYPE Contract No. HS05-Asbestos

Abatement Confract No. HS06-Sitework Contract No. HS08- General Construction

Contract No. HS09- Masonry Contract No. HS10- Structural Steel Contract No. HS11- Roofing Contract No. HS12- Alumi

num Entrances, Storefronts and Windows Contract No. HS13- Sport Equipment

Contract No. HS14- Plumb-Contract No. HS15- Fire Pro-

tection Contract No. HS16- Mechan cal

Contract No. HS17- Electri-

Contract No. HS18- Theater and Stage Equipment Bids shall not include New York State sales and compeneating use taxes on materia's and supplies incorporated into the Work, the Owner being exempt there from. Two copies of sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, January , 2005 at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Flace, Delmar, New York 12054 (phone 518-439 7098). Bids received after this time will not be accepted and returned to Bidder unopened. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud after specified receipt time. All interested parties are invited to

Bidging Document drawings and specifications may be examined on and after Nover.ber 29, 2004, free of charge at the following loca-

Bethlehem Central School

65 Elm Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 Cclins + Scoville Architects,

40 Beaver Street Albany, New York 12207

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Sano-Rubin Construction 624 Delaware Avenue Albany, NY 12209 Eastern Contractor's Association \_6 Airline Drive

Albany, New York 12205 F.W. Dodge Reports 6315 Fly Road East Syracuse, New York F.W. Codge Reports 4 Airline Drive Albany, New York 12205 Northern New York Builder's Exchange 22074 Fabco Road

Watertown, New York 13601 Syracuse Builders Exchange 6563 Ridings Road Syracuse, New York 13206 Works In Progress 20 Farrell Street

South Burlington, Vermont 05403 Champlain Valley Builders

Exchange 5436 Peru Street Suite 2 P.O. Box 1097 Plattsourgh, New York 12901 Reed Construction Data 855 Central Avenue Albarry, New York 12206

Complete sets of Bidding

Document drawings and spec fications may be obtained from: W.L. Coughtry's Inc. 268 Central Avenue

Albany, New York 12206 (518)463-2192 Prime bidders may obtain up

to two complete sets of Bidding Document drawings specifications for a refundable deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each set of documents. Sub-contractors and suppliers may purchase full or partial sets of Bidding Documents at costs established by the printer. Only prime contractors who submit a bid will receive a refund of their de-

In addition, Bidding Documen: drawings and specifications will be available on-line at iSqFt. For further information contact David Witzel at Sano-Rubin Construction Co., Inc (518)462-6471.

Each Bidder must deposit a Bid Security in the amount and form per the conditions provided in Instructions To Bidders, All Bids will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid Opening. Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return Bid Security prior to that date.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at Bethlehem High School. Unless directed otherwise, immediately upon entering the building, report to receptionist. Use this page to verify identification as a Bidder, At-

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tendance at this meeting is recommended as the Owner, Architect and consultants will be present to discuss the Project. Attendees should anticipate 30 minutes Q & A session. The Architect willtransmit to all listed Bidders record of Addenda in response to questions arising at the Conference.

Bids shall not include New York State sales and compensating use taxes on ma-terials and supplies incorporated into the Work, the Owner being exempt there-from. The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule and

conditions of employment. The School Board of Bethlehem Cerfral School District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bids received, or to reject all Bids without explanation.

By Order Of: Bethlehem Central School District

LD-10812 (December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Ironborn Finsery LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/ 15/2004. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, c/ o NKA BlumbergExcelsion Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpos∋: any lawful activities.

LD-10813

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of International Restaurants Concept & Food LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/ 2004. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to. The Company, c/o NKA BlumbergExcelsion Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful LD-10814

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of GEXA ENERGY L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/04 Office location: Albany

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County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail prccess to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any and all lawful purposes.

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206 of

the New York Limited Liability Company Law The name of the Limit∈d Liability Company is Yanico,

The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November

3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process agair st it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the

Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liabitive company served upon him or

Yanico, LLC 213 Shirlwood Street Schenectady, New York 12306

5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New LD-10817

(December 8, 2004)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: KCM ABSTRACTORS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2104. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been des ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1406 Route 9, Clifton Park, New York 12065, Purpose: For any lawful pur-LD-10822

(December 8, 2004)

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LD-10823 (December 8, 2004)

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(December 8, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of GNC FRANCHISING, LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/ 04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/1/04. 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. PA address of LLC: 300 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Arts. of Org. filed with Dept. of State, Corp. Bureau, 206 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: franchisor of retail vitamin LD-10827 (December 8, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Con-Way Truckload Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/29/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC:c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Fld., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept. Loockerman & Federal Sts. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any tawful activities. LD-10828 (December 8, 2004)



# Firehouse

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said during his turn at the leafleting to postpone the vote. microphone. "If this were Fire district officials have said anything but a firehouse, there that a postponement would send would have been public the district back to square one, involvement. We've sidestepped a since other parties are interested process because it wasn't in Verstandig's, and the district's required.'

Cunningham called for the bond vote, scheduled for Dec. 14,

for residents' contact information if they were interested in option to buy the property expires at the end of this month.

Many of the concerns voiced

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to be postponed. A list was at the first meeting were repeated circulated at the meeting asking at Wednesday's gathering — the process was too hurried and too secret, and the proposed new facility is too big and expensive. The difference between the two meetings was the number of people at the second meeting who spoke in favor of the project. That group was virtually unheard from at the first public meeting. Ron Pastione, who recently

moved to Delmar, said the quality of Delmar's emergency services played a role when he was considering where to live.

"We've all seen an impressive presentation that has proven they need a new facility," he said. "I don't know how they've operated with this building. I'm willing to pay \$70 more a year."

Thomas Cotrofeld was concerned with the way the fire district came up with the plan. As a planning board member, Cotrofeld said: "I take umbrage with some of the statements that have been made. It's hard for me not to get emotional about some of the remarks that regulations don't

apply to the fire district. But if they want to be a good neighbor, they would want to comply.'

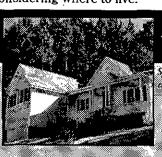
Bob Mitchell, of Mitchell-Ross Associates, a Voorheesville architecture firm that's designed Planning -board member - firehouses and other public safety buildings across the country, explained that the bond vote allows the district to just purchase the property. Mitchell said the fire district thought it was important to come to the public with some sort of plan, and devising that plan took until November, after feasibility studies conducted.

> The project calls for a 14,900square-foot building with eight garage bays, situated on the property perpendicular to Delaware Avenue. The location is central in the district, both in terms of where most of the fire calls are and where most volunteers are responding. Original plans called for a back entrance with a motorized gates that about 10 members may have used. After hearing concerns from Marlboro Road and Adams, Place residents, commissioners agreed instead to put a 6-foot-high berm there.

One resident, Chris Deyss, spoke about why she supports the project. "These volunteers spend so much of their time caring for your and my and our safety. They're out during the middle of the night, out during meals and holidays, whenever," Deyss said.

At least one resident said he will vote no on Dec. 14. Johne Fuhrman said he thinks the proposed facility is too large for the site and represents the wrong direction for development on Delaware Avenue. "We haven't had enough time to talk this through. I feel strongly we should continue this dialogue, and we shouldn't be held hostage by Mr. Verstandig," Fuhrman said. "It'salmost like you looked at the five acres and wondered, 'How can we

Verstandig, who has not attended the public meetings, said he would not comment until after the vote.



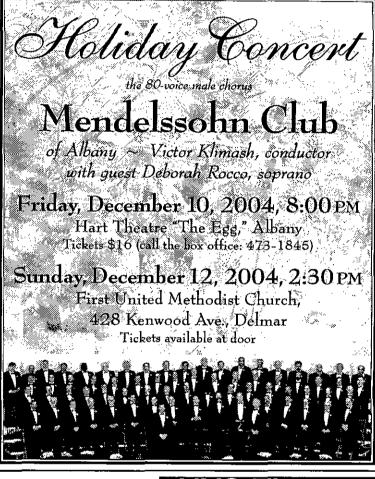
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