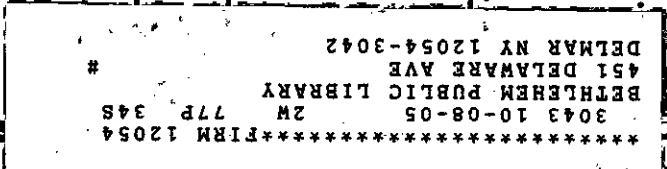


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'04 Year in Review

The year in review, January - June, appeared in last week's paper.

July

- The Capital District YMCA, having bought the former BIG Arena on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, names Scott Lewis, 34, as the future executive director of the facility. Lewis, a nearly lifelong employee of the YMCA, says he will move to Delmar with his family. The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency later agrees to back the proposition with bonds.
- A crow found in Bethlehem in June tests positive for the West Nile Virus, the first of the season. The instances of the disease this summer is down in the Capital Region.
- The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District and its teachers agree on a five-year contract that calls for a 3.5 percent salary increase the first year, a 3 percent increase the second year and 2 percent increases each of the following years.
- The Bethlehem Central School District receives recognition for its community partnerships programs that provide rehabilitation and support for students with disabilities.
- Mega-coffee chain Starbucks locates its first store in Glenmont, in the Glenmont Price Chopper.
- Delmar resident William E. McCarthy is sworn in by Gov. George E. Pataki as Supreme Court justice of the Third Judicial District, after Justice Thomas Keegan retires.

• A Delmar resident who led police on a car chase through the streets of Albany on New Year's Eve, resulting in the police-shooting death of innocent bystander David Scaringe, is sentenced. Daniel Reed, then 32, of Woodmont Drive in Delmar, plea bargains to spend four months in jail for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Reed still awaited sentencing for his guilty plea to felony driving while intoxicated, which the judge said could be served consecutively.

• Albany County Comptroller Mike Conners sets his sights on the state Senate seat that represents the county by dropping his bid for Assemblyman Robert Prentiss' seat in the 109th district and announcing he was the Republican candidate for the seat held by state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar.

• Area Democrats are enthused by the Democratic Convention, held in Boston, that many said went off without a hitch.

August

• Village and district officials in the RCS school district come together to raise funds for a three-color stoplight at the entrance to the school after a number of accidents, including a fatality, shock the community.

• Breslin challenges Conners' status as a Republican Senate candidate in court, citing Election Law stipulations. Breslin charged that Conners' replacement of Ted Hartman of Delmar was not done in a timely or legal manner. After an appeal filed by Breslin's attorney, Conners wins that case and will move on to the election.

• In other election news, David Soares, a former assistant district attorney under incumbent District Attorney Paul Clyne, announces that he will challenge Clyne in the Sept. 14 primary. Soares works to galvanize drug law reform as the race's top issue.

• For the first time in the history of the events, the Elsmere Fire Department announces it will host both the Albany County Volunteer Firefighter Association and the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighter Association conventions at the same time and place. The event, deemed a huge success by the department, brings firefighters from as far away as Germany and is dubbed the "Kevention" in honor of fallen chief, Kevin M. Shea, who died on a fire call in January.

• A late state budget keeps school districts and other taxing entities guessing conservatively about how much state aid they will be receiving, but Voorheesville figures on a greater-than-expected increase in aid. BC would eventually afford its district residents the same relief, dropping its proposed 4.85 percent tax hike to 4.72 percent.

• A decision to appoint Deborah Baron, a New Scotland town board member and the wife of Voorheesville school board president Robert Baron, to a part-time position as receiver of taxes, is narrowly approved by the school board. Robert Baron's deciding vote draws controversy from board members and district residents.

• Water improvements in Bethlehem take a step forward, as the town board approves a design concept on the \$17 million upgrade project.

September

Town and county officials warn walking, running and cycling pedestrians to stay off the beaten path of the Canadian Pacific Railroad when it removes a 9-mile stretch of track between the Port of Albany and Voorheesville.

• RCS students get an extra few days of summer vacation when the school board decides to delay the start of school to make sure the building is safe and student-friendly after a \$29.2 million renovation project is completed. The district finagles the calendar a bit to make sure students don't lose class time over the delay.

• As the town of Bethlehem moves forward in its comprehensive planning process, it presents a conceptual idea for where riverfront development could be headed. The concept is also in response to Bethlehem's status as a finalist for a proposed dewatering facility on Bethlehem's waterfront, with town officials saying the more plans the town has for development, the less likely it is the town will be picked for the \$500 million Environmental Protection Agency and General Electric dredging project.

• The switch is flipped on the traffic light in front the RCS high school, in time for the start of the school year.

• Clyne, following a primary loss to Soares, announces he will still vie to

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Hat trick



Gillian Ford laughs at Diane Dunston of Delmar as she tries on a homemade hat during Albany's First Night celebration.

Jim Franco

ZBA to decide fate of Feura Bush quarry

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

A grassroots coalition of homeowners just over the New Scotland-Bethlehem town line will likely find out at tonight's zoning board of appeals meeting the fate of an appeal of a decision by Bethlehem's building inspector that paved the way for a limestone quarry.

Bethlehem Building Inspector Mark Platel determined in August that mining activities had occurred years before on a 4.6-acre tract of land off Old Quarry Road in Feura Bush, after owner Peter Frueh had filed an application with the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop a limestone quarry on the property.

DEC has already issued a permit for mining on the Frueh property.

After a number of public information sessions and hearings and a DEC-sponsored public comment period regarding the area, located about 1,500 feet west of Old Quarry Road, the Feura Bush-Bethlehem Heights Alliance members said their fight will not stop if the appeal doesn't go their way.

"We really don't know which way it's going to go," said FBHA member Susan Morrison of Collabeck Road. In the 19 years that she has lived at her current residence, Morrison said that she has never seen mining activities on the Frueh property.

"It's highly frustrating for the community," she said. "We'll be exhausting any remedies we have available to us."

Platel visited the site in May 2004 and obtained a number of invoices and receipts that he reviewed, eventually deciding that mining had occurred before August 2004, making it an allowable use in the area, which is zoned rural-not zoned.

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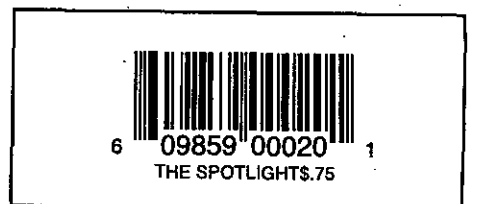
The Fruehs, who operate a family-owned construction business, are proposing to extract rock from the mine by blasting, which would take place several times a year. At the public hearing regarding the appeal at the ZBA Oct. 20

meeting, the Fruehs said they have taken a number of materials from the ground of the 180-acre property, including clay, topsoil, and rock that includes cobble rock and lime rock. Opponents of the project fear that the activity would put drinking wells and property values in jeopardy.

Platel said the Fruehs are currently buying limestone from another business or number of businesses.

"It's been a fairly long process because of the litigation," Platel said.

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Police make three DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police made three driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests this week.

On Dec. 29, around 2:01 a.m., David Riedel was stopped for improper lane change and swerