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Media mistakes blur Porco case

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Misinformation surrounding the investigation into the murder of 52-year-old Peter Porco and the attack on his wife, 54-year-old Joan Porco, continues to permeate the media, according to town and law enforcement officials.

Joan Porco's condition has improved enough for her to move out of the intensive care unit at an Albany hospital, where she has been since Nov. 15, to Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady, according to Supervisor Theresa Egan. It is not clear whether there is a police presence at Sunnyview; there was a consistent police presence for the duration of Joan Porco's stay in the Albany hospital's ICU.

Egan said Joan Porco is conscious.

"There's some movement. She's moving around; I wouldn't say she's walking. She's traversing upright," Egan said.

The Porcos were discovered in their 36 Brockley Drive home a month ago, after Peter Porco failed to arrive at work at the state Appellate Court, where he served as Judge Anthony Cardona's law clerk. A court officer discovered Joan Porco upstairs from her deceased husband, with trauma to her body and head. She was alert before she was taken by ambulance to the hospital, according to police, though it is unclear what, if anything, she said.

For the second week in a row, the Albany County District Attorney's office

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Town planners look at traffic on Route 9W

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

If development continues on Route 9W, the town will need to accommodate the traffic that comes with it.

Though some residents might feel differently, the planning board heard at its last meeting that Route 9W can already accommodate Phase II of Bethlehem Town Center. Plans currently call for a strip mall north of Wal-Mart that includes Staples and Panera Bread.

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Child's play

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Sebastian Kafouris, Brendan Jeffers and Jeffrey Jones enjoy making holiday crafts at Indian Ladder Farms Saturday.

Jim Franco

V'ville school practices emergency drill

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

It began like any school day at Voorheesville's high school. Classes were in progress, students were studying in the library, and workers in the cafeteria were preparing lunch when suddenly, a seemingly routine announcement came over the public address system. The message, however, was no ordinary one, and teachers and staff knew it meant trouble. Upon hearing a coded alert given by Principal Mark Diefendorf, they went into action, pulling students into the nearest classrooms, locking the doors and closing the blinds. Fortunately, it was only a drill.

On Dec. 8, the Clayton A. Bouton High School, in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff's patrol, fire departments from Voorheesville and New Salem as well as the Voorheesville Rescue Squad, staged an emergency response exercise to test the school's readiness should an armed intruder ever threaten the safety of the school community.

"In the event of an emergency where an intruder or even a pupil or employee threatens the safety of our school, we must make sure our teachers, staff and students know what to do to protect themselves," Diefendorf said. "We can never anticipate every crisis that we may face. All we can do is prepare for the worst. That's why we do this."

Planning for the drill began in October, Diefendorf said. A similar exercise on a smaller scale took place three years ago. This one, however, was the first to encompass outside agencies.

Participants included select students and faculty picked by the administration to pose as hostages. Others in the school knew there would be a drill sometime during the week but were otherwise in the dark. In addition, a small number of staff and media representatives wearing orange vests were classified invisible, not part of the exercise and free to move about the building.

The drill began at 9:30 a.m. when a sheriff's deputy posing as an armed intruder entered the building and proceeded to the library.

"In a real emergency," Diefendorf said, "this could be a student, an angry parent, a terrorist or any other person hostile to the school."



Albany County sheriff's personnel Sgt. Marcos Swart, left, Deputy Gennaro Appell and Deputy Eric Burns go through their paces in an emergency practice drill at Voorheesville's high school.

Martin Bannan

Upon reaching the library, the intruder took four students and three

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Town police make felony, 5 DWI arrests

Bethlehem police made five driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests this week and a felony arrest this week.

In the area of Creble Road on Dec. 4, police stopped Sean P. Dwyer Jr., 22, of 148 Old Ravena Road in Selkirk, for speeding, around 2:36 a.m. The officer detected an odor of alcohol on his breath.

When asked, Dwyer responded he had had a couple of drinks earlier in the night at a friend's house in Feura Bush. According to police, after Dwyer had exited his vehicle and was waiting for further instructions, he lost his balance and corrected himself.

Dwyer failed all three field sobriety tests administered by police. The breathalyzer test showed him to be positive for alcohol, according to police.

Dwyer was placed in custody and processed for DWI. He submitted to a chemical test, which confirmed he was positive for alcohol, police said. Dwyer is scheduled to appear in Town

Court on Dec. 21.

Yvonne M. Peetz, 26, of 713 Griswald Heights in Troy, was arrested on Dec. 8 for grand larceny.

The victim reported a wedding ring, band and a gold ring stolen from her residence. Peetz was allegedly a guest of the cleaning lady, who had been employed by the victim for some time. Peetz was interviewed by State Police in Clinton Park and admitted to taking a ring from the residence, police said.

She was arrested and arraigned in Town Court and sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. Peetz is scheduled to appear in Town Court Jan. 4.

Also on Dec. 8, police said they stopped Michelle D. Jewett, 23, of 263 Pawling Ave. in Troy, for passing a car in a designated no passing zone on Feura Bush Road.

Police detected a strong odor of alcohol on Jewett and noted that she had glassy, red eyes.

Jewett originally said she

hadn't been drinking but then said she had a glass of wine with dinner.

Jewett failed field sobriety tests administered by police and the breathalyzer showed her to be positive for alcohol. She was taken into custody and processed for DWI, police said.

She is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Dec. 21.

Also on Dec. 8, around 11:25 p.m., police saw a car speeding on Wemple Road. When the car, driven by Patricia K. Lauder, 26, of 113 Beacon Road in Glenmont, was pulled over, police said they detected alcohol on Lauder's breath. She also had glassy, bloodshot eyes, according to police.

Police said Lauder failed field sobriety tests and the breathalyzer showed her to be positive for alcohol. She was placed in custody and processed for DWI. Lauder is due to appear in court on Dec. 21.

On Dec. 9, around 4:21 a.m., police said they observed 18-year-old Michael E. Heelan Jr. of 39 Bridle Path in Colonie, speeding and crossing the double yellow line on Route 9W in the area of the Albany City line. Police said they detected Heelan's speed to be 71 mph in a 45 mph zone.

After police detected an odor of alcohol on Heelan's breath, field sobriety tests were administered, all of which Heelan failed, according to police.

A breathalyzer also showed Heelan to be positive for alcohol, police said. After police placed Heelan in custody for DWI, they found a partially full can of beer in his car. He consented to a chemical test, which confirmed he was positive for alcohol, police said.

Heeler is due in court on Dec. 21.

On Dec. 10, around 2 a.m., Bethlehem police received a call from the Guilderland Police Department about a vehicle off the road in the area of the Slingerlands bypass. When Bethlehem Police arrived, they detected an odor of alcohol on the breath of Stephen D. Gleason, 40, of 2 Fuller Terrace in Albany.

According to police, he struggled a number of times with one field sobriety test before failing it and then failed others that were administered. A breathalyzer test determined he was above the legal limit for alcohol, police said.

A chemical test later confirmed those results, police said.

Gleason is scheduled to appear in Town Court Jan. 4.

Church to host Christmas Day dinner

First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will host the 17th annual Community Christmas Dinner for town residents and community church members from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day in the church hall.

A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 2 p.m. This festive occasion is made possible through the help, coordination and donations of town churches, individuals and the Bethlehem Senior Services Department.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation will provide transportation for town residents age 60 and older by appointment only.

Dinner reservations are preferred; however, if you find your plans have changed on Christmas Day, please plan to join us for dinner.

There is no charge for the dinner, but a good will offering will be accepted.

Those who wish to make a monetary donation for the occasion can do so by calling Art Copeland, Christmas Day-committee chairman, at 439-4050 or Joyce Becker at Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 169 or at the church on Christmas Day.

Voorheesville Library staff recommends gift books

Greg Bobish, reference librarian, recommends the following books for holiday giving:

Broken Music by Sting, \$26. A touching, informative and often funny memoir about Sting's childhood as a milkman's son in England. Fans of Sting, the Police, or popular music in general will get a unique perspective on how

musicians develop and become successful.

The Fine Art of Cabinet-making by James Krenov, \$17.95. Classic work that delves into the deeper meaning of craftsmanship. A slow-paced book, more about how you approach making things than how you make them. Great for reading over the holidays and dreaming of future projects.

The Gourmet Cookbook edited by Ruth Reichl, \$40. A collection of over 1,200 tested recipes taken from 60 years of *Gourmet Magazine*. Includes everything from the quick and simple to the super-extravagant holiday meal. There's something here for everyone's taste.

Haroun and the Sea of Stories by Salman Rushdie, \$14. Young Haroun travels from a nameless city to the moon (and back) to restore his father's legendary storytelling ability. Children will love the adventure story and colorful characters. Adults will love the wordplay and wide-ranging allusions.

In Praise Of Slowness by Carl Honore, \$24.95. A book for a hectic season, this non-fiction work introduces a variety of people who are trying to slow down and really savor their lives.

Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference by Malcolm Gladwell, \$14.95. How small things start big things.

Correction

The telephone number of Objects of Affection located on Delaware Avenue in Delmar was incorrectly listed in a recent issue. The number is 456-4161.

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Quilter creates unique fabric art

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Before she was a quilter, when she was just a little girl with swatches of fabric and an imagination, Susan Rivers had the best-dressed Barbie dolls in New York City. At the least, they were the most original.

Rivers recalled the first-ever Poncho Barbie and other Barbie dolls that wore wrap-around dresses she made from leftover material her grandfather brought her from his job making shirts in a textile factory.

Babies, relatives and sometimes strangers have now replaced Rivers' Poncho Barbie and are outfitted with original quilts and security blankets with personal details and pictures.

Rivers quilts most mornings in an upstairs room in her home situated on acres of land off Starr Road just over the Bethlehem-Coeymans town line. It's the first time she's lived in a woodsy environment, having grown up in the city and spent 15 years in Boston. She's up before the break of dawn most days, to tap into the creativity her surroundings inspire, before she heads to her job at the state Department of Transportation.

"It's so hard not to be inspired," Rivers said, peering out the window that overlooks winter's barren woods.

Her relationship with fabric has evolved considerably from the days when she pinned swatches of fabric around Barbie's disproportionate body; Rivers allows technology to play a part in her quilting life.

She incorporates innovative quilting techniques and biographical details to personalize quilts. Perhaps her most innovative idea resulted in "The 46er," a quilt she first made for a friend when he finished hiking all 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains.

Rivers downloaded the topographic maps of the peaks onto her computer. Then, after treating the fabric with a solution so it can absorb ink, she can print from her ink jet printer the topographic maps of each peak onto the treated fabric. For her friend, she quilted the swatches of fabric into a pattern of the order he hiked them in. A square at the bottom says, "Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt."

From an embroidery machine, which she uses to make designs on quilts; to hand-dyed fabric, which results from a tedious process of soaking, rinsing and more rinsing that she joked she does only when her husband, Bob, isn't home; to photo-

sensitive fabric, on which she places a leaf or shape on the fabric and leaves it out in the sun to get an imprint, those with a quilt, wall hanging, pillow or scarf from Rivers can be sure it's nearly one-of-a-kind.

She devotes most of what spare time she does have to a quilting business called Greentree Quilts, named in honor of her grandfather, whose last name in German means "green tree." Rivers shops for fabrics, attends quilting classes and community group meetings — including Quilters United in Learning Together — and a summer camp for quilters, in the Adirondacks at Paul Smith's College in Saranac Lake.

When her friend, Tom Kligerman, had finished his 46 peaks, Rivers scrambled to do something special for him.

"I thought, 'What an accomplishment. What can I do for him?'" Rivers said. "It's an idea I just had. I like maps, and I just started thinking about how I could get it onto fabric."

Rivers said about one time out of 10, the fabric will jam, which can be frustrating. But other than that, Rivers said the method is fairly cost-effective.

Not that it might matter if it weren't, since much of the work Rivers puts into her quilts is for something other than money. For some quilts, she jokingly estimated, she gets paid 10 cents an hour, so profit doesn't seem to be Rivers' biggest concern.

"There's no way to get back what I put into it," Rivers said. "I started selling to support my habit. But I give away as much as I sell. Everyone I know has a baby quilt."

Rivers also participates in raffle giveaways and donates to charities.

Rivers' best friend's youngest

child has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer commonly found in children.

When Ryan Reardon was diagnosed, Rivers, again, found herself searching for something to do for him.

"He's an angel," Rivers said.

That's when the comfort quilt was fashioned.

For Ryan, she called it the Fairy Tale Quilt and it told the story of "One in a Million Prints."

"It's got a lot of good distractions and comfort for him," Rivers said of the quilt, which includes a picture of his family and his favorite cartoon, movie and television characters. "It's something familiar."

The quilts are also machine washable, Rivers said, noting Ryan's tendency to "drag it around with him."

This is the busy time of year for Rivers, who often works by inspiration, which often goes hand-in-hand with pressure under fast-approaching deadlines.

"Sometimes, the fabric just speaks to me. Some quilts just go right through me," Rivers said. "There are others that take forever to finish."

Through Jan. 5, Rivers' work will be on display in the North Country. In Glens Falls, a Greentree Quilt display will be at the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council Fair at 7 Lapham Place. That display will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2 for the holidays. Rivers has also set up a display at the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) in Lake George until Jan. 1.

The ADK is on Route 9N in Lake Luzerne, Exit 21 off the Northway. That exhibit is open to the public and free of charge. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Every piece on display is also for sale, Rivers said.

High schoolers to weigh in on planning process

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Some of the familiar faces at the Bethlehem focus group meetings addressing the town's comprehensive plan have laugh lines, distinguished features and heads of gray hair. Some of the attendees at the next comprehensive plan meeting could conceivably have braces, acne and baggy pants.

In conjunction with the town, the Delmar Rotary Club is sponsoring a meeting for high school students where they can address important issues for development.

The session will be held at the town hall auditorium on Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon. College students returning from their fall semesters at college are welcome to come, but the Rotary Club's President Ginger Landy asks they call ahead so the group can accommodate extra students. Landy expects about 60 students, from both the Bethlehem Central and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High Schools.

"We have a desire to partner

with the town and partner with the youth to get a sense of what the growth needs are," Landy said. "We wanted to have something that focused more on the youth and what they see as future needs while at the same time meeting the needs of the town."

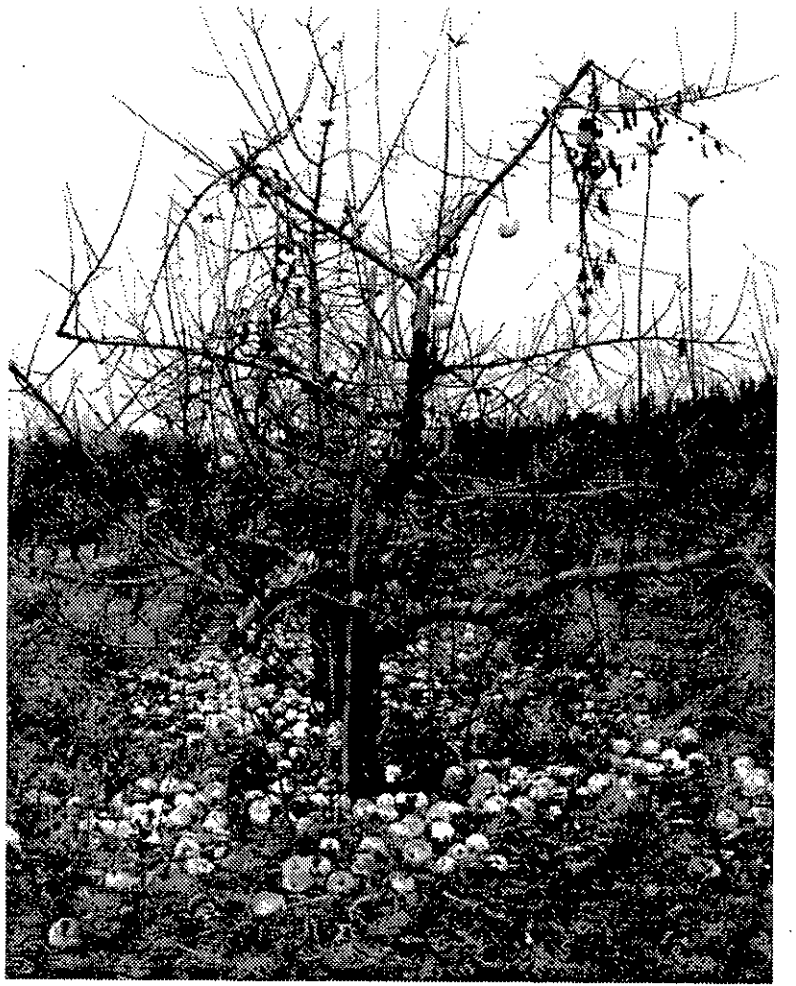
The group of 60 or so will be evenly split among each school district and then each school's representation should be a cross section of that school's population, Landy said. Jessica Scheckton, communications specialist for the BC School District, said the high school has chosen to send a social studies class studying United States history and government.

The Rotary Club met with Supervisor Theresa Egan several months ago, said Rotary Club member George Stafford, to understand the process so they could involve the youth in that planning process.

"The whole planning process is not so much for us, per se, as it is for the shaping of the town for these kids," Stafford said.

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Long winter's nap



An apple tree at Indian Ladder Farms shows that fall is gone and winter is here.

N.S. law limits cell towers

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

As expansion and development loom on the horizon, the New Scotland town board has passed a new cell tower law to improve cellular communications without damaging the town's rural character.

The new law requires applicants to provide visual concept plans and a comprehensive report before the planning board as well as meet all county, state and federal guidelines. Towers will be limited to sites in areas zoned residential/forest and cannot exceed 45 feet.

Preference will be given to proposals locating transmitters on existing towers or other structures without increasing their height.

As for new towers, the law states that they shall be stealth structures posing no eyesore to the public. Towers can be disguised as trees but must blend in with surrounding vegetation. In addition, future towers must be a minimum of 500 feet from residences.

During a hearing on Nov. 3, consultant Peter Barber, a lawyer and former president of the Gunderland zoning board with experience in telecommunication law, reviewed the current draft of the proposal.

The final draft includes his recommended changes clarifying responsibilities between the town board, planning board and building inspector.

With the new law in place, the board is now reviewing a list of consultants to assist the town with legal and technical expertise.

"These consultants were highly recommended to me by Peter Barber

and from local officials in other communities to provide expert help to the town on matters

pertaining to the law," said Town Supervisor Ed Clark. He added that changes to the list can be amended at any time.

In other business, the town board adopted a new fee schedule to cover the increased costs of providing services. The new schedule includes modest increases for fees pertaining to construction and land use permit applications as well for variances, site plans and engineering review.

Prior to passage, Clark voiced concern about the town's ability to review fees on a regular basis to keep up with costs.

The town's attorney, Michael Mackey, advised Clark that the fee schedule can be reviewed and changed at any time. The last time fees were increased was in 1993.

Finally, the board passed a resolution allowing the town to collect approximately \$70,000 in escrow from First Assembly of God Church in Albany to pay contractors to extend a water line from Bethlehem to a site on Krumkill Road where the congregation plans to build a new church.

The plan calls for the new district to connect with Bethlehem and serve five parcels of property to include the church and classrooms on the site just inside New Scotland's town boundary.

The future complex calls for municipal water to facilitate sprinkler systems, which are required in classrooms. In October, Sam Rossi, a spokesman and board member with the church, told the board that Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner George Leveille favored supplying water to the new district through Bethlehem's water lines.

The plan is still awaiting approval from the state health and environmental conservation departments.

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Riches beyond measure matter little when you're 12

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Christmas lists seem to counter the spirit of Christmas. We lecture our kids all the time about Christmas being a time to give, not receive, and then we turn around and ask them to make up a list of what they'd like for Christmas. This probably just confirms their most basic hunch that the world is all about them.

The holiday didn't always involve Christmas lists. When the boys were really little, they didn't have specific wishes, and we delighted in our tiny children's utter joy on Christmas morning at gifts not wished for, not imagined, but just exactly perfect.

It would be easy to blame TV advertising for teaching them about things that they never knew they wanted but now can't imagine living without. The blame

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goes to more than television, and since we are unwilling to live a hermit's lifestyle, it's up to us to temper our children's avarice.

We are lucky to be able to provide nice Christmases for our children, and so use the Christmas lists to teach them about "enough" — and to find out what, in these adolescent years, might spark the same kind of joy that a pair of new red mittens once gave 18-month-old Cormac. Working from a list adds to my joy of giving, for when I finally emerge from early December's denial and

join the holiday shopping fray, I'm frustrated only by the lines and crowds and not by being clueless about my children's wishes.

The kids' lists are amusing in themselves, for they totally match the way they are. Christopher's list, written in the small, chicken-scratch handwriting that makes me wish that elementary school's still taught handwriting with the Palmer Method, has about eight items, most of them books, and a hand-held video game system. His short list reminds me of the backpack he brings on family vacations, when any toys or games the kids want to bring, they must pack and carry themselves. Christopher usually emerges with a light load that he can easily hoist onto his back.

On the other hand, before any trip, Cormac will emerge from the playroom, dragging a bulging backpack too heavy to lift and asking Christopher if he can use the extra space in his backpack for more of his stuff.

His Christmas list made me think about him trying to haul his heavy load of treasures he couldn't bear to part with for even a vacation. The list is sketched out schematically, with category headings and lines leading to the appropriate items. It looks like a sports tournament chart — if he gets a bye on the Nintendo DS, we'll match him right up with the Star Wars Trilogy DVD set.

One year, "Santa" was unable to buy all the things on Cormac's list, since "he" believed that the items were listed in order of preference. That Christmas, we talked a lot about gratitude, Santa needing to provide for everybody, and learning to treasure what you have now instead of always wishing for more.

I miss Santa in many ways, and especially when I asked Cormac to "rank" the items on this year's wish list.

"But I've gotten that many packages before," said the boy who can tell you which Christ-

mases in his life were white and which were green or brown. "Are we poor now? Or do I have to have less because I'm older and tougher?"

I wanted to borrow a line from the now-defunct "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip, when Calvin tells his father that he and his mother have bought the Christmas tree. The dad suggests to a horrified Calvin that they leave the tree in the garage, and if Calvin gets a present, he can go out and look at it.

will be leaving for college. We hold onto the hope that we will be able to retire someday, and while we don't want to give each child an orange and a simple wooden toy for Christmas, we should be able to walk through the living room after the presents have been put under the tree.

So, no, I tell him, we're not poor, and remind him again that Christmas is about more than the presents he'll receive that day.

And no, we're not reducing the number of gifts because you're old and tough now, although, if you wanted to do the chores of an older child, or toughen up and do homework without being asked, that would be great.

I was 12 once, though, and know that it is totally magic to receive so much new stuff

Peace on earth, I tell them, wishing it more fervently than ever this year. A tchotchke from the Dollar Tree, maybe. Maybe enough snow to cover the ground but not so much that it causes travel trouble. Time together, all four of us, with the extended family we're blessed to have close to us.

Precedence is a terrible thing, and as lower-priced children's items get replaced by high-tech electronic gadgetry, the quantity of gifts diminishes.

Our 12-year-old's desire to receive the same number of gifts in spite of rising costs is coinciding with a number of economic factors in his middle-aged parents' lives.


Consumerism is way out of whack in our country, and, despite what our children think, could use a little reduction in our home. The charming 80-year-old house that has been ours for eight years is laying claim to our funds, and in years that we can now count on one hand, our older son

one day a year.

I take heart at signs that our Christmas lectures get through. The boys have already bought the presents they'll give, and they ask what Dad and I would like for Christmas.

Peace on earth, I tell them, wishing it more fervently than ever this year. A tchotchke from the Dollar Tree, maybe. Maybe enough snow to cover the ground but not so much that it causes travel trouble. Time together, all four of us, with the extended family we're blessed to have close to us.

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Festival Fund seeks donations

By KAREN HARMON

The Bethlehem Festival Fund, formerly known as the White Christmas Festival, is beginning its annual holiday appeal for cash and food donations to assist Bethlehem town residents who are struggling to meet their bills.

The holiday season is the busiest time of the year for the Fund, and president Greg Jackson has set a goal of \$15,000 for the holiday appeal to meet the anticipated needs of the community.

State and federal employees can also designate the Bethlehem Festival Fund when they contribute to the State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA 50-303) and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC 9576) this fall.

The Festival Fund, which began in 1942, promotes the concept of "neighbors helping neighbors" by filling a temporary need not otherwise met by traditional assistance programs.

It provides a discreet way for Bethlehem residents to share some of their good fortune with neighbors who are experiencing difficult times, particularly during the holiday season.

The Festival Fund plans to deliver about 80 turkeys and food baskets to area residents again during the holidays and depends on the involvement of the entire community.

Bethlehem Central School District students participate in the fund's annual food drive by bringing canned goods and other supplies from home to deposit in school building boxes. School nurses and social workers donate their time to sort the donations and coordinate delivery in time for the holidays.

The fund makes a difference in the lives of many Bethlehem children, families and senior citizens, and has assisted nearly 150 community members this year.

School personnel and the Town's Senior Services Department identify individuals and families who could use assistance and refer them to the fund.

Assistance varies by individual need, and covers items such as eyeglasses and hearing aids, utility bills, tutoring services for children and fees for school-related activities so that no child will be left out of school activities.

Jackson is proud of the Bethlehem community's concern for neighbors and the Festival Fund's ability to respond to needs quickly and discreetly with minimal overhead.

Nearly every dollar donated is turned back directly into the community.

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campaigns, and so impressed by the generosity of the Bethlehem community. I am happy that we have been able to help so many people this year, and with continued support we will be able to help more town residents," Jackson said.

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Recipients are very appreciative of the assistance that they receive from their Bethlehem neighbors through the Festival Fund. One family sent a thank you letter, saying, "The family was truly grateful for the

Festival Fund's help with the Niagara Mohawk bill."

An individual recently wrote "Thank you so much for the gifts and food this past year. I can't tell you how grateful I am!"

To encourage community service efforts and help make college more affordable for local students, the Festival Fund created and awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship in 2003 to a graduating Bethlehem Central High School student who demonstrated outstanding community service.

Two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to Bethlehem seniors this year.

The Festival Fund is a nonprofit organization operated by volunteers.

Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to the Bethlehem Festival Fund, P.O. Box 341, Delmar 12054.

To learn more about the Festival Fund or to make food donations for the holiday season, contact Jackson at 439-7828. He can also be e-mailed to BethFestFund@aol.com.

Legion to host breakfast buffet

The Voorheesville American Legion will host an All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the legion hall.

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Matters of Opinion

Good public policy

In the majority of towns, if not all, in the Spotlight Newspapers coverage area, most town business is conducted in a legally mandated way. There is ample opportunity for public input and ample time to fine tune proposals on issues that will affect residents and taxpayers in the towns.

In Malta recently, townspeople nixed a horse farm proposal, but this was after hearings where residents both for and against had a chance to air their point of view about the proposal.

But in Delmar recently another proposal was aired for the first time in November, just weeks before the scheduled vote on a \$5 million proposal for a new Delmar fire station. Critics of the plan cited poor timing, a high price tag and too little time as objections. All supported the firefighters and respected their concerns about the need to grow.

Fire companies aren't mandated to conduct business in a given time period, but some folks were taken aback. Although the point is moot, since the vote was Tuesday, the day this paper goes to the printer, the perceived lack of openness irked some people to the point where they stood on town roads and went door-to-door encouraging people to vote no on the day before the vote.

Our point is that town groups soliciting funds for any project should be accountable to the people they serve, first and foremost.

People will usually readily accept a reasonable proposal when they believe they have been part of the planning process.

When people feel excluded, they tend to react negatively, regardless of the merits of any given proposal.

Share the wealth

Don't forget to give some of the smaller businesses in your town some of your gift-giving largesse in the ongoing Christmas shopping frenzy.

Many smaller establishments offer unique gifts that aren't available at big-box stores. The atmosphere is also less hectic, and store owners and clerks are willing to give shoppers personal assistance.

Small businesses really appreciate patrons who sometimes forego the mall madness during the holidays. It's one way of thanking independent entrepreneurs for quality service all year long.

Editorials

Video games, caution and the Fear

By DAMIAN PAGANO

The writer is a reporter for Spotlight Newspapers. He also plays too many video games.

You've wasted every moment of your Saturdays and your Sundays — *Guster, from the album "Lost and Gone Forever."*

Schenectady — 29 November. 12:30 a.m. Monday morning

Video games are a stupid waste of time. It is half past the witching hour and I should have written that sentence a week ago. I would have, but I have been wasting my time with video games. And now they have, to borrow a phrase from Doctor Hunter S. Thompson, given me the Fear — the sinking realization that everything is going horribly wrong. I have been dazed, confused, and shut in. I've spent the past week with glazed eyes, a slacked jaw and an incessant twitch in my right hand. I have not slept well. I have not accomplished anything.

But I am on my way to recovery. I found an antidote in the Doctor's latest correspondence. He is a wise man and his Medicine is powerful indeed. The Fear has abated, but it could return at any time. I must remember the good Doctor's words, "Truth is beauty — beauty is truth. Keep moving. *Selah.*"

The truth is I am a video game hound. I've been playing since before I was in double digits. My first game came in a gray box labeled "Pong." It was a simple game of virtual table tennis. My friend Bear connected Pong with the television, turned on the power and changed our lives.

Bear and I stared at the screen. The living room was quiet save for intermittent "blips" from Pong. The blips came when the virtual "ball" struck one of our virtual paddles and bounced toward the other side of the screen. Our pupils dilated. Our jaws dropped and we zoned. Bear and I volleyed for 10 minutes and then got crafty with bank shots.

One year later, we got the Atari 2600. That spawn of America's high-tech military research and development effort was the first

Point of View

widely distributed, popular home video game system. Bear and I took to it like lion cubs at a fresh kill. The Atari let us play us play Combat. It introduced us to Space Invaders, Pac-Man and a girlfriend-stealing Ape named Donkey Kong. Bear and I tuned in. My Little League batting average dropped precipitously. Bear dropped out altogether.

As time passed, video games got better and more complex. The history of video games is too long and complicated to be regurgitated here, but suffice it to say that in the past quarter century, they have changed a great deal and now have a firm grip on Americans' time and disposable income. U.S. video game sales topped \$7 billion last year, for the first time ever, and the industry continues to outpace traditional entertainment media like movies and music in popularity and profit, according to the Entertainment Software Association, a game industry trade group.

The past 25 years of game evolution has been a heavy time, and Bear and I have experienced it every step of the way. Though we have overcome almost every obstacle the games gave us, many challenges of the world outside our living rooms went largely unmet. That is why I have the Fear.

Schenectady — 30 November. 12:05 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The Fear is still at bay. I am wary of it and do not want to let it strike again. I have not played a video game in 24 hours. I want to make it 48. It will not be easy. The temptation is tough to fight. My friend lent me a game titled Max Payne. If I played Max Payne, I could escape the beige ennui in my bachelor pad and participate in a violent Film Noir. I could be a rogue Cop who is out to see justice done on my terms. I could load up on guns and turn them against the underworld thugs who killed my family. Shoot first and never mind the pesky questions.

Max Payne comes from the industry innovators at Rockstar Games — the same company that authored Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. That game has been praised by the industry press for its attention to detail and almost total interactivity. As protagonist Carl Johnson, you can eat, exercise, deal drugs, mug prostitutes, burglarize homes, get a hair cut, get a tattoo, shoot pool, kill people, play basketball and impress your homeboys as you earn The Gang's respect.

GTA:SA is one of several games at the center of a national debate on whether violent video games are warping the minds of American youth and turning our apple-cheeked Johnnies and Janes into crack-shot, cop-killing sociopaths. U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Connecticut, tried to have the game banned.

But the debate is a bit myopic and misdirected. Deadly violence has been a part of human existence since Cain slew Abel on Adam's back 40, and it always will

be. Children around the world, many in countries that don't have clean water much less an abundance of Sony PlayStations, are fighting in armed conflicts and they've been at it for years. They are using real guns and dealing out real death. They've probably never heard of Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas, much less played it.

No, violent video games are just a product of society's id. As Americans in a free-choice culture, if we didn't like them, we wouldn't buy them. Video games don't cause violence, though some could argue that they make people a little more tense and aggressive. But so does driving to work. Video games are just by-products of the world we have created. Blaming them for anything is a total abdication of our own responsibility.

People cause violence, and the worst offenders are government leaders who order their constituents to war and then talk up killing "the enemy" like it is some kind of holy duty.

But that is a bitter trip and the subject of another column. The government-as-parent act hasn't played well when it comes to the American video game market and GTA:SA has sold well nationwide. It has grossed more than \$250 million to date — better than some Hollywood movies.

"Buy it now, but don't make any plans for a couple of months, at least." — from a Gamer.tv review of the game.

"You may find yourself giving up your actual life...to play it" — from a Maxim Magazine review.

Therein lies the real problem with video games. They are just too darn fun. They are not addictive in the sense that tobacco, alcohol and heroin are addictive, but people do become addicted to them.

Why? Video games offer escape. They offer an easily-had amusement that, for some people, serves as a fantastic distraction from the rigors of school, work, and family life. They offer challenge, competition, a visually impressive, interactive thrill ride that is convenient and always available.

For people who have trouble resisting temptation, these games can be a real problem. While drugs waste the body, video games waste the precious human commodity of Time. They take away time that could be better spent gaining Life Experience — learning a hobby, earning money, having human contact, etc., et. al.

Schenectady — 1 December. 1 a.m. Wednesday morning.

I am worthless and weak. I caved. My neighborhood pub has an old Pac-Man game and I played it. For two hours I sat and dropped quarters into that bloddy thing while trying to get the high score.

Pac-Man is a simple game from the early 1980's. As the player, you are the Pac-Man — a disembodied yellow head whose purpose is to eat pellets and chase ghosts through a maze. My top score was 51,780.

I feel a bit like the Pac-man now. My head feels detached and I am chasing a ghost. It is the ghosts of my life before Pong, before the Fear.

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Your Opinion Matters

Community must have say *Back exit makes sense for firehouse* on new firehouse plans

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was encouraged to see so many Delmar Fire District residents take an active roll in learning the details relative to the Dec. 14, 2004 bond vote for a new firehouse for the Delmar Fire Company.

I know that good government and good decisions are best made when the electorate is engaged in the process, and I applaud all those residents who are helping to ensure that the voters can make an informed decision.

I believe that it is imperative that the next step for our community is to be involved in the planning and options for securing a better facility for our Delmar Fire Company volunteers. I also believe we need to explore available grant programs to determine if there are opportunities for the fire district that would help to lessen our tax burden.

A recent *Spotlight* article provided details regarding a grant the village of Voorheesville secured to provide funding for their fire services. Bethlehem's fire districts have needs as well and should be actively pursuing such grants.

During two recent public meetings, many people expressed competing viewpoints and there were disagreements regarding the scope of this project. Disagreements are inevitable in a

project of this size. All the speakers were consistent in their belief that we need to provide our volunteers with a safe facility and the tools they need to protect the community.

I believe, as many others do, that our community should have the best fire services it can afford. I believe the community makes good decisions when it has the facts in hand.

As a resident and a county legislator, I remain committed to supporting our fire and EMT volunteers as well as the safety concerns of the community. That is why I sponsored bills in the Legislature that would provide tax exemptions for fire and EMT volunteers, enhance the EMT service provided by the Delmar Fire Company, and improve the county's 911 service, along with many other initiatives. I will continue to sponsor legislation that enhances our volunteer programs and support those men and women who take on this challenge.

Beyond Tuesday's vote, I look forward to working with all members of the community and the Delmar Fire District to ensure that the residents' concerns, as well as the fire company's needs, are met going forward.

John H. Cunningham
Albany County legislator
34th District

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the initial presentation of the proposed new firehouse location, the plan included a back exit from the property, which would be at the corner of Adams Place and Marlboro Road.

Apparently this suggestion was hastily withdrawn without any real discussion when someone objected to the traffic it might cause.

I think an emergency exit at that location would be an excellent idea, allowing the fire apparatus to proceed more rapidly to a fire in that area of Delmar and causing less congestion on Delaware Avenue.

Equipped with an automatic or remote controlled gate and a flashing light to warn any oncoming vehicles on Adams and Marlboro, it would seldom be used, but might save valuable time in responding to fire or ambulance calls in those neighborhoods.

I can understand why the residents of a few houses at the corner in question would want to

minimize the impact on their properties, and I'm sure the design can be adjusted to reduce any interference to a minimum. If the emergency occurred at one of those houses, I'll bet they'd be mighty grateful to have help so close at hand.

The firehouse layout should be based on providing the most effective and efficient service to the entire community.

Moving it to the Verstandig location is an excellent step in that direction.

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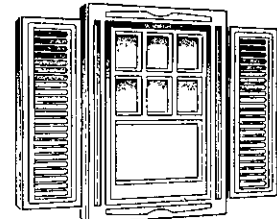
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Matters of Opinion

Pop Warner parents peeved

Editor, The Spotlight:

We, the parents of last year's Bethlehem Pop Warner cheerleaders, want to know why the Pop Warner board of directors is inconsistent in its recognition of team achievements?

The 2003 Pee Wee Cheerleading Squad won first place in last year's Capital Region Cheer Competition, yet there was no recognition of this achievement by the Bethlehem Pop Warner

(BPW) organization.

This same squad did a significant amount of fund-raising, which was not all used, and the balance was given to BPW.

When representatives from the squad went to the board (after winning first place) and requested that those same funds be used to purchase jackets for the squad, they were denied.

The only recognition these

young women received was from their parents who purchased trophies that acknowledged their success.

When this year's Jr. Pee Wee and the 2002 Jr. Midget squads won first place at the same cheer competition, they were awarded jackets by BPW.

We would like to remind the BPW board that all these young women worked hard for this achievement and should be recognized in a fair and consistent manner each year.

There should be one recognition policy applied to all squads, not just at the whim of the BPW board. As parents, we are taken aback at the inequitable manner in which the BPW board has treated these young women.

It is not too late for the board to rectify this situation and award jackets to the 2003 squad members.

Nancy Wolff, Yvonne Sleurs, Vanya Perez, Sharon Cooper, Fran Merritt, Nancy Rudolph, Sharon Giordano, Heather Rooney, Ginny Shabow, Kevin Phelan, David Languish, Amy Geitl, Mary Knabe and Karen Link

Firehouse proposal too taxing for residents

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have recently been following this latest bond issue, slated for a vote Dec. 14, which again wants to raise our taxes for a new large firehouse for the Delmar Fire District.

I agree fully with other letters to *The Spotlight* that there isn't enough time to fully evaluate the proposal.

It sounds very much like the \$8 million library bond proposal that was soundly defeated because it wasn't needed, and our property taxes are already too high.

Albany County is also proposing an 8 percent property tax increase and the town another 5.4 percent.

I've heard one of the main problems with the existing firehouse is that it can't fit the \$450,000 hook and ladder that

was purchased several years ago. It also needs a larger turning radius to maneuver.

Why don't we consider selling the hook and ladder? We only have one tall building in Bethlehem where it is needed and the town already has a hook and ladder for Farm Family. Also, the Albany Fire Department could respond in an emergency.

If we sell the second hook and ladder for \$350,000, we no longer have such a pressing space need and could evaluate how expensive a firehouse, if any, we really need.

The Dec. 14 bond, as it now stands, deserves a resounding "no" from already overtaxed taxpayers.

We can't continue to be taxed right out of our homes for things we may not need to pay so much for.

James Murray
Selkirk

Family will sorely miss Uncle Milt's diner

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the owners of Uncle Milt's Glenmont Diner have sold the restaurant, we wanted to commend them for being an important part of Bethlehem.

A winner of Metroland's "Best of" reader poll and recent recipient of a Bethlehem Beautification award, Fifi, Freddy and Miltie turned a shell of a business in the early 90s into a thriving and welcoming community gathering place.

On a personal level, when we were faced with a kitchen full of

boxes when we first moved to town, they provided many meals.

Pregnancy cravings for their chicken kabobs is still a joke among us. Uncle Milt's was our daughter's first outing, to pay at a cash register by herself.

In other words, the diner and its owners helped make Bethlehem feel like home to us.

While we wish the new owners well, we will miss Uncle Milt's (and their French toast and blintzes) very, very much.

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- Post emergency plans near the phone. State where you'll be, a phone number where you can be reached and a trusted neighbor to contact. Make sure your child knows how to use 911.

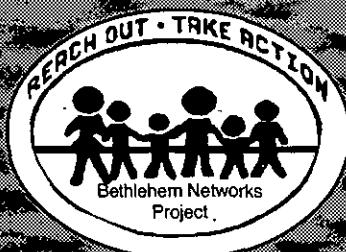
- Sit down with your child and answer these questions: What should I do if someone comes to the door? Can friends visit? Should I answer the phone? Can I play outside, walk the dog, ride my bike? Can I use the stove or microwave?

- Make a list of safe activities to keep your child busy during that time. Include rules for Internet use.

- Have simple snacks available.

- Leave a flashlight on the counter in case of a power outage.

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Your Opinion Matters

Columnist exercises precious freedom McCarthy does great job in Mom's the Word column

Editor, The Spotlight:

In reply to those who have criticized Katherine McCarthy's *Spotlight* column — Can the Red and the Blue coexist? — I contribute the following:

One writer laments the morality of soldiers firing on the innocents caught in the war zone — hopefully she did not overlook the event that took place three years ago, 9/11/01, in which suicidal maniacs slaughtered 3,000 innocents regardless of race, color, creed, sex or age. Additionally we must remember the savage, barbaric actions of kidnappings, frequent beheadings, pistol executions, body burnings and human suicide bombings taking place daily in not only Iraq but throughout the Middle East.

Another is still affected by post-election hysteria in that his candidate lost. Sir, the contest is over. The Democrats lost and the Republicans won. The American way to contend with the situation is to pick up your marbles, go home and commiserate to yourself, think "wait till next year" and support the winner as best as possible.

It's still our great country, and we float and sink with whoever is in charge.

Yet another states that Bill Clinton was an infinitely more capable, more moral — whoa — and more intelligent chief executive than the one who just won re-election. Overlooked is the first bombing of the World Trade Center, the near sinking of the USS Cole, bombing of our

embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Tanzania, Africa — all done with no recourse from the Clinton group, most certainly further encouraging the cowards to carry out their killings, figuring our country would not retaliate under any circumstances.

Regarding the more moral aspect of his statement, why even comment on that other than to say Mr. Clinton's extracurricular activities certainly gave us many years of scandalous entertainment on the evening news and the late-night talk shows.

Another letter writer was concerned about the thousands of detainees at Guantanamo, yet dismisses the fact that after 12 were recently released from confinement and shipped home, they appeared as terrorists in the Afghan war zone, ready to murder our military personnel. "That the war cannot be won" — it best be won over there, otherwise the battleground will certainly shift to the streets of America. We hope our leaders, whoever they may be, will have the perseverance to continue the fight on terrorism.

Finally, why Bush won is best described by Michael Moore on the Jay Leno show when the American people saw the president with bullhorn in hand at Ground Zero, stating "I will protect you."

People felt he was a person ready to use all his power to fight terrorism. They voted security.

Why people did not vote for Kerry is best summed up by Maria Shriver, broadcaster,

member of the Kennedy family, and wife of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, when she said: "I was supposed to marry someone like a John Kerry, some prep boy that had gone to Harvard or Yale. I didn't want to marry those boys. I did not like them. I had been around them my whole life."

Unfortunately, John Kerry came off as an elitist — voters felt unsure about his commitment to the terrorist war.

In conclusion, one person made a sensible statement about a divided nation.

"The message at least to me is clear: There can be no more 'them.' It's no longer a viable option. From now on it's only 'us.'"

To Mrs. McCarthy and her Mom's the Word column. Our greatest freedom is the right to express an opinion, oral or written, political or otherwise, to agree or disagree. Keep up your great columns. You go, girl.

E.J. Corsale
Saratoga

Editor, The Spotlight:

Katherine McCarthy's columns are wonderful!

They recall precious moments that are very meaningful to me as a parent who raised a family in Delmar years ago.

Mrs. McCarthy also has a knack for presenting her reaction to the everyday challenges of life so that they strike a knowing response in the reader.

Her column should not be censored or limited by subject matter as suggested by another letter writer. She should continue to have full freedom of expression.

Keep up the good work, Mrs. McCarthy! I look forward to your next column.

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We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

Letters policy

The *Spotlight* welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and a daytime telephone number for verification.

Unsigned letters receive no consideration.

The deadline for submitting letters is Friday at noon.

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Kiwanis Christmas tree sale continues at Nichols Market

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club's annual Christmas tree and wreath sale is being held at Nichols Market.

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The cost of the trees are \$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.

Future Educators set childcare 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 without the children and are

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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 children. All ages are welcome, as long as children are toilet trained.

Space is limited. Registration is requested.

For information, call Laura at 765-4990. Donations will be accepted.

Dollars for Scholars will wrap your gifts

The Voorheesville chapter of Dollars for Scholars is sponsoring a gift-wrapping fund-raiser at Crossgates Mall on Thursday, Dec. 16, with all proceeds going to Dollars for Scholars.

Those interested in helping, donating gift-wrapping items or getting gifts wrapped, can sign up with Linda Pasquali at 765-4990.

Dollars for Scholars to meet Dec. 15

The next meeting for the Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the high school in room 106, at 6:30 p.m.

PTA meeting set for Dec. 16

The next PTA meeting for the Voorheesville school district will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, at the elementary school library at 7 p.m.

High school hosting Community Forum

The next community forum is set for Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the performing arts center at Voorheesville High School.

The forum is entitled "Meet the Echo Boomers," understanding today's teens.

Five Rivers hosting decorating program

A family-oriented program on holiday decorations will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m., at the Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

This indoor program will focus on simple holiday decorations that may be made using natural materials in an environmentally sensitive way. There will be natural materials for making decorations and ideas for gifts that may be made from recyclables.

There is a \$10 per family (\$5 per family for Friends of Five Rivers members) materials fee for craft and art supplies.

Space is limited. Those interested must pre-register by Thursday, Dec. 16. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

St. Matthew's announces services

St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville will hold its Advent penance service Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

St. Matthew's will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. (children's choir), 6 p.m. (youth music ministry) and 9 p.m. (holiday choir).

Mass for Christmas day will be at 10:30 a.m. (traditional Christmas music).

For information, call 765-2805.

Church musicians will sing at gazebo

The Mountainview Evangelical Church of Voorheesville will be caroling at the gazebo in the park on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.

The Mountainview youth will present a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 19, during the morning service. The program is titled "A Way in the Manger."

Music festival will be held Dec. 19

The 15th annual Voorheesville Community Music Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Voorheesville.

All interested singers are invited to join the choir for this performance. Practices will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Workshop accepting class proposals

The Heldeberg Workshop is now accepting class proposals (K-12) for programs in general science, natural science, outdoor high adventure, fine arts and theatre.

Classes are taught in two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon.

For information, call Bill Morrison at 765-2569, or write to Heldeberg Workshop, P.O. Box 323, Voorheesville, 12186.

Delmar doctor receives award

Dr. Thomas A. Caputo, a Delmar resident, is one of two area doctors who has been awarded with the first Chanel Award, for excellence in obstetrics and gynecology.

Caputo serves as the vice chairman in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, director of gynecologic oncology and as attending and professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Caputo has served on numerous hospital committees and is a past treasurer of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

He has received several OB/GYN teaching awards and has been listed in the Best Doctors in America and Best Doctors in New York catalogs several times.

Caputo has been married to Patricia Kempton Caputo for 39 years and has three children and three grandchildren.

They are 30-year residents of Delmar.

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Staff at Voorheesville Library gets training in first aid and CPR

In early December, seven members of the Voorheesville Public Library staff participated in a daylong training session covering first aid, CPR and the use of an automatic defibrillator.

The library acquired an automatic defibrillator recently as a result of a member item grant courtesy of Congressman Jack McEneny.

John "Jack" Herkert of the American Red Cross conducted the training. Herkert is an experienced instructor who entertained the trainees with anecdotes about medical situations he had encountered as a Boy Scout leader.



The students practiced calling for help, breathing into their dummies and bandaging each other's "wounds." Despite some grimacing and groaning during the demonstration videos, everyone passed the written test with flying colors and received their certification.

News link added

The Voorheesville Public Library has added a link to CNN on our homepage so people can check on world and national

events while visiting our Web site.

Go to www.voorheesvillelibrary.org, and click on In the News on the right side of the page, and you will find CNN along with a link to the local weather conditions at Weather.com.

Yoga class offered

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

No signup is necessary. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring their own mat or blanket.

Book discussion set

There will be a book discussion for teens (grades 9-12) of *Postcards From No Man's Land*, by Aidan Chambers on Friday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m.

For sophisticated readers, it is the winner of the 2003 Printz Medal and the Carnegie Medal.

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

News and notes

The Thursday Poets group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 23. . . . Regular storytimes resume at the library on Tuesday, Jan. 4. . . . The library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. . . . Additional program information is available on www.voorheesvillelibrary.org

Barbara Vink



Voorheesville Public Library staff members Suzanne Fisher, left, and Diane Biernacki practice their bandaging techniques on Joyce Laiosa at a recent first aid training session. Seven members of the library staff got training in first aid, CPR and the use of a new automatic defibrillator.

Calendar of events

• **Thursday, Dec. 16, at 10:15 a.m.** — LAPSIT Storytime (for babies under 24 months). Signup required.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m.** — Nimblefingers needlework group. No signup necessary.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.** — Yoga with Mira Lechowicz. Free. No signup necessary.

• **Thursday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.** — Thursday Night Poets meeting. Call 765-2791 for information.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m.** — Nimblefingers needlework group. No signup necessary.

• **Monday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m.** — Lifelines Writers Group. No signup necessary.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m.** — Nimblefingers needlework group. No signup necessary.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m.** — Adult Book Discussion of *The Photograph* by Penelope Lively. Signup necessary.

• **Friday, Jan. 7, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

• **Friday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m.** — Teen Book Discussion of *Promises from No Man's Land* by Aidan Chambers. Signup necessary.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m.** — Nimblefingers needlework group. No signup necessary.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

• **Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.** — Thursday Night Poets. Call 765-2791 for information.

• **Friday, Jan. 14, at 10:15 a.m.** — Preschool storytime. No signup necessary.

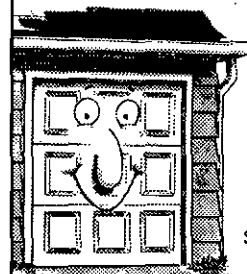


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Wealth of new periodicals are available for 2005

Sailing and sci-fi, recipes and PCs, fashion and family history – what's your interest? Chances are we have a magazine to match it.

Here are some new subscriptions for 2005:

Asimov's Science Fiction – This is the leading magazine for science fiction and fantasy, with novellas, short stories and poems by new and mature stars in the sci-fi galaxy. You'll find this publication on the science fiction shelves.

Cook's Illustrated – Known as "America's Test Kitchen," this genre classic offers product reviews, recipes (indexed by meal course) and cooking techniques from basic tasks to advanced skills.

Family Chronicle – A magazine for families researching their roots, this publication features how-to articles for a variety of genealogical explorations. You'll find it in the Genealogy/Local History area.

Harper's Bazaar – One of the oldest fashion magazines in the U.S., *Harper's* includes informational articles on beauty and aging, reviews of films and books, and, of course, fabulous fashion spreads.

MacLean's – This is Canada's equivalent of *Newsweek* and *Time*. Besides coverage of Canadian politics, sports and the arts, it captures world events through the lens of our northern neighbors.

PC World – This is a premier source for personal computer users: buyers' guides, user

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Sail – Seasoned and soon-to-be sailors can bone up on seamanship, navigation, equipment and maintenance. Information on cruising and racing events also is included.

Lots more

The library also has some 2,000 local, national and international newspapers and magazines waiting for patrons online through the library's databases.

Patrons can read them for free on the library computers. They can also be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from a home computer. All that is needed is a library card.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and 25, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Online subscriptions and other library services will be available from the library's Web site at www.bethlehempublib.org.

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The cost of the cruise starts at \$1,350 per person and is based on double occupancy. It includes the airfare from Albany to Fort Lauderdale, transportation from the airport to and from the ship, an ocean view cabin, all meals and entertainment on the ship, all taxes and cancellation insurance.

Tony and Alba Giordano of Delmar will personally escort the tour.

The ship, the SS Century, of the Celebrity Cruise Line, will make stops in Ocho Rios in Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island, Cozumel in Mexico and Key West, Fla. Proof of citizenship, such as passport or an original birth certificate with raised seal, are required for entry into these ports.

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Finding Balance During the Holidays

Tips On Juggling Your Way Through The Jingle Bell Season

By HEATHER FORD, SMALL Business Manager, KeyBank

Sit down, take a deep breath, and hold it. This isn't Norman Rockwell's America. Not that there's anything wrong with Rockwell's America — it's picturesque and ideal — but the reality for many of today's working women is that, with family and professional responsibilities, there's barely enough time during the holidays for sleep, let alone time to sip hot chocolate by the fireplace and greet carolers at your doorstep.

Now exhale. You're not alone. Many women, just like you, struggle to balance work with family, and the holidays don't

make the balancing act any easier. But this year can be different. The following tips show you how.

1. Be professional

The same qualities that make you successful in your career — organization, time management, delegation, prioritizing — can bring balance to your life at home and make the holiday rush more manageable.



Heather Ford

Encourage your children to be more accountable for their own actions and teach them to use a

calendar or assignment book to keep track of important details such as homework, tests and extracurricular activities. If they're old enough, have them prepare their own lunches. Establish a nightly "homework time" for the entire family, which will provide you with the opportunity to catch up on paperwork and

pay bills ... or get those holiday cards addressed and ready to send out.

At work, be respectful of your colleagues and their demanding holiday schedules. Keep in mind that they, like you, have family visiting, holiday recitals and pageants, shopping to do, charities to volunteer for and food to prepare. If you are a manager, offer encouragement and coaching and save correction for the beginning of January. Provide as much structure as possible in terms of tasks and team projects. This will allow people to manage their time effectively and give them the flexibility to meet nonwork obligations. If leveraged correctly, the excitement and difficulties of working through the holidays can build team unity and cooperation.

2. Be realistic

Although you might want to create a Martha Stewart winter wonderland and bake batch after batch of perfect cookies and string lights from every overhang, recognize that you only have so much time and that not everything can or will be perfect. Attend only the parties and functions that you have time to attend. If you're thinking of hosting a party, consider waiting a month or two and host a midwinter party. Save yourself the calories and cut back on your baking. It's also all right to modify your holiday traditions. What worked for your mom, or even the pre-to early career you, may not be practical anymore.

Another facet of being realistic is to make smart decisions with your money. Set a budget and stick to it. After the holidays pass, schedule a meeting with your financial advisor and begin planning for the year ahead and beyond. While a 529 college savings plan may not be a trendy gift, it is a tax-free savings opportunity that allows you to save and invest for your child's future educational expenses — the best gift a parent can give.

3. Be festive

Remember the line you were in last holiday season? The one that just didn't seem to move? By the time you reached the register you could barely squeeze out a smile, and the cashier was grumpier than you were.

The fact of the matter is that at one time or another we all have a little scrooge in us. It's hard not to, but as parents and colleagues it's important for us to understand that our attitude sets an example to those we love and those we work with. It may be cliché, but a smile does go a long way — as does

wishing someone a happy holiday season.

It is also important to keep perspective. Remember the line from last holiday season? The reason you were waiting in line is that you had picked out a gift you thought someone you cared about would enjoy.

Also, part of being festive is to spend time celebrating and joining in activities with your family. At work, you form a team and share responsibilities and decision-making with your colleagues. Form a team at home and involve your children in decisions, such as choosing whether to spend a Saturday at the mall shopping or watching the season's hot holiday movie. Include them in decorating and allow them to help bake and prepare dinners. Not only will it help lighten your load, it will teach your children responsibility and teamwork, traits that will make them more confident and independent as they grow older.

4. Be selfish (at least a little bit)

Don't neglect yourself this holiday season. Set priorities, and make time for yourself. Rest. Eat healthy, and try to avoid sweets, which cause fatigue and weight gain. Try to squeeze in a few minutes of daily exercise — no, the chaos of meeting your daily obligations does not count; exercise is supposed to relieve stress, not cause it.

The lives of today's women are changing. Working mothers are commonplace, and everyday they provide uplifting examples that women do not need to choose between family and career. They take the lead both at home and in the boardroom — even during the busiest and most stressful times of the year. You can, too, by applying some of your corporate mentality and business skills to your holiday planning. In the process, you will teach your children important life lessons and make this year your most memorable, and enjoyable, holiday season in years.

About the author: Heather Ford is a career-focused mother of two juggling the responsibilities of home and career. At work, she is a Small Business relationship manager for KeyBank's Capital Region. At home, she is preparing for the holidays and finding ways to enjoy time with her family. She is based in the University KeyCenter and can be reached at 518-438-2289 or Heather_Ford@KeyBank.com

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Mistakes

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Albany County District Attorney's office presented evidence to a grand jury about the investigation into Peter Porco's murder to a grand jury. Efforts to reach representatives of that office were unsuccessful. DA representatives have said they believe the attacker was known to the Porco family.

After Friday's grand jury session, an article in the *Times Union* alleged that the Porcos' younger son, 21-year-old Chris Porco, who is a University of Rochester student, is the focus of an Albany County Sheriff's Department gambling probe.

Last week, Bethlehem Police Chief Lou Corsi said a number of other law enforcement agencies were assisting the department in its investigation, including the State Police, which had been helping since the onset of the investigation. Corsi declined to name any of the agencies specifically. Inspector John Burke of the Albany County Sheriff's Department's Drug Interdiction Unit, said his unit was not assisting the Bethlehem Police Department in the way the story described.

"I never said anything like that. I don't know where he got that. It's totally ludicrous," Burke said of the story that Chris Porco was the focus of a gambling investigation. "There is nothing

there that puts Chris (in an investigation like that)."

Mary Fran Gleason, managing editor of the *Times Union*, said she has no reason to believe Burke was misquoted.

"I can say with all certainty that no one has raised any questions about the story, certainly not anyone from the Albany County Sheriff's Department," Gleason said. "We also confirmed the information provided by Inspector Burke with a couple of different sources, and he hasn't called, nor contacted us to complain about what we wrote, so we stand by it."

Burke said it's not uncommon for his unit to assist the Bethlehem Police Department in crime investigations. "Believe me, if we had anything to give (the Bethlehem Police Department), we would've given it to them already," Burke said. "We just don't have anything."

Burke said Chris Porco has

never been the focus of an investigation by his office.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan, Jr. said certain Sheriff's Department officers are assisting as the investigation continues. He would not comment on the accuracy of Burke's statements in the *Times Union* article. "As the investigation continues and broadens, outside agencies come on board," Heffernan said. "The reason we don't name exactly what those agencies are is because we don't want the media to take it in a direction."


Chris Porco and his 23-year-old brother, Johnathan Porco, who is in the Navy, were called "persons of interest" at the beginning of the investigation. Both have been interviewed by police. Chris Porco's Jeep Wrangler was seized by police for processing after they traveled to Rochester the day of the discovery of Peter Porco's body. Police continue to hold the vehicle. Bethlehem Police have never publicly called Chris Porco

a suspect in the attack on his parents, though Corsi has noted that Chris Porco "got a lot of attention from the media because of the Jeep."

Reports that the Bethlehem Police Department has turned down offers of help from the major crimes unit of the State Police were also false, Corsi, Egan and Heffernan have said. State Police Trooper Maureen Tuffey said the State Police's forensics unit has been assisting the town since the beginning of the investigation, but she couldn't say how long the Major Crimes Unit had been working with Bethlehem police.

Last Thursday, Egan said misinformation in the media has been common from the onset of the investigation. Both Heffernan and Corsi have noted instances of misinformation, though neither has been specific about what they were referring to. "Half of what you're reading about is wrong," Egan said, relaying what she's been telling residents, "but I can't tell you which half because then you would know which way the investigation is going."

At last week's town board meeting, the first since the attacks, Egan and board member Thomas Marcelle, a Republican, who both knew the Porco family personally, supported the Bethlehem Police Department's investigation. "This isn't something that can happen overnight. It's not Law and Order, it's not CSI," Egan said. "We want an arrest, but we want it of the right person."



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Traffic

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Traffic engineers hired by Nigro Companies presented alternative plans to ease traffic concerns in front of the stores and further north on 9W. Shelley Johnston, a traffic engineer with Creighton Manning Engineers, said an analysis conducted over a period in late May and early June of all of the center's driveways showed that Bethlehem Town Center is generating 80 percent of the traffic that was estimated it would.

"It's operating 20 percent less than what was estimated, which isn't unusual," Johnston said, noting that Sear Brown Group, the firm which performed the original traffic study for this land use, used conservative estimates from the Institute of Transportation Engineering, which publishes national trip generation estimates. The estimates were high enough that the recommendations that Sear Brown Group made for Phase I can reasonably accommodate any traffic increases associated with Phase II, Johnston said, though plans call for widening of the north drive-way exiting the center to put in right- and left-turn only lanes with a three-color traffic signal.

Johnston is calling for two plans to ease traffic problems along the Route 9W corridor; one, she said, should be implemented along with construction of Phase II for the Bethlehem Town Center and the second is a long-range plan over a number of years.

Johnston noted concerns where routes 9W and 32 merge. To fix congestion problems, Johnston recommended making Route 9W one lane before the Route 32 ramp, around the Stewart's shop and Plank Road.

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Sports

Blackbirds roll along in league

By TOM JOHNSON

Aggressive man-to-man defense and a balanced scoring attack has made the Voorheesville boys basketball team a force to be reckoned with in the early stages of the 2004-05 season.

The Blackbirds gave Schalmont a sample of those strengths last Friday night in a Colonial Council match-up in Rotterdam.

Voorheesville big men Nick Duncan and Mark Carson scored 13 points apiece to pace the offense, and the Blackbirds used tight defensive pressure to give the Sabres fits all night in a 57-32 victory.

"We played real good man-to-man defense, and we switched off a lot because we knew they would come off the high-post and we were able to stop that," Voorheesville coach Don Catellier said.

Measuring 6 feet, 6 inches and 6-5 respectively, Duncan and Carson were a tough presence for the Schalmont defenders to handle on the inside. Senior forward Greg Delaney tallied nine points — all on three pointers — and junior point guard Greg Klopfer added six to aid a balanced overall scoring for the Blackbirds.

"On offense, we have six kids who can be the leading scorer on any given night," Catellier said. "We just move the ball around and hit the open man."

Trailing 9-3 with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter, Voorheesville turned up its intensity and used a 25-5 run overlapping the first and second quarter to head into the locker room at halftime with a 30-14 advantage. Five different Blackbirds found the bottom of the net during the flurry, with Duncan registering seven points and back-up guard Rob Bareis six — both coming on

shots beyond the three-point arc.

Schalmont came out the gates in the opening minutes of each half using a full-court press of its own. The strategy worked for several minutes, but the Sabres were unable to keep up the energy to effectively shut down the Blackbirds, who were able to score in a variety of different ways. Duncan and Carson controlled the paint, while Delaney, Berais and Klopfer kept the Schalmont defenders honest by setting up in three-point territory.

"They are just balanced right across the board, and you cannot just stop one guy," Schalmont coach Kevin Curtin said. "You have to get your hands up on the shooters, and they have Carson down low. Credit goes to them — they are running on all cylinders."

Forward Justin Cutino was the only Schalmont (2-4) player to crack double digits in the scoring column, leading the way with 14 points. Curtin, though, said he believes his team will learn from its mistakes and has the potential to be competitive during the remainder of its league schedule.

"It (the game) is a measuring stick to where we want to be, and we'll have to look over the tape and emphasize the positives and look over some of the things we didn't do so well," he said.

With a 45-41 triumph against Cohoes on Saturday, Voorheesville improved its record to 7-0 (5-0 in Colonial Council) on the season, and according to Catellier, the experience his team possesses has been a valuable asset.

"They all played last year on varsity," he said. "We started three sophomores and two juniors last year, so they all have a year of experience, and that helps a lot."

Indians take two weekend games

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk kept pace with Voorheesville by defeating Watervliet and Cobleskill-Richmondville last weekend.

The Indians overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to edge Watervliet 69-65 last Friday. Joe Fisk had 24 points, and Chris Vincent scored all eight of his points in the fourth quarter to lead the RCS comeback.

The Indians used another late surge last Saturday to defeat Cobleskill 58-43. Trailing by one point entering the fourth quarter, RCS outscored the Bulldogs 21-5 to pull away.

Corwin Hendy scored 20 points, Tony Northrup contributed 15 points and Fisk added 10 points for the Indians (3-2 league, 4-3 overall).

The RCS girls team also swept its weekend games. The Lady Indians defeated Watervliet 42-36 last Friday and downed Cobleskill 51-33 last Saturday.



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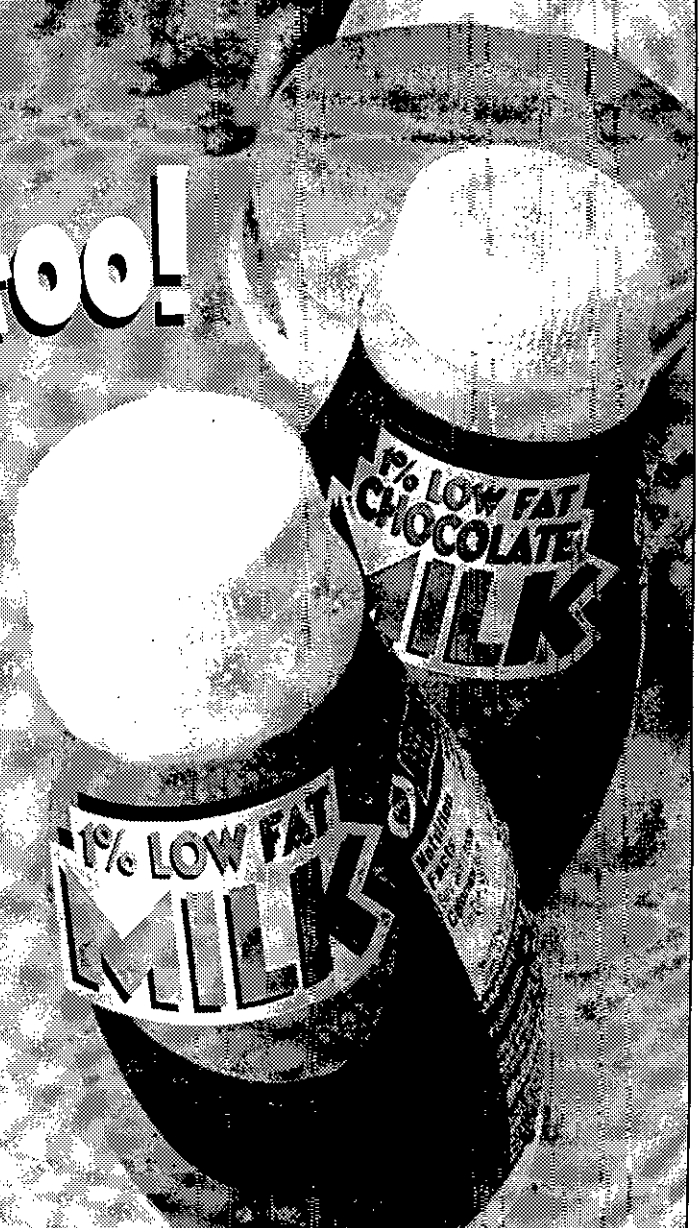
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Dutchmen outlast Eagles in defensive battle

By ROB JONAS

Two boys basketball teams with struggling offenses met up in Guilderland last Friday.

The Guilderland Dutchmen hadn't reached the 50-point plateau since opening their season with a non-league win against Berkshire at the Niskayuna Invitational. The Bethlehem Eagles hadn't broken the 40-point

barrier in their first four games.

Neither team broke out of their scoring slumps in their first of two Suburban Council meetings this season, but Guilderland did enough in transition to defeat Bethlehem 42-32.

"We're kind of like a work in progress," Guilderland coach Ron Osinski said. "We're working on what we need to do, and believe it or not I think we're getting

better."

"Their effort is outstanding," Bethlehem coach Jerry Klugman said. "Any time you get defense like that, you know you're getting a good effort."

It took some time for Guilderland's offense to warm up and a longer time for Bethlehem's shooters to get going. The score was 2-1 midway through the first quarter before the Dutchmen (1-1 league, 3-1 overall) went on an 11-0 run to break the game open.

"I thought we came out really tough and really strong," Osinski said.

The Eagles (1-1, 1-3) might have been able to gain some confidence had a three-pointer by John O'Brien-Carelli counted, but an offensive foul by Craig Orner negated the shot that would have put Bethlehem ahead 4-2. Orner

finally registered Bethlehem's first field goal on a driving layup with 5.3 seconds left in the first quarter, but in between, the Eagles couldn't get into an offensive rhythm.

"We really drilled into the guys to take good shots, but unfortunately we got down 9-1 and we started rushing our shots," Klugman said.

Neither team shot the ball well in the second quarter. Guilderland repeatedly missed easy shots from the low post, but Bethlehem couldn't take advantage because it was continuing to misfire. The halftime buzzer sounded with the Dutchmen ahead 19-10.

Justin Maxwell gave Guilderland a spark early in the third quarter. He opened the third quarter with a jump shot and then following a basket by Ethan Levine, Maxwell stole the ball and

passed it ahead to Mike Dillon for the easy layup to give the Dutchmen a 23-12 lead.

"He did a good job of getting the ball up the court on the fast break," Osinski said of Maxwell, who had seven points and several steals.

Josh Miller extended Guilderland's lead to 13 points with a put back of a missed shot before Bethlehem made its first concerted run. Orner drove for a layup after stealing the ball, and John Burke scored five consecutive points off the bench to pull the Eagles within seven points.

The momentum was short lived, though. Jimmy Googas drained a three-pointer to finish a fast break, and Miller drove for a layup to put Guilderland ahead 31-19 after three quarters.

Bethlehem cut Guilderland's lead to seven points again early in the third quarter, but key baskets by Miller and center Ryan Morin helped the Dutchmen fend off the Eagles' challenge.

Miller led all scorers with 14 points, and Kevin Goutos added seven points for Guilderland.

"Miller can finish. He finished off other people's good plays," Klugman said.

Orner finished with 10 points, and O'Brien-Carelli added seven points for the Eagles.

"It's a good experience for us," Klugman said. "We know we can play with Guilderland now, and if we can play with Guilderland, then we know we can play with anyone."

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Eagles look for first win at tourney

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem hockey team still has its home, but what it lacks is a win.

The Eagles' record dropped to 0-4 with a 7-3 non-league loss to Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse Saturday at the Bethlehem Area YMCA (BAY).

"We've played some tough games, but we've done pretty much what we expected to do," Bethlehem coach Tom Dugan said. "We would have liked a better start."

The Eagles would have played their home games somewhere else had the Capital District YMCA not bought the BIG Arena earlier this year. The facility was shut down following the winter hockey season while it was being sold. When the YMCA came on board, the organization decided to turn one of the two hockey rinks into a fitness center with a swimming pool, but it left the main rink intact for the high school and Bethlehem Youth Hockey club teams to use.

"We're pretty pleased about that," Dugan said. "The people at the Y have been very nice to us. They've accommodated us as best as they can."

The Eagles have been good offensively on home ice, scoring 12 goals in their first three games at the newly-renamed BAY. That production hasn't equated into victories, though.

"Our spirit's been pretty unwavering, if that's a plus," Dugan said. "I think we're going to be competitive. We're just working out some kinks and looking for the right combinations."

Bethlehem gets two chances this weekend to enter the win column when it hosts its annual holiday tournament at the BAY. They face Queensbury Friday at 9 p.m. and LaSalle Saturday at 8 p.m.

Blackbirds finish eighth at Glens Falls Tournament

The Voorheesville wrestling team had a good showing at last Saturday's Glens Falls Tournament.

The Blackbirds finished eighth out of 15 teams with 74.5 points, one-half point ahead of Broadalbin-Perth and 6.5 points behind seventh-place Watervliet.

No Voorheesville wrestlers reached the championship division finals, but four Blackbirds reached the consolation bracket finals.

Middleweight Paul Hognestad earned key points for Voorheesville by beating Glens Falls' Justin Cordero 2-1 in the 160-

pound division third-place bout, while Steve Cardinal tied Schenectady's Andrew Jones for third place at 215 pounds due to the tournament's five-bout rule.

Five Eagles earn all-league honors

Bethlehem junior midfielder Libby LeRoy was a first-team selection for the Suburban Council field hockey team.

Forwards Kaity Ryan and Emily Szelest were named second-team all-stars. Forward Kasey Agneta and defenseman Maureen Gannon were honorable mentions.

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Consider charitable donations instead of traditional gifts

What's the best present you can give a poor family in need?

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Almost everyone has at least one friend or family member who is nearly impossible to buy a gift for, because they really don't need a new sweater or another coffee table book.

Maybe that's one reason why a growing number of people are choosing to add meaning to the holidays by exchanging charitable donations instead of traditional gifts.

One international humanitarian organization, Mercy Corps, has made it easy to give more meaningful gifts this holiday season by offering "Mercy Kits." These kits offer

shoppers a unique present for someone on their holiday list, as well as a way to give critical assistance to families in need — they're gifts that give twice! "Around the holidays, many people examine their values and look for ways to express those ideals in the gifts they give," says Mercy Corps Chief Development Officer Matthew De Galan. "Mercy Kits are gifts that truly make a difference in a needy person's life, and offering them online makes holiday gift giving more convenient for shoppers."

Mercy Corps operates humanitarian aid programs in more than 35 countries including Iraq and Afghanistan. This year, Mercy Corps is offering 15 different Mercy Kits through its Web site at www.mercycorps.org.

Each Mercy Kit recipient receives a personalized card

saying that that gift-giver has made a donation to Mercy Corps in his/her name. Examples of this year's Mercy Kits include:

* A Sheep Kit that sells for \$70 and provides an impoverished family with a sheep that helps them generate valuable income from selling wool.

* A Rainforest Kit for \$60, which helps Nicaraguan coffee farmers support their families by growing and processing environmentally friendly coffee near protected cloud forests.

In August 2004, Mercy Corps received an A+ rating for its financial performance from the American Institute of Philan-

thropy. The agency's 91 percent efficiency rating ensures donors that their resources are devoted directly to humanitarian aid programs.

Holiday shopping has never been easier, or more meaningful. Make a difference this season.



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A dozen private homes decorated for the holidays and related events at Albany Institute of History & Art, The Fort Orange Club, Cathedral of All Saints and the former Hermanus Bleeker Library. Many restaurants and merchants on Lark Street, Central Avenue and in the Mansion Neighborhood are joining the festivities

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Sundays through Thursdays and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission per car is \$10.

With more than 100 displays and thousands and thousands of lights, everyone will marvel at the surprises throughout the mile-and-a-half drive through Washington Park.

At the end of the ride, the Park's Lakehouse is open most evenings and is elaborately decorated and features crafts, refreshments and surprise guests.

Horse-drawn carriage rides are available most evenings for a nominal fee. Call Albany Carriage Service at 465-5973.

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Holiday family gatherings can be a source of stress for many

By Hedi McKinley CSW

Family holiday! These words have such a beautiful ring to them — why then is it that some of us approach them with a feeling of dread? A German proverb says "nothing is harder to bear than a row of holidays." But why should it be so when millions of ads (selling us goods from cards to cars) inform us that everyone will be happy at the holidays, that intact families will sit around the feast in harmony, that children will be grateful and that we will not gain any weight no matter what we eat.

In real life, there are many stumbling blocks to the rosy picture we so often see.

Let's take the festive meal, how do we handle the fact that in many families, children and grandchildren have two or more sets of parents, all of whom expect them to share the turkey.

What about presents? Grandparents are often expected to buy the things the parents won't or can't. Often, they do, and more often still, with little thanks for any gift at all.

Buying presents, which for some starts the very day after Christmas, is often seen as a chore, or worse, as a stress filled nightmare. Parents stand in long lines fighting for the "must have toy" of the year. Budgets are blown and debt incurred, all in the name of finding the perfect gift.

And what about finding the perfect gift for the older generation? It's always the same, "they don't need or want anything." But how do we know that they wouldn't be deeply hurt if we

took them at their word?

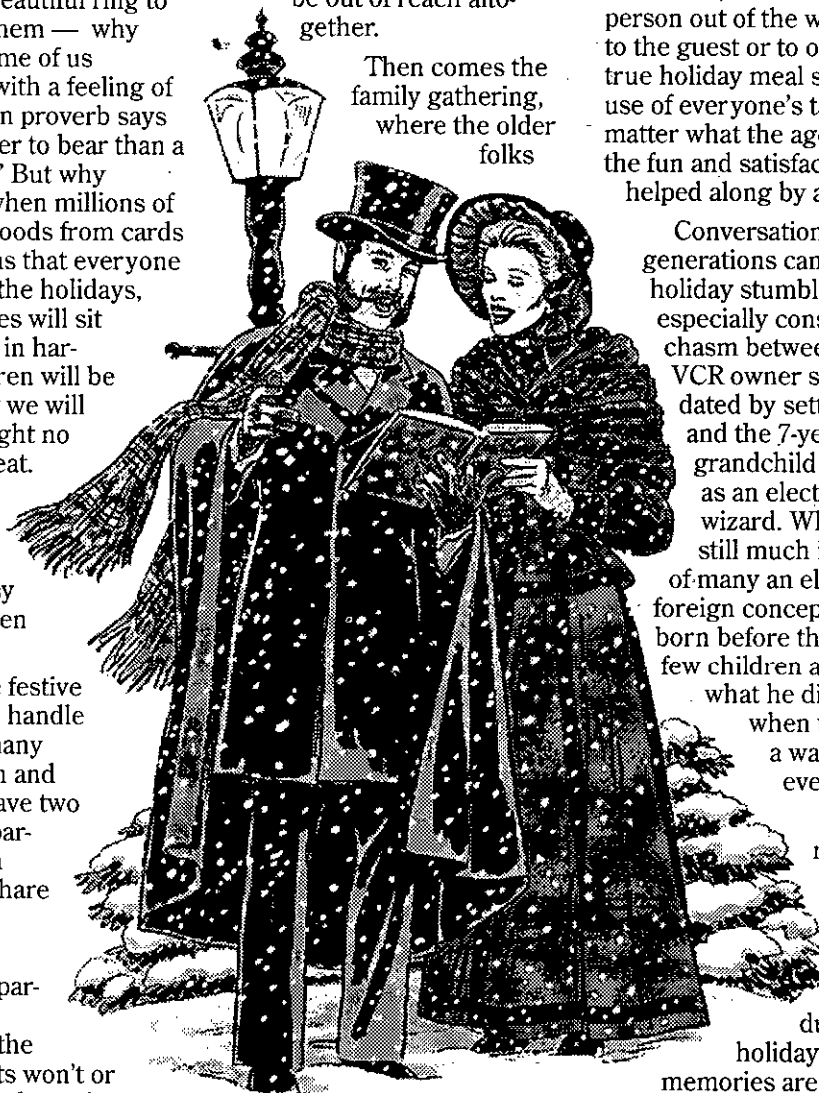
Even planning a holiday visit can create its own share of stress as flights are often sold out early and ticket prices may be out of reach altogether.

Then comes the family gathering, where the older folks

often find themselves on the sidelines. "Mom, you just sit down and relax, we'll call you when dinner is served," is an often heard refrain. Is forced relaxation, the shuffling of a person out of the way, a service to the guest or to ones self? A true holiday meal should make use of everyone's talents, no matter what the age. Imagine the fun and satisfaction of meal helped along by all the hands.

Conversation between the generations can be another holiday stumbling block, especially considering the chasm between the mature VCR owner still intimidated by setting the clock and the 7-year-old grandchild who doubles as an electronics wizard. While WWII is still much in the bones of many an elder, it is a foreign concept to anyone born before the 60s and few children ask Grandpa what he did in the war when the TV offers a war every evening.

Sibling rivalries, dormant during the year, spring into action during the holidays, as old memories are rekindled.



Marital problems seem to crest at the holidays and suicide rates soar.

Is it a hopeless notion, is a harmonious holiday an unattainable goal?

As a psychotherapist, I talk to many pre and post holiday sufferers and together, we make plans to make the next holiday better. After all, life is hard, may get harder, and we could all use a little star dust sprinkled over us. So we talk about lowering expectations, and remind ourselves that life is not a Norman Rockwell painting.

Kids are bound to behave in ways we would never have

allowed, arguments are bound to arise, and old hurts are likely to bleed through the scars.

Keeping things in perspective helps; sentimentality does not. There are many ways to celebrate and maybe this is the year to experiment with some new traditions. How about not cleaning the house before the festivities?

And consider not sending cards to people just because they sent one to you. Shake off Martha Stewart, Hallmark and talk show advice.

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Nostalgia becomes big business for 'kidults' at holiday time

Looking for a memorable holiday gift for a friend? Why not give a blast from the past? Toys and games from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s are back. And apparently they are more popular than ever — with adults.

That's right. From Cabbage Patch Kids to Ms. Pac-Man video games to Star Wars figures, many classics are being re-released to brisk sales.

And experts say adults are buying them not only for kids, but for themselves.

"These adults, or 'kidults', are reclaiming the joys of their own childhood, and re-living the memories of a simpler time by embracing their love of toys," says Reyne Rice, Toy Trends Specialist for the Toy Industry Association.

Rice and other industry experts believe nostalgic

emotions are being stoked, in part, by the deluge of '70s, '80s and '90s products and programming in the marketplace.

For example, VH1 has been airing its popular "I Love the 80's" and "I Love the 90's" shows that feature flashbacks about memorable pop culture from those decades.

There's even "The 70's Game," "The 80's Game" and "The 90's Game," trivia board games each featuring 3,000 trivia questions about the decades' people, music, movies, TV shows, products and fads. A quick glance at the games' trivia cards reveals questions about "The Breakfast Club," "Seinfeld," "Cheers," "Caddyshack," "Diff'rent Strokes," Madonna, Bon Jovi, and other big name shows and stars of past decades.

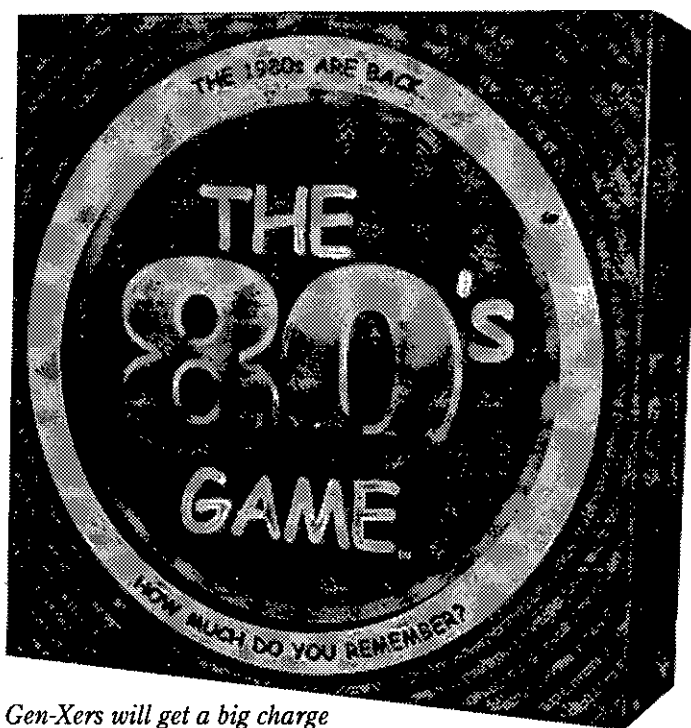
"People are nostalgic for the decade of their youth. It's something familiar, fun. With these games, you can sit back with your friends and resurrect

fond memories," says Clay Siegert, president of the company that makes the games.

Adult interest in toys and games is not unusual. For years, adult collectors have combed through garage sales and eBay in search of personal favorites from the '70s, '80s and '90s. However today, adults are buying brand new, re-released toys and games right off the shelf for their kids — and themselves.

"Interest in retro toys has really exploded in the past three years," says John Reilly, Director of Public Relations for KB Toys. "They really strike a chord with a lot of people who, now that they're getting older, want to reminisce about the good old days."

Consider the re-release of Star Wars figurines that coincides with the release of the Star Wars trilogy on DVD. Walk the aisles in Toys R Us, Target, or Wal-Mart and you're likely to see both kids and adults scooping up toy replicas of Luke Skywalker's "X-Wing Fighter" and Han Solo's "Millennium Falcon."



Gen-Xers will get a big charge out of nostalgia based gifts like the 80's Game.

Pacific Ms. Pac-Man game as one of its top 30 toys of 2004.

Even new toys are getting "retro fever." For example, "Groovy Girls" and "Bratz: Flashback Fever" dolls now come decked out in '70s and '80s fashions. The dolls haven't been around long, but they have already become must-have toys for little girls — perhaps in part because of the emotions they evoke in the girls' moms.

"Reminiscing about the fashions, trends and music of that era, are all just another way of re-connecting with friends and memories

of good times, and perhaps reclaiming a passion that was lost, in our current over-scheduled lives," says Rice.



Luke Skywalker prepares to do battle! Star Wars toys and action figures are a popular collectible with both younger and older fans of the film series.

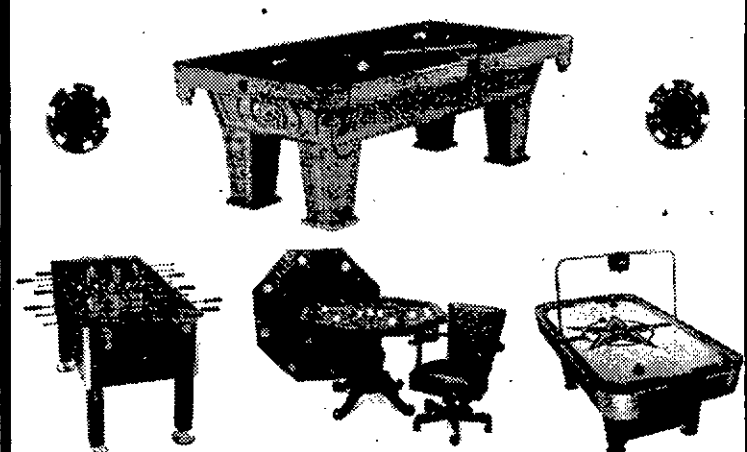
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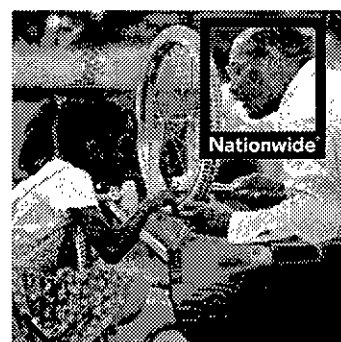
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A little thought and you can cover all gift givings bases

The perfect gift is almost as elusive as the perfect date. But it is possible to find a gift that will be treasured and appreciated. And believe it or not, coming up with interesting and unique gift ideas really isn't much more difficult than opting for gift cards — and it can be a lot more fun.

Here are some helpful tips for coming up with ideas that will have everyone wishing they were on your list.

- Who's on your list?

Think about who you exchanged gifts with last year. Did one of your neighbors or co-workers surprise you with a gift at the last minute, leaving you embarrassed that you didn't have one waiting for them? Will you need a gift for everyone in your family, or will you be drawing names this year?

Making a list of all the gifts you need to give makes it easy to keep track of where you stand.

And don't forget to include a few miscellaneous gifts for unexpected situations, just in case.

- What's your budget?

While we'd all like to have an unlimited holiday gift bank account, the reality is that there is a finite amount of money that needs to stretch to pay for a lot of presents.

So the first step should be deciding how much you can spend on gifts and then deciding how you'll split it up — you'll probably want to spend more on your family's gifts than on the gift you give the mail carrier, for example.

- What do they love?

That's the question that will lead you to the perfect gift. And a little creativity will help add that extra touch that makes the gift memorable.

"My mother-in-law always gives jars of her homemade preserves," says Glenda Lehman Ervin, of Lehman's Hardware, a company specializing in old-fashioned, high-quality merchandise. "We all look forward to it every year, much more than we would look forward to a gift of some fancy gourmet food."

That's what we're talking about here. People appreciate knowing you went to the trouble of making something, or even that you took the time to come up with a gift that has special meaning for them.

Ervin offers another example: "How about a gift certificate for an ice cream social?" But not just any ice cream social — an ice cream social where you provide the homemade ice cream and all the fixings.

"We do this at work every

year, and it is really popular," she says. It's really not hard to come up with great ideas once you get going, and products from Lehman's catalog and Web site are the perfect jumping off point.

Here are some other ideas that you can feel free to borrow or build on.

- For the cook: If someone on your list loves to cook, you're in luck — the list of gifts is almost

fill it with cookie decorating supplies from fun food coloring to sprinkles, wrap it in a holiday-themed dish towel and tie the cookie cutters on the outside. Remember, presentation counts.

- For new parents: Every parent wants the best for their baby. Help them provide the best food with the gift of an easy-to-operate baby food maker. To use, simply fill, press and turn. It

quickly purees any cooked food. Add an adorable bib, maybe a baby food cookbook and you have the cutest gift on the block.

- For the gardener: A shiny galvanized watering can is even more special when "filled" with a pair of nice gardening gloves and a pack of seeds or two (how about Forget-Me-Nots) for a wonderful gift.

- For the host or hostess: You probably go to more parties than usual during the holiday season. Remember your host or hostess with a gift they can use now and later. Bring a loaf of your homemade bread

to the party in Lehman's dough and biscuit bowl (it will help the bread stay fresh and warm on the way over). Leave the bowl behind as a gift — it's also perfect for setting dough out to rise.

And if you're a houseguest over the holidays, pack a few

bars of Lehman's own handmade soap in fabulous scents like lemon drop, fresh spearmint, tangerine, tea tree and more. Wrap a bar or two in a pretty ribbon, and leave on the pillow with a handwritten, heartfelt thank you note. The whole room will smell wonderful.

- For the unexpected gift-giver: Everybody loves candles, and they make a great inexpensive, last-minute gift. Lehman's has holiday candle canes, tapers that are gaily striped like candy canes in fabulous

scents like lemon, wintergreen, peppermint, vanilla and cinnamon.

Or opt for a traditional, hand-dipped bayberry taper — they smell like the essence of the holidays. Add an old-fashioned tin candle holder as an extra treat and wrap up a few of these for those folks who surprise you with a gift when you least expect it.

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Here are some great ideas for the hard-to-buy-for person

Every holiday gift list has at least one person who is hard to buy for. Either they have "everything" or you're not sure what they need or want. One solution is entertainment and sports collectibles.

Chances are you'll find a theme that fits just about anyone on your list, from sports enthusiasts to Disney fans.

The new Upper Deck Rivals, Red Sox vs. Yankees box set, highlights the longest running rivalry in sports, capturing the

greatest moments in this historical baseball competition.

Each set consists of a 30-

card commemorative set featuring the greatest players and moments in the Yankee vs. Red Sox saga.

A special commemorative card celebrating the greatest players in this rivalry will also be included in each box.

Baseball fans will want the MLB Jox Box series, fun wind-up toys in the spirit of the old Jack-

in-the-Box, featuring some of the hottest players in baseball today. Wind up the Jox

Box to hear the signature baseball theme "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and out pops Derek Jeter, Mark Prior or Alex Rodriguez.

Football fans will want the NFL Rookie Premiere box set, featuring the top players selected in the 2004 NFL draft.

The 2004 NBA season will be remembered as the year two great athletes stepped onto the court for the first time. LeBron James and Carmello Anthony came into the season as the two most highly regarded rookies to enter the NBA in a long time.

The 30-card LeBron vs. Carmello box set highlights the rivalry between these two athletes. Every box will also include a special King of the Court LeBron James commemorative card.

Finally, Upper Deck's newest sports collectible, Rollerz, will appeal to sports fans of all ages. They feature top athletes in a "wobbly" fashion, which can be rolled, collected, traded and just plain enjoyed.

Kids (of all ages) Bratz dolls are all the rage with girls these days, so Upper Deck's new Bratz Fashion Party Fever Game is sure to be a hit.

In this cooperative trading card game, players work together with friends to get the Bratz dressed in stylish outfits and out to the dance floor before the clock runs out.

Party Power! cards feature funky fashion fabrics from the Bratz closet. Bratz cards highlight favorite characters and Fashion cards showcase cool clothing styles such as Rockin' and Funkalish'.

The Fashion Passion Prism featured on each Bratz card helps score bonus points, and a special decoder card is used to unveil secret questions from the Bratz.

The easy-to-learn rules will get Bratz fans and friends on their way toward a rockin' Bratz party in no time.

Boys and girls will be excited about the new Yu-Gi-Oh and Marvel trading card games. Based on the wildly popular Japanese cartoon, the Yu-Gi-Oh! trading card game Master Collection gives collectors a chance to get previously released boosters, brand new cards and powerful variant cards, including the much sought after "Exodia the Forbidden One" card.

This highly collectible set will include the first six boosters ever released in a stylish, gold, Egyptian-themed storage portfolio. Each folder will include a Legend of Blue Eyes, Metal Raiders, Spell Ruler, Pharaoh's Servant, Labyrinth of Nightmare and Legacy of Darkness booster packs, and six brand new cards.

Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG buffs will also love this year's new collectible tins that allow Duelists to make their decks much more powerful, with a collection of booster packs designed to increase the complexity and power during matches.

These tins offer an assortment of the game's top-selling booster packs, which include Pharaohic Guardian, Magician's Force, Dark Crisis, Invasion of Chaos, and Ancient Sanctuary. In addition, each of the six unique tins will

include one of six brand new cards.

Marvel Deluxe Collector tins are the perfect gift for comic fans and trading card game players alike. Each tin features brand-new artwork by top comic artists, four booster packs containing cards that represent some of Marvel's most beloved characters and one special variant card available only in these spectacular collector's tins.

It is based on Upper Deck's Vs. System game engine, designed specifically to simulate super hero combat and competition.

If you're looking for something fun and educational, the new U.S. History trading card set — which celebrates American history's most beloved places and people — is a sure hit.

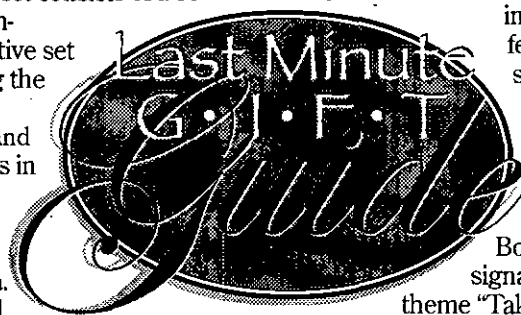
The 300-card regular set offers history buffs the opportunity to collect cards depicting everything from Columbus and the Colonists to the Civil Rights movement. Inserts include presidential cards, which will feature U.S. Presidents from Washington to Kennedy; and limited cut signature cards from U.S. presidents and other famous Americans such as General George S. Patton and Thomas Edison.

Disney Aficionados Upper Deck offers a variety of gift ideas for Disney lovers. The Disney Holiday Treasures card set is the latest addition to the highly popular series. It includes the exclusive, never-before-seen cards featuring favorite holiday scenes and characters and the upcoming Disney video "Twice Upon a Christmas."

Each box includes five packs of holiday-themed collectible cards and one of three pairs of the famous Disney figurines. The holiday set also includes the actors cards, featuring classic Disney stars from the Charles Dickens tale "Mickey's Christmas Carol," "Holiday Greetings" cards, featuring postcards from Mickey on his fantastic Hawaiian holiday; "All Dolled Up" cards, spotlighting everyone's favorite princesses and female characters dressed up in their holiday best; and "Holiday Classics" cards highlighting scenes from Disney's most memorable holiday movies.

The new Disney-Pixar Treasures set will provide a first look into the highly anticipated film "The Incredibles," and spotlight fellow Disney-Pixar flicks such as Academy Award-winners "Toy Story," "Finding Nemo," "Monster's Inc." and Oscar nominees "A Bug's Life" and "Toy Story 2."

In this set, Disney-Pixar fans can look forward to the popular Reel Piece of History cards, which contain pieces of actual film frames from favorite Disney-Pixar movies; Memorable Scene Cards from "The Incredibles;" Concept Art cards, featuring art drafts of memorable characters and scenes; Character Cards of favorite Disney-Pixar personalities; Now You Know trivia cards, containing fun facts about past and present Disney-Pixar films; and hilarious Outtakes cards, highlighting funny Disney-Pixar outtakes.



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This holiday season, why not consider toys that do more than clutter your house, are played with briefly and quickly forgotten.

There are a host of toy companies that specialize in "developmental" toys — playthings that experts say can give your child a running start on reading, math, social skills and even sports.

"The ability for toddlers to recite the alphabet and count to 10 isn't necessarily a good indicator of how they'll perform in elementary school," says Renatta Cooper, a child development expert at Pacific Oaks College and Playing for Keeps board member.

"Rote memorization is becoming less important than developing your child's other mental abilities — and toys are an effective way to engage and enrich young minds and bodies."

Musical toys are particularly effective in developing language and math skills because they stimulate a particular area of your child's brain. Look for toys that are open-ended, self-directed and inspire creativity.

Toy brand Neurosmith has an infant product called Sunshine Symphony, a plush toy with four soothing classical compositions activated with a simple touch. With excellent sound quality and a sparkling light show, Sunshine Symphony introduces your child to the world of music.

Other musical toys, such as Neurosmith's Music Blocks Composer, encourage creativity and personal expression as children explore various musical styles, instruments, tempos and structures.

Each shape in the Music Block Composer toy represents a different instrument, so your child makes music simply by playing with blocks — with a possibility of over one million unique musical compositions.

These kinds of mental "decoding" connections come in handy when it comes to learning how to read.

While Music Blocks Composer helps kids cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation for music, it also promotes numerous other developmental benefits: hand-eye coordination, color and shape recognition, sequencing and classification skills, understanding cause and effect and auditory discrimination.

Recent tests show that practicing music actually boosts intelligence. In fact, young children who took piano lessons for a year scored 80 percent higher on spatial tests than children who didn't.

Music training has been shown to be far superior to computer lessons in enhancing abstract reasoning skills. And regular music stimulation in newborns has been shown to increase IQ scores by up to 30 points.

It is for these compelling reasons that brands like Neurosmith have spent years developing musical toys that stimulate and engage young brains, and actually expand the ability of infants and toddlers to learn essential non-musical tasks.

Toys can also be used to hone such crucial skills as imagination, motor skills, strength and agility, social interaction/sharing and problem-solving.

Small World Toys offers several developmental toys including "the world's most catchable ball," the Gertie Ball. This tacky-to-the-touch ball is easy to catch and does more than you think — it inspires early social skills while developing hand-eye coordination.

And with special features like sound and color change, Gertie Balls allow a child to explore cause and effect relationships as well.

Sometimes the more simple and classic the toy, the better, when it comes to developing the imagination.

"Dramatic play teaches social skills more effectively than any instruction," says Cooper.

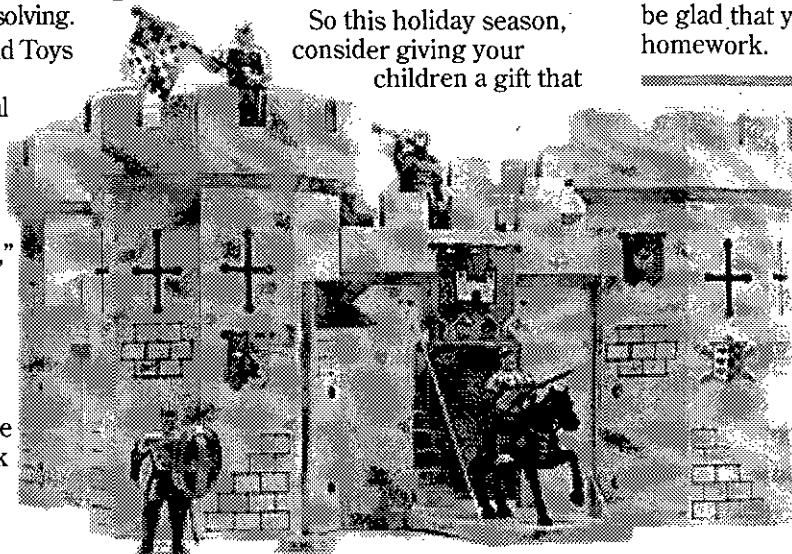
One of the best-selling Small World Toys brands last season was "Ryan's Room," a line of oversized wooden play sets and accessories available in a variety of themes, including dollhouses, castles, pirate ships and fire stations.

Good for countless hours of play acting and pretending, "Ryan's Room" has been embraced by parents and educators for inspiring imaginative and cooperative play, promoting

problem-solving through role play and fostering many other development skills that kids will use over the course of a lifetime.

So this holiday season, consider giving your children a gift that

will actually give them an intellectual lift. Years from now when they bring home their first straight "A" report card, you will be glad that you did your homework.



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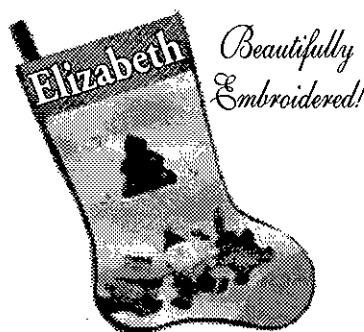
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may think to find gifts that people will love — even when buying for those you may think have everything

When starting your holiday shopping, first consider

Do they love adding accessories and decorations to their homes? Do they have any special food preferences? What types of treats do they enjoy? Do they have any special

collections? Are they the type of people who might enjoy starting a collection?

Collectible-type ornaments, boxes and musicals were the fastest growing giftware product categories last year, according to Retailindustry.com. And, consumers will spend about \$10 billion buying new decorations to brighten family holiday celebrations this year, according to a private marketing research firm.

So, what does that mean for you and your search? With so much interest in decorating and collecting specialty items, gift-giving is a breeze. You can be part of a hot trend this year while giving your friends and family gifts that mean something to them and still fit your budget.

Give the people on your list special presents that will help them decorate and enhance their holiday celebrations, but make sure each gift speaks to each person's tastes.

For example, M&M'S

Chocolate Candies has several new products this year for the holiday season. If there's a chocolate lover on your list, or better yet, an M&M'S loyalist, you can get everything from M&M'S specialty glass holiday ornaments made by Kurt Adler, the leading importer of holiday

decorations, accessories and collectibles, to holiday tins full of the M&M'S Chocolate Candies.

You can also add to a candy-lovers holiday village collection with lighted M&M'S houses and accessories created by Department 56, a leader in the design and production of festive giftware and collectibles best known for its lighted village buildings and snowbabies figurines.

Prices for these items fit nearly every budget and most of the collectibles are available across the United States.

To find out more about the M&M'S holiday ornaments by Kurt Adler (priced from \$5.50 each to \$8 each), go to www.kurtadler.com and look at the store directory for a store near you. The specialty tins full of M&M'S cost from \$4.99 to \$9.99 and can be found at a variety of department stores. The Department 56 M&M'S holiday village houses and accessories cost between \$18 and \$95 and can be found in specialty stores and department stores. Visit www.dept56.com to find a store near you.



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Wednesday, Dec. 8

HOCKEY

Shen 5, Bethlehem 0

Bethlehem saves: Tim Crowley 38, P.J. Pittmann 7.

WRESTLING

Ballston Spa 57,

Bethlehem 18

Bethlehem winners: Giles Chase (119 pounds), David Sterrett (135), Dan McKay (152), Sean Conway (215).

Thursday, Dec. 9

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Schalmont 31,

Voorheesville 30

Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney 17 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderville 91,

Mohonasen 64

Guilderville individual winners: Bruce Maki (200-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle), David Cerutti (200 individual medley, 100 backstroke), Vadim Yafaev (50 freestyle), Sean Molloy (diving), James Lounello (100 butterfly), Brendan Daley (100 freestyle).

Saratoga 101, Bethlehem 84

Bethlehem individual winners: Larry Gloeckler (200-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle), Sean Kennedy (200 individual medley), Tim DeGroff (100 backstroke), Paul Cafiero (100 breaststroke).

Friday, Dec. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Guilderland 42,

Bethlehem 32

Bethlehem leader: Craig Orner 10 points.

Ravena 69, Watervliet 65.

Ravena leader: Joe Fisk 24 points.

Voorheesville 57,

Schalmont 32

Voorheesville leaders: Nick Durican 13 points, Mark Carson 13 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Guilderland 50,

Bethlehem 39

Bethlehem leaders: Katie Rowan 15 points, Liz Casline 11 points.

Ravena 42, Watervliet 36

Ravena leader: Molly McGuire 10 points.

Saturday, Dec. 11

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ravena 58, Cobleskill 43

Ravena leaders: Corwin Hendy 20 points, Tony Northrup 15 points.

Voorheesville 45, Cohoes 41

Voorheesville leader: Greg Delaney 13 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ravena 51, Cobleskill 33

Ravena leaders: Molly McGuire 18 points, Jessica Byerwalters 11 points.

Lady Falcon Tournament

Albany 43, Voorheesville 27

Voorheesville leader: Alex Fish 9 points.

WRESTLING

Glens Falls Tournament

Team scores: Glens Falls 227.5, Schenectady 179, Maple Hill 146, Schuylerville 141, Canajoharie/Fort Plain 97, Christian Brothers Academy 86, Watervliet 81, Voorheesville 74.5, Broadalbin-Perth 74, Cambridge 73, Mechanicville 56, Tamarac 49, Albany Academy 40, Catskill 36, Waterford 30.

Voorheesville place finishers: Jay Spaulding (fourth place, 119 pounds), Zach Fluster (fourth, 125), Paul Hognestad (third, 160), Steve Cardinal (tied for third, 189).

Sunday, Dec. 12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Falcon Tournament

Consolation game

Schenectady 41,

Voorheesville 26

Voorheesville leader: Brigit Feeney 6 points.



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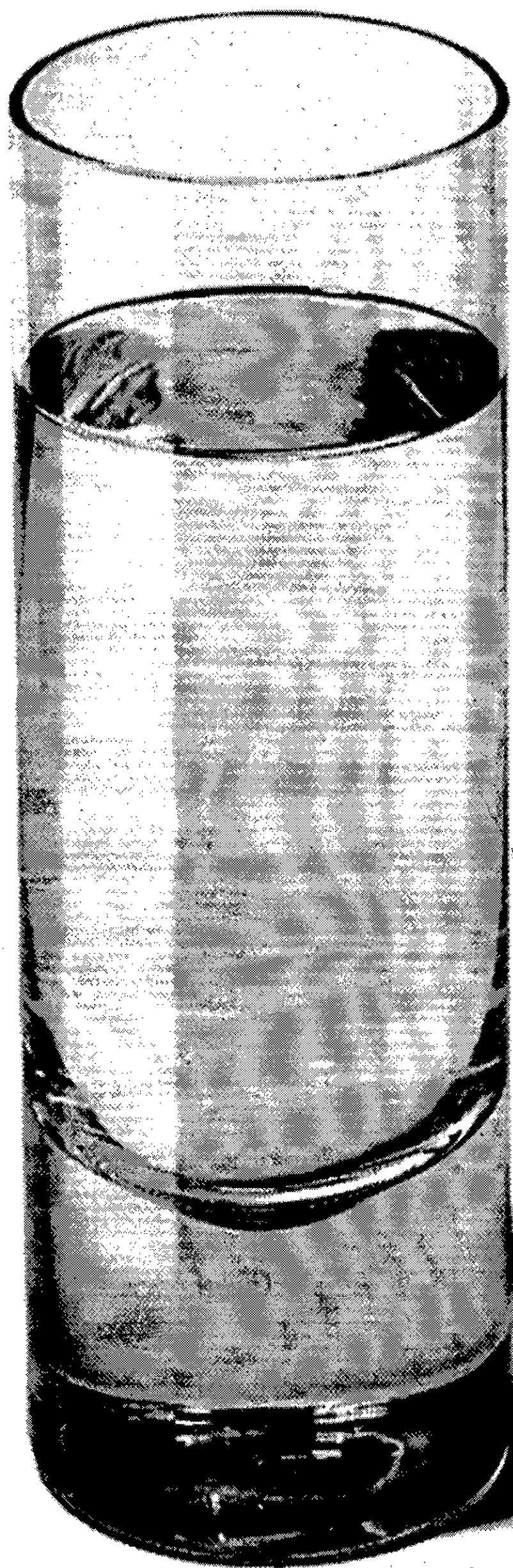


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Obituaries

Ruth Lane

Ruth Hill Lane, 90, formerly of Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 6, in Ithaca.

Mrs. Lane taught first and second grade in the Guilderland School District until her retirement in 1974.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Rixford, Margaret Burlew and Kathryn McDougal; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services were from First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses in Trumansburg.

Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, P.O. Box 597, Trumansburg 14886; the Ulysses Philomathic Library, P.O. Box 705, Trumansburg 14886; or the Alzheimer's Association of CNY, 441 W. Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse 13204.

Gordon VanSlyke

Gordon F. VanSlyke, 90, of Ravena died Saturday, Dec. 11, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. VanSlyke was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Winifred VanSlyke; a daughter, Frances Lobdell; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Contributions may be made to the Ravena Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 144, Ravena 12143.

Rosalie Ritchie

Rosalie Ritchie, 77, of Coeymans Hollow died Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Ritchie was born in Canton. She lived in Coeymans Hollow for 30 years.

She worked as a welder for American Thermostat in Cairo and was a member of the Greenville VFW-Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Ceylon B. Ritchie of Coeymans Hollow; two sons, Charles Ritchie of Albany and Ceylon J. Ritchie of Coeymans Hollow; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial will take place in the spring in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to the Greenville VFW Post 3175, Greenville 12083.

Ruth Simpson

Ruth E. Simpson of Guilderland died Friday, Dec. 10, at her home.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Eggertsville, St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Buffalo and a master's degree from New York University.

She worked as a general nurse in Buffalo and taught pediatrics at Buffalo Children's Hospital. She

was an instructor and chairperson of the Department of Nursing at the College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale. She was appointed the first assistant dean at the University of Buffalo School of Nursing. Before retiring, she spent 10 years as a consultant nurse for the state Department of Health in Albany.

Ms. Simpson was active in a number of nursing organizations, was a member of the state Board of Nurse Examiners and served as president of the board for one term.

She was a communicant of Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

There are no immediate survivors.

Services were from DeMarco-Stone Funeral Home in Guilderland and Christ the King church.

Burial was in Buffalo.

Contributions be made to Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany 12203 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place,

Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Leo Stankus

Leo A. Stankus, 81, of Guilderland died Saturday, Dec. 11, at his home.

Mr. Stankus was born in Albany.

He was an Army veteran, having served in the European Theater during World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albany.

He was husband of the late Ada Pilatone Stankus and the late Mary Stankus.

Survivors include three brothers, Alfred Stankus of Poestenkill, William Stankus of Schenectady and Richard Stankus of Colonie; three sisters, Veronica Smith of Albany and Frances Russo and June Stankus, both of Schenectady.

Services were from New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie and St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albany.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

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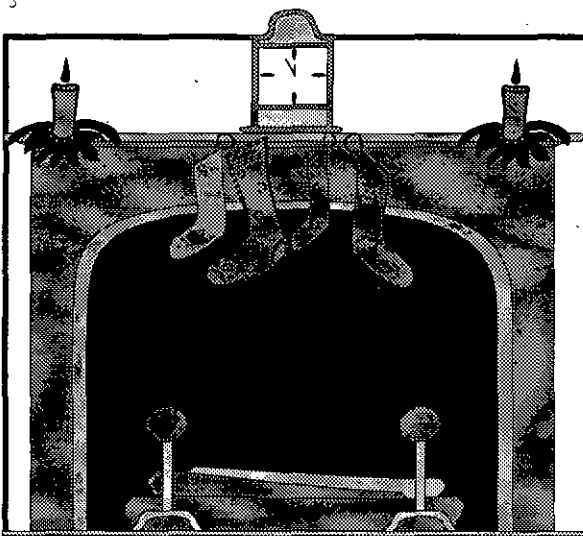
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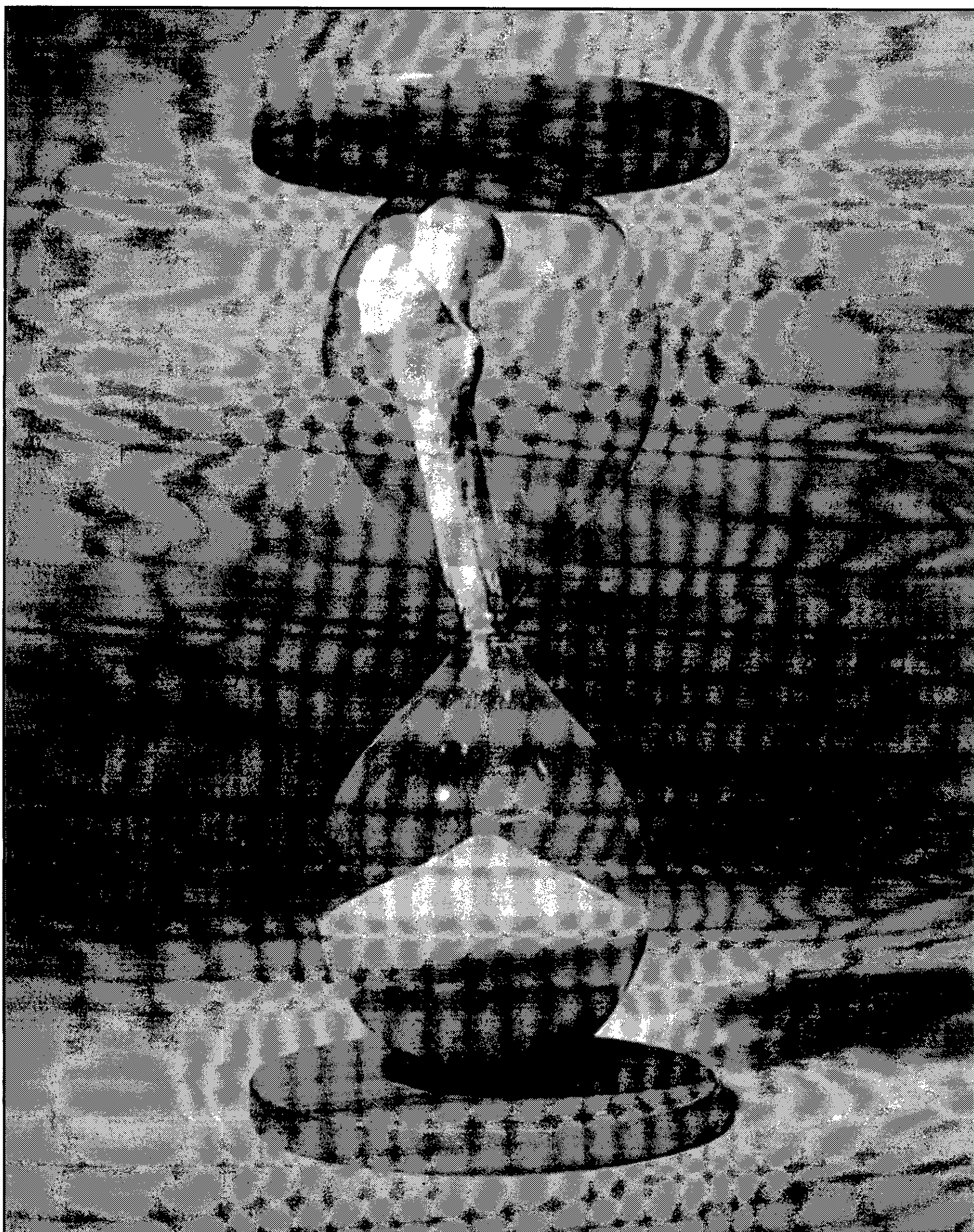
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Obituaries

Anna Ruperto

Anna M. Ruperto, 61, of Glenmont, died Friday, Dec. 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Ruperto was born in Brooklyn and also lived in Catskill.

Survivors include a son, Angelo J. Ruperto of Selkirk; her stepfather, Angelo Bonura of Catskill; and two sisters, Alice Nania of Cairo and Michelina Busca of Florida.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and St. Patrick's Church in Catskill.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Catskill.

Contributions may be made to the Platelet Disorder Support Association, P.O. Box 61533, Potomac, Md. 20859.

James Greiner

James A. Greiner, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Greiner was born in Binghamton and lived in Clarksville and the surrounding area for over 50 years.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. Mr. Greiner was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor and was a long-time member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. He was also a member of the Elsmere Rod & Gun Club and a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493.

He was the husband of the late Marguerite Gloria Barber Greiner.

Survivors include two sisters, Joyce Bennett and Audrey McMillen.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or the Onesquethaw Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Clarksville 12041.

Nancy Angellotti

Nancy Angellotti, 67, formerly of Voorheesville, died Saturday, Dec. 4, at her home in Oneonta.

Mrs. Angellotti was born in Oneonta and graduated from Oneonta High School.

She worked for the Oneonta board of education, the Guild-erland School District, The University at Albany and New York State United Teachers. She also worked as the administrative assistant to the director of staff for United University Professions.

Survivors include a son, Jon Angellotti of Ithaca; three brothers, Burrell "Ted" Wheeler of Morris, Otsego County, and Gilbert, Ariz., Jesse Wheeler of South Kortright, Delaware County, and Richard Wheeler of Laurens, St. Lawrence County; and two sisters, Ethel Knapp of Oneonta and Joan Bush of Mt. Vision, Otsego County.

Services were from Lewis, Hurley & Pietrobono Funeral Home in Oneonta.

Contributions may be made to

the Catskill Area Hospice, 542 Main St., Oneonta 13820.

Joan Dorwaldt

Joan Wolfgang Dorwaldt, 88, of Delmar, died Sunday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. Dorwaldt was born in Albany and graduated from Albany High School.

She was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Louis Dorwaldt.

Survivors include two sons, Peter Dorwaldt and Louis Dorwaldt Jr.; a daughter, Linda Allanson; a brother, Alton Wolfgang; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Jerusalem Cemetery in North Hero, Vt.

Contributions may be made to the North Hero Historical Society, P.O. Box 175, North Hero, Vt. 05474.

Francis Hawley

Francis Elizabeth Tan Hawley, 91, formerly of Slingerlands and

Elsmere, died Monday, Nov. 15, at her son's home in Glen Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Hawley was born in North Gage.

She graduated from the former New York State Teachers College.

She taught grade school in Elsmere for 35 years. A master teacher, she mentored countless student teachers.

She was the widow of Chester L. Hawley.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Hawley of Glen Arbor and Dick Hawley of Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Joan of Glen Arbor and Mary Ellen of Newport News; two sisters, Majorie Puckett and Ardith Thompson; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Walton, Delaware County, in the spring.

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Obituaries

Ruth Brown

Ruth Maybelle Brown, 91, formerly of Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

Mrs. Brown was born in Lawrence, Mass.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, a volunteer with the American Red Cross, a member of the Mayflower Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the New England Women.

She was the widow of Elliot Marshall Brown.

Survivors include a son, Allen W. Brown of Lincoln Park, N.J.; a brother, Charles Gilbert Hatch; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; a step-great-grandchild.

Services were from Tebbutt & Frederick Funeral Home and Westminster Presbyterian Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Mettowie Valley Cemetery in Pawlet, Vt.

Contributions may be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 262 State St., Albany 12210.

Bernard Shapiro

Bernard Shapiro, 52, of Journey Lane in Glenmont died Sunday, Dec. 12.

Mr. Shapiro was born in Montclair, N.J. and raised in Clifton, N.J. He graduated from Clifton High School and Montclair State University where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He later received a

master's degree in health care and hospital administration from George Washington University.

He was a Navy veteran. He received a National Distinguished service award, Alpha Phi Omega in 1974. He also received Navy Commencement for achievements at Naval Submarine Medical Center where he served as director of Ambulatory Services. He was awarded ACHE Senior Health Care Executive of the Year for Eastern New York.

He was a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives, a member of ACHE

Regional Advisory Committee, George Washington University Health Care Alumni Association, Government Affairs Committee, and Hospital Association of New York State. He served as chairman and vice chairman of the Hospital Council of Western Massachusetts. He was also a chairperson of the ACHE Regional Advancement Committee. He was a member of the Board/Executive Committee of NENY Hospital Council and served on the Government Affairs Committee of the Hospital Association of New York State.

Mr. Shapiro also was chief executive officer of the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community. Prior to his affiliation with the Daughters of Sarah he was the CEO of the North Adams Regional Hospital and was the youngest person to hold such a position in the state of Massachusetts.

He had been the past president, chief executive officer and executive vice president of Albany Memorial Health Systems and subsidiaries. It was during his tenure at Albany Memorial Hospital that he was credited with the hospital expansion.

He also served as chief operating officer for Prime Care Physicians, PC; Prime Care Management Company in Albany.

He was a member of Temple Israel in Albany, the Albany Jewish War Veterans Post 105, the Albany County Economic Development Partnership, the Bylaws Committee of the Albany Colonie Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board of SUNY Institute for Advancement of Health Care Management and a member of the executive board of Boy Scouts of America.


Survivors include his parents, Herman and Ruth Shapiro of Freehold, N.J.; his wife, Phyllis Tresser Shapiro; a daughter, Jennifer Shapiro of New York City; a son, David Shapiro of San Diego, Calif.; and a sister, Claire Tanzer of Morganville, N.J.

The period of mourning will be observed throughout the week at the Shapiro residence, 35 Journey Lane in Glenmont.

Services were from Temple Israel.

Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery in Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to the Daughters of Sarah Foundation, 180 Washington Ave., Ext., Albany 12203.



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They are the parents of John and Joyce Hughes of Leesburg, Fla., Alan and Lucille Hughes of Delmar, Carol Hughes and Lou Rams of Bend, Ore., Tom and Laurie Hughes of Brant Lake and James and Bonnie Hughes of Chestertown, Warren County.

They are the grandparents to 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Margaret is a retired first-grade teacher. She taught at Glenmont School in the Bethlehem Central School District.

John retired in 1982 from the Village Garden Center in Brant Lake.

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She is a high school math teacher for the North Adirondack Central School in Ellenburg.

The future groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Hudson Valley Community College and Excelsior College.

He is the health and safety service coordinator for the North Country chapter of the American Red Cross.

The couple is planning a July wedding.



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Poli, Keller marry

Patricia A. Poli, daughter of Horst and Alice Wimmers of Delmar, and William Keller, son of the late Christopher and Martha Keller of Berne, were married Aug. 7.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Corlett at Delmar Reformed Church.

A reception followed at the German American Club in Albany.

The maids of honor were Danielle and Jennifer Poli, daughters of the bride.

The bridesmaid was Brittany Keller, daughter of the groom.

The best man was John Balta.

Groomsmen were Robert Keller and Gary Engle.

The bride is a graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School and Saint Margaret's College.

She is the owner of Trish's Cleaning Service in Delmar.

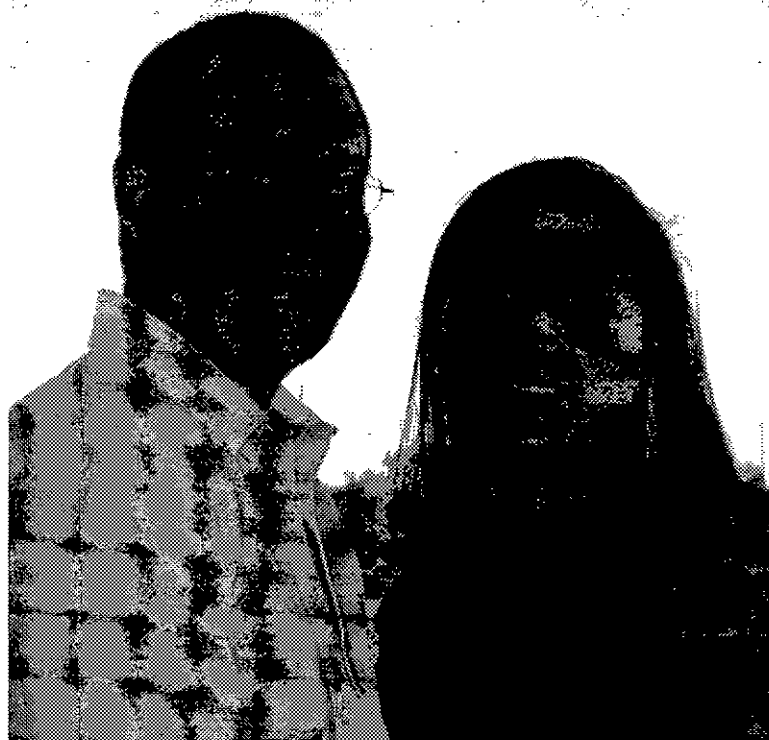
The groom is a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School and Hudson Valley Community College Chrysler Automotive Academy.

He is an automotive technician for the Armory Garage in Albany.

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



Patricia and William Keller



David Varmette and Emily Hitter

Hitter, Varmette engaged

Emily Marion Hitter, daughter of Thomas Hitter of Albany and the late Eileen Hitter, and David Scott Varmette, son of Scott and Brenda Varmette of Springwater, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High

School and Alfred University.

She is glass engineer for Cardinal Glass Industries in Eden Prairie, Minn.

The future groom is a graduate of Alfred University.

He is an electrical engineer for Cardinal Glass Industries.

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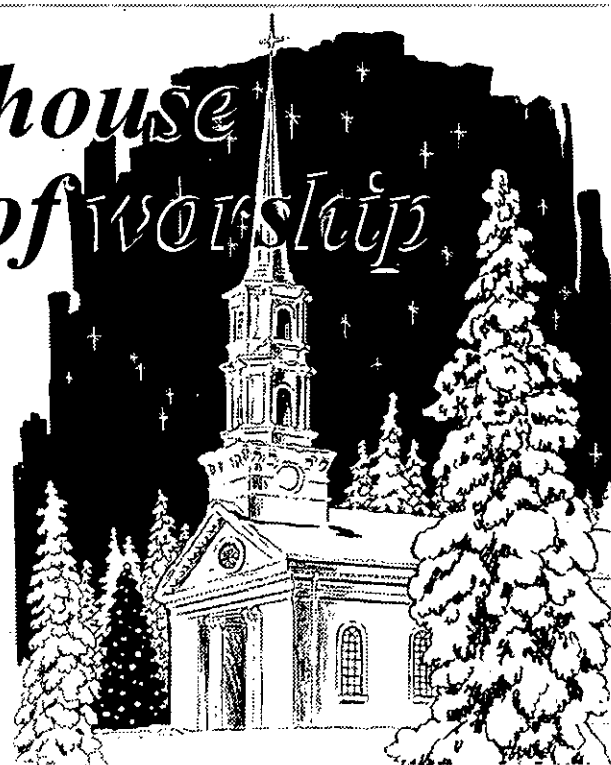
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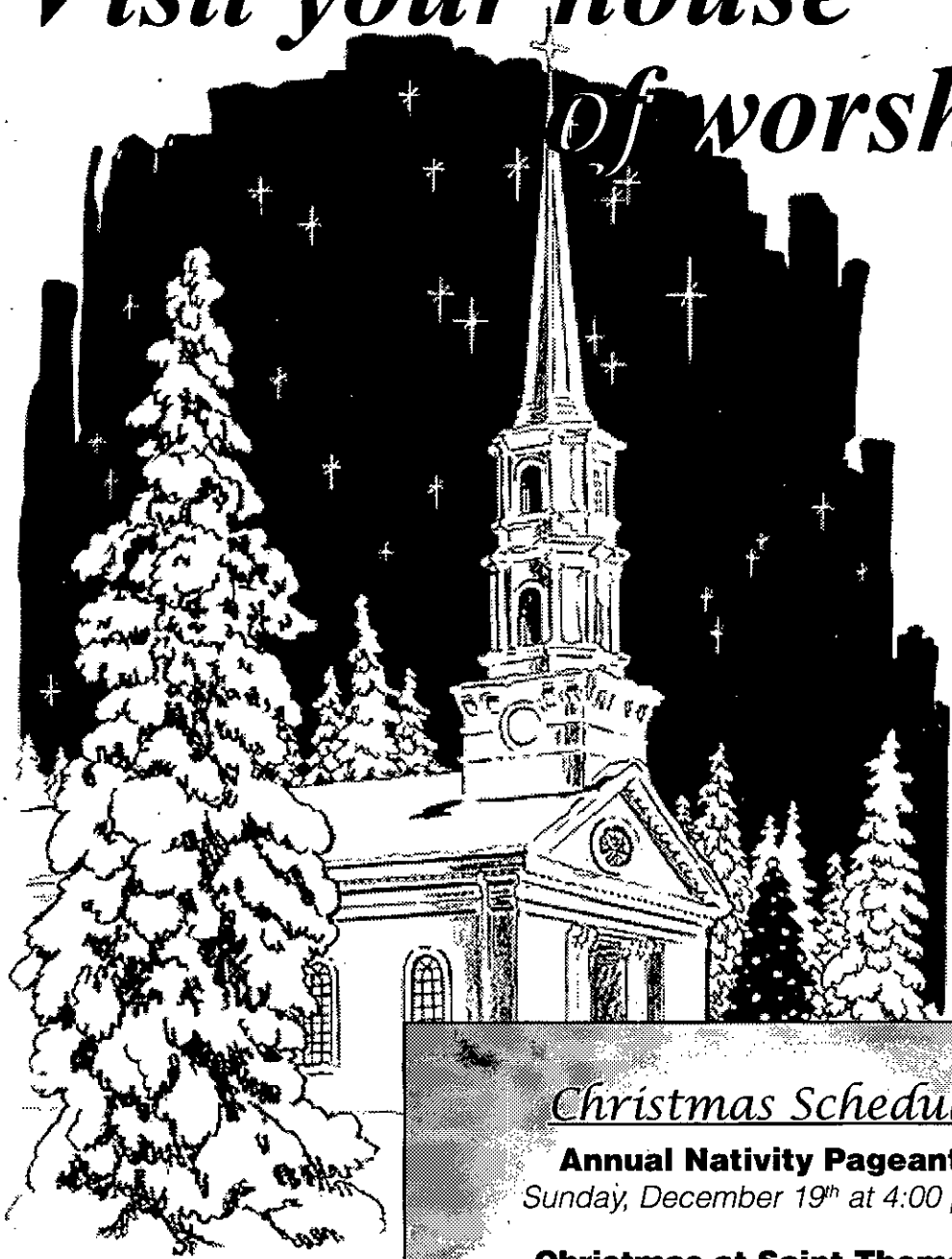
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11:00 a.m. Mass (Organ, Adult Choir)
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The show is choreographed by Cindy Stuart, who was a bronze medalist at the junior national championships and a two-time member of the U.S. international team, was coached by Janet Champion and went on to skate with Ice Follies and Holiday On Ice.

She has also provided choreography for such famous skating names as Nancy Kerrigan, Katarina Witt, World champion Chen Lu, and two-time national Pairs Champions and three-time world medallists Jenni Meno and Todd Sand.

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Musically, the show combines tunes from the four familiar Disney movies and combines them with some classic rock-and-roll songs that the kids and older members of

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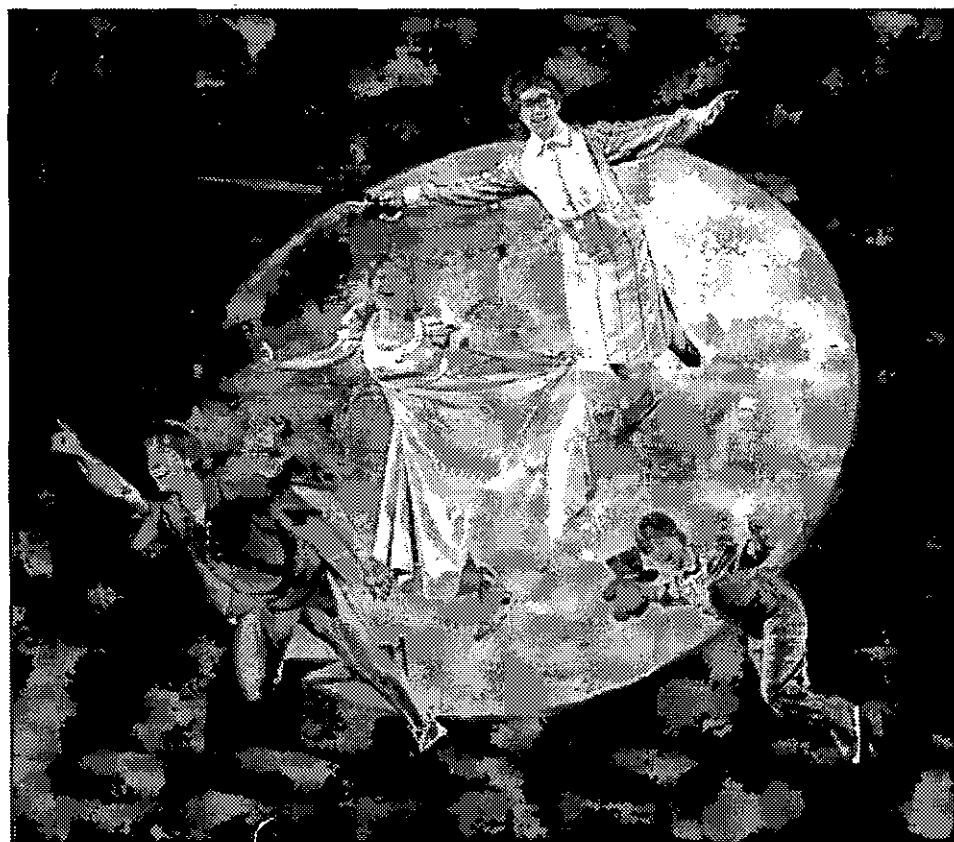
The unconventional mix of music inspired Stuart to incorporate original moves, like the boisterous pirate line dance and the fanned-out precision number for Pongo and Perdita's gigantic dalmatian litter.

Every destination has its own mood and lighting created by Patrick Dierson. The foggy London skyline that can be seen from the Darling children's window soon changes to the mysterious forest where Peter Pan and the Lost Boys live in their tree-house, while Lilo and Stitch cavort surfside surrounded by tropical sunlight and foliage.

As always Disney promises, and delivers, a big action-packed, special effects package in a show that not only appeals to kids, but parents and grand-parents too.

"This show is fresh and appealing to the audience, because it's new to them," Stuart said. "It has a great balance of music, energy, fun and familiar faces. It's great all around."

"Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey" will be at the Pepsi Arena from Thursday, Dec. 16 through Sunday, Dec. 19 for 8 shows. Tickets are \$12 and \$18, with opening night tickets at \$10. Tickets are available at www.disneyonice.com, TicketMaster ticket centers or by calling 476-1000. For information call 487-2000.



Peter Pan, Wendy, John, and Michael fly off to Neverland.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

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.

MUSIC JUDY COLLINS

Troy Savings 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 Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m., Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., \$17. Information, 273-0038.

THE CANADIAN BRASS

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., \$33 and \$35. Information, 273-0038.

Dance

THE NUTCRACKER

Albany Berkshire Ballet production, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 19, 1 and 4:30 p.m., \$30, \$28 for seniors, \$20 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

THE NUTCRACKER

Youth Ballet Company production, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Dec. 18, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$25, \$20 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

Recycle This Paper

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

The Greatest Generation Goes to War, through Feb. 15, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Now You See It, an exhibit about magic, through Feb. 6, half-hour free parking. Information, 242-2241.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

holiday exhibit, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, through Jan. 31. Information, 786-6557.

Call for Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA

new, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

openings in the string section, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

FIRST NIGHT ALBANY

musical artists wanted for New Year's Eve event, submit tape/CD, biography, reviews, etc., to Albany Office of Special Events, City Hall, Eagle Street, Albany 12207. Information 434-8069. Information, 785-4807.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group, based in Scotia-Glenville area, rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., call for location. Information, 399-9480.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

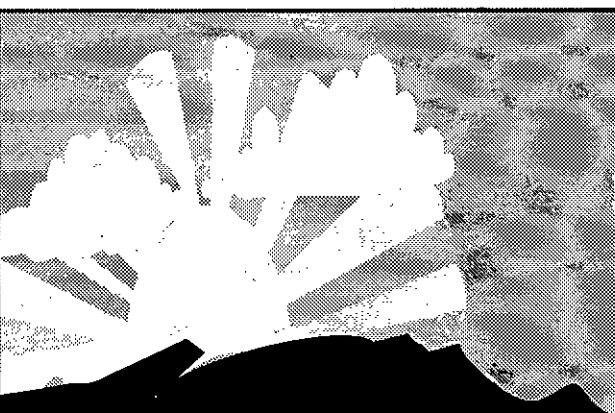
CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

ARTISTS WANTED

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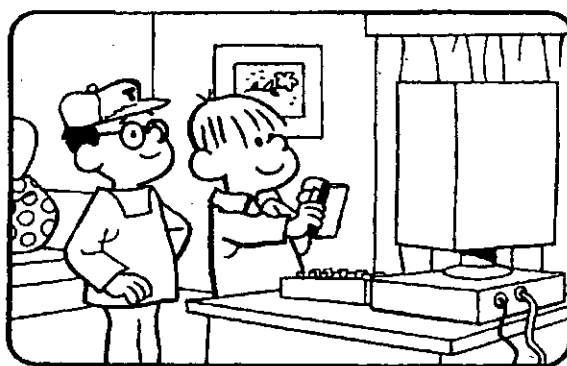
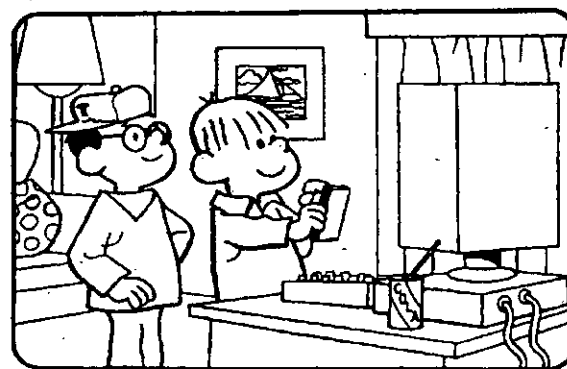
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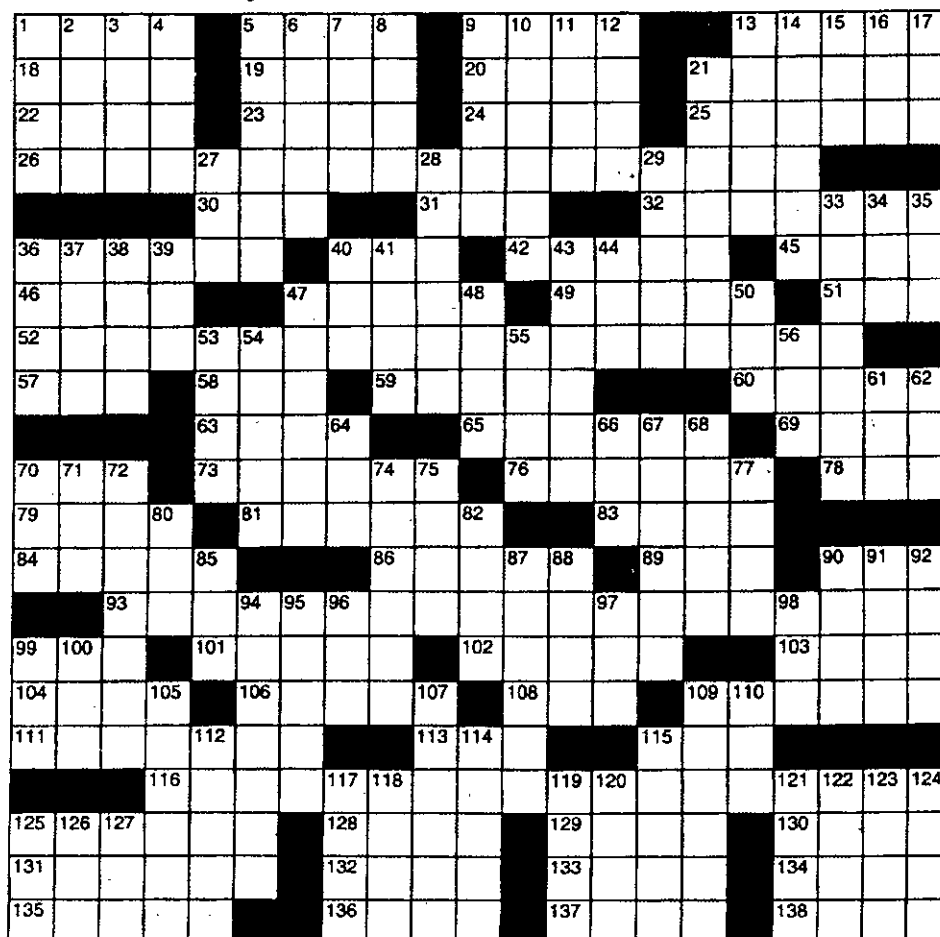
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The Super CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Forum wear
5 Wolf gang?
9 Drive the getaway car
13 Positive thinker
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21 Hickman or Strawberry
22 Canadian coin
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26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis
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31 "Agnus"
32 Cinema sled
36 Lineman's tool
40 Seville shout
42 Renown
45 Debut recording
46 Atmosphere
47 Discontinue
49 Sharpens a skill
- 51 Choose, with "for"
52 Part 2 of remark
57 Cartoon canine
58 Part 3 of remark
59 Delany and Wynter
60 Time of your life
63 Head line?
65 Susann or Shakespeare
69 Entreaty
70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
73 Prom date
76 Gulliver's first name
78 Portly
79 Wattle's partner
81 Speculation
83 Conductor Klemperer
84 Gold brick?
86 Pageant prop
89 Part 4 of remark
90 Sixth sense
93 Part 5 of remark
99 Mellow
101 Studio sign
102 "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash)
103 Computer image
- 104 Man the bar
106 Belarusian city
108 Cote cutie
109 Bantered
111 November 11th
113 Stirrup site
115 Create a chemise
116 End of remark
125 Monastery bonwigs
128 Tivoli's Villa d'—
129 Neighbor of Can.
130 Concept
131 He had things done by Friday
132 — breve
133 Unusual
134 It's nothing
135 Off the plate
136 Basketball's Willis
137 Black
138 Seth's son
- DOWN**
- 1 Baja bite
2 The yoke's on them
3 Passed-on item
4 Choir member
5 Whales
6 Maui greeting
7 Poirot's concern
8 Handle
9 Tickle
10 Wodehouse's Wooster
11 Send out
12 Peter of reggae
13 Dieter's discomfort
14 Cleared the slate
15 Cardigan part
16 Pipe cleaner?
17 Building wing
21 Signifies
27 HST's predecessor
28 Crusader kingdom
29 Persian, presently
33 Early epic
34 Ref
35 Speck
36 Talk-show pioneer
37 Mechanic's offering
38 Pressing need
39 — de Cologne
40 Above, to Arnold
41 Installed tile
43 Unsullied
44 — Gatos, CA
47 Basilica
48 Italian rumbler
50 Diffident
53 Kind
54 Use a toboggan
55 Handle harshly
56 "Alley —"
61 Indian export
62 Toque or topee
64 Piggy
66 Medical grp.
67 Uproar
68 Price twice
70 Infamous
Amin
71 Singer
Seals
72 Enhance
74 Generator parts
75 Stumble
77 Isolated
80 Tropical snake
82 Connecticut campus
85 Spinks stat
87 Go back
88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)
90 Decorate glass
91 Oxford, e.g.
92 Await judgment
94 As a group
95 Canvas cover?
96 Nuremberg numeral
97 Cinnabar, for instance
98 "— the season..."
99 Wilderness trans.
100 "Holy smokes!"
105 Unseat
107 Pot
109 Dairy cow
110 Be obligated
112 Boca —, FL
114 Winning
115 Burning bit
117 Have on
118 Presque —, ME
119 Mata —
120 Dash
121 — up (evaluate)
122 Actress Barbara Wolfe
123 Sleuth
124 New Mexico resort
125 Parker of football
126 It may be padded
127 Except



The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Dec. 15

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.

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 Bible study, 7 p.m. 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.

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, 439-9819.

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.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-3948.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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. NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 17

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP (JULY AND AUGUST)

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Information, 439-9341.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elmsmere 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. 18

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. Dec. 19

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 Elmsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill

Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glennmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.

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 Elmsmere 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.

WEDDING GOWN EXHIBIT (JUNE THRU AUGUST)

Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. Dec. 20

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

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 Elmsmere 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.

EXPLORER POST 157

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SELKIRK

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

Tues. Dec. 21

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

Sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

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 482-2132.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

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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 (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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. 22

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.

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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.

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)

Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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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 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY 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 October 25, 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 4017B State Street, Schenectady, New York 12304. LCD-10676 (December 15, 2004)

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"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 Services, Ltd., 307 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10680 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of MJM NY LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/6/04. Office location: Albany 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 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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Pet Associates, LLC The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 22, 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 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 15, 2004)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(C)

1. The name of the limited liability company is Whitman Holdings LLC.
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 County.
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 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Habersham Funding, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/26/04. Office location: Albany County. 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 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Bellevue Rentals LLC, 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 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of TSG Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/27/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated 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 15, 2004)

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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

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

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 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LCD-10740 (December 15, 2004)

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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 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 12205. LCD-10747 (December 15, 2004)

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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 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 process against the LLC is 668 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-10751 (December 15, 2004)

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

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 process against the LLC is 668 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-10752 (December 15, 2004)

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

The name of the LLC is Pai's Tae Kwon Do of Latham, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ("LP")

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Business Management and Consultant Group, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 14, 2004, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 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 LLC. LCD-10765 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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

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 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 process against the LLC is 1025 Central Avenue (Rear), Albany, New York 12205. LCD-10771 (December 15, 2004)

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istered Nurse Associates, PLLC.
2. The date of filing the articles of organization with the Department of State was 11/24/04.
3. The county in New York in which the offices of the company is located is Albany County.
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 Chauvot.
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 served.
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. LCD-10820 (December 15, 2004)

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CAI Financial LLC, was filed with the SSNY on 11/29/04. 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 J. Cavalier, CAI Financial LLC, 2815 Townsgate Rd., #215, Westlake Village, CA 91361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LCD-10829 (December 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Essence of Xpression, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 1, 2004, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 12 Petra Lane, Albany, New York 12205. 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 LLC. LCD-10832 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOSCA WOODWORKING, LLC. Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copies of any process against it to the LLC, 54 Central Ave., Ravena, NY 12143. LLC is member-managed. Purpose: any lawful business. LCD-10835 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP)

The name of the LLP is PHELAN, PHELAN & DANER, LLP. The Certificate of Registration of the LLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 30, 2004. The purpose of the LLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLP upon whom process against the LLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-10836 (December 15, 2004)

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

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA 1200 NSR, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 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 26 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-10837 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of PrimeZone LLC. Articles of Org. filed w/ the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/3/04. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 16 Cavalier Way, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-10838 (December 15, 2004)

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

The name of the LLC is GIBBS COURT ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 7, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-10845 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cardinal International Leasing, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/13/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/28/04. 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: 301 S. College St., Charlotte, NC 28288. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10669 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of OnSight Energy, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/18/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/6/04. 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. DE address of LLC: 909 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Sec'y of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10670 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Richmond North Bellmore Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y 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

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mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10672 (December 15, 2004)

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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 mail copy of process to: The LLC, 24 Fifth Avenue, #615, New York, NY 10011 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-10686 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Small Smiles Dentistry of Albany, LLC, a professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/28/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jaekle Fleischmann & Muegel, LLP, 800 Fleet Bank Bldg., 12 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry. LD-10690 (December 15, 2004)

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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 purpose. LD-10691 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of FANT EXPERT INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y 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. LD-10693 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs of Philadelphia, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y 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 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10703 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KENTFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y 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 15, 2004)

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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 activities. LD-10706 (December 15, 2004)

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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. 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-10707 (December 15, 2004)

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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. LD-10711 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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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 a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 12 Shanks Place, Delmar, New York 12054. LD-10714 (December 15, 2004)

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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

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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. LD-10718 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of COGETEL 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10719 (December 15, 2004)

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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. LD-10720 (December 15, 2004)

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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 office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, 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 Law. LD-10721 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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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 process against it may be served is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue 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 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Cardenas/Morales and Associates, L.L.C. Authority

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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 15, 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. Principal 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 15, 2004)

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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 activities. LD-10737 (December 15, 2004)

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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 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, Div. of Revenue, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10738 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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OMS REALTY, LLC
1. The name of the limited liability company is OMS REALTY, 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.
3. 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

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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.
5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
Dated: November 18, 2004
NOLAN & HELLER, LLP
Attorneys for OMS REALTY, LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
LD-10770 (December 15, 2004)

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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 process to: Airport Park, 43 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: practice the profession of law. LD-10773 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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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. Principal office of LLC: 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Suite 210, 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 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Fypon, Ltd. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/04. Office location: Albany County. NY 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., 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 15, 2004)

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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

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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, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10782 (December 15, 2004)

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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 Delaware (DE) on 9/26/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, c/o NKA BlumbergExcelsior Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10787 (December 15, 2004)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ASPEN HILLS II, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: ASPEN HILLS II, LLC SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: ALBANY THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the 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
Filed by: Robert A. Bosman
ONE EXECUTIVE CENTRE DR., SUITE 102 ALBANY, N.Y. 12203
LD-10796 (December 15, 2004)

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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 15, 2004)

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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 Delaware (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 activity. LD-10810 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Ironborn Finserv LLC. Arts.

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of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/2004. 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 BlumbergExcelsior Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10813 (December 15, 2004)

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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 BlumbergExcelsior Corporate Services, Inc., 62 White Street, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10814 (December 15, 2004)

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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 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: any and all lawful purposes. LD-10815 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Yanico, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 3, 2004. 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 against 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 liability company served upon him or her is: 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 York. LD-10817 (December 15, 2004)

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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 designated 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 purpose. LD-10822 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of LYNHURST REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/30/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mallow, Konstam & Hager, 321 Broadway, 5th Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10823 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of BEATCOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/30/04. 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. LD-10824 (December 15, 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 stores. LD-10827 (December 15, 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 Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Corp. Dept., Lockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10828 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is KCB REALTY, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was 11/08/04. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, 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 Law. LD-10830 (December 15, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BRANDLE MEADOWS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2104. 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, 2880 Curry Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10834 (December 15, 2004)

Emergency

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staff members hostage. At the same time, a call came into the main office alerting the administration that an armed man had entered the school.

Diefendorf then sounded the alarm, which, in these situations, is a coded message disguised as an ordinary request over the public address system.

Immediately, the school went into a lockdown, with the rooms locked and shades pulled down.

"By going into lockdown, pupils and staff are secure and out of sight of would-be threats to their safety," Diefendorf said. "They may stay in that mode for minutes to hours and won't hear anything else from us until they are evacuated or told to stand down."

By 9:44 a.m., sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene and set up safety perimeters inside and outside the school. At the outer perimeter, Route 85 between Picard and Martin Roads was "closed," while deputies in the inner perimeter surrounded the library and established evacuation locations in the gymnasium and performing arts center.

As sheriff's deputies patrolled the hallways, school administrators, together with police and fire department officials, set up a command center district office. Here, actions were coordinated and communications centralized.

Should a real crisis expand, additional police and emergency responders would stand by at the sheriff's department patrol office located next door. In a real emergency, Diefendorf said, Albany County deputies would have assistance from local and state police.

Entrances to the library were surrounded by a four-man emergency response team (ERT). Wearing black body armor and Kevlar helmets, these paramilitary police officers are trained to tackle the most dangerous threats to law enforcement. As approaches to the library were secured, students exited from classrooms in the adjacent hallways and moved to the evacuation sites.

With nowhere to run, the gunman gave up and stepped from the library into the hallway where police apprehended him. The ERT entered the library and,

not knowing if the gunman had accomplices, ordered everyone to lie down on the floor. The hostages were cuffed and questioned before deemed safe and released to school officials.

"I was a little bit scared of the ERT team," said Jennifer Carter, a junior. "They were very serious and meant business."

Chris Thompson, also a junior, said he found the team thorough and professional.

"They knew just what to do," he said.

After securing the library, police combed the school to make a final safety check before turning control back over to the administration. At 10:30 a.m., Diefendorf announced on the public address system that the lockdown had ended.

In the classrooms, the students remained silent during the drill. "The kids were very cooperative and took it all seriously," said

English teacher April Levy. "I think we set the right tone for them."

Benjamin Keller, a senior, said he thought it was a unique experience.

"It's a good thing to do in these days when nothing is unexpected," he said.

In all, 18 sheriff's deputies, 20 firefighters from New Salem and Voorheesville fire departments, and seven members of the Voorheesville Rescue Squad, participated in the drill.

"This was a small-scale exercise for us," said Capt. William Riley of the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol, who coordinated police operations during the drill. "It was more of a

practice for the school while we assisted in the role playing."

Riley added that the county's 5-year-old ERT can respond to any situation from dignitary protection, to riots and terrorist threats. They train with state, local and federal emergency response teams.

School administrators said they were pleased with the outcome of the drill.

"Our job is to make sure our people are doing what they are supposed to be doing in an emergency such as this," said School Superintendent Alan McCartney.

"I hope, however, we never have to do it for real."

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Notice of Qualification of SHF IX, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/22/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/6/04. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10840 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of 715 Park Avenue Associates, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/1/04. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 11/18/04. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LP: 18 Columbia Tpke., Florham Park, NJ 07932. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with NY Secy. of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10841 (December 15, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of 827 PHILLIPS ROAD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/1/04. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10842 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Elmwood Park Fire District that the

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Board of Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District did at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6th, 2004 pass a resolution to spend from its equipment reserve fund the sum of money not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the repairs necessitated to its pumper designated E-65. This resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Fire Commissioners subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. LD-10844 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Elmwood Park Fire District will be conducted on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7PM at the North Bethlehem Fire House, 589 Russell Road, Albany, NY. The Monthly Meeting of the Fire Commissioner's will follow. During the construction period of the fire house, weekly Fire Commissioner's meetings will be held through the month of January on Mondays at 7PM, until further notice.

Ann P. Wall
District Secretary
Elmwood Park Fire District
LD-10851
(December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice: The Monthly Meeting of the Fire Commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District held on Monday, December 6th, 2004, was recessed and will reconvene on Wednesday, December 8th, and continue each Mon-

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day in the month of December, as needed, at 7PM at the North Bethlehem Fire House, 589 Russell Road, Albany, NY.

Ann P. Wall
District Secretary
Elmwood Park Fire District
LD-10852
(December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 1125.19.122
The New York State Department of Transportation has developed design studies to address identified transportation problems along 2.6 +/- miles of State Route 85, all in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County. The proposed improvements for the project known as the Slingerlands Bypass, involve the construction and rehabilitation of the existing route beginning in the vicinity of its intersection with Route 140, and extending to the Albany City Line. Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordination with Federal, State, and Local agencies. A Final Environmental Impact Statement including any comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). Copies of the Final Environmental Impact

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Statement are available for review and copying during business hours at the offices of the Project Manager, Robert S. Cherry, NYSDOT-Region One, 328 State Street, Schenectady, NY; the FHWA Division Administrator, Robert Arnold, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, NY; Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY; Albany City Hall, Rm 202, Albany, NY; Albany County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, Rm 128, Corner Eagle & Columbia, Albany, NY; Albany Public Library-Reference Dept., 161 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY; Albany Public Library, New Scotland Branch, 369 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY; and the Guilderland Public Library, 228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY. LD-10853 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of I.M.S. International Marketing Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/2/04 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. LD-10854 (December 15, 2004)

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RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 8th day of December 2004, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the purchase of a computer system to support the hosting of the NYS Real Property System software and related applications; and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$64,000; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the purchase of a computer system as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$64,000 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$64,000 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr.

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Lenhardt, was seconded by Mr. Gordon and duly adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Ms. Egan, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Gordon.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
DATED: December 8, 2004
LD-10855
(December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of First Avenue Licenses, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/04. 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o First Avenue Networks, Inc., 230 Court Square, Suite 202, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10856 (December 15, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company of University Development LLC was formed on November 12, 2004 by David H. Hayes. The address of the company is 22 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12207 in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company on whom process can be served. LD-10857 (December 15, 2004)

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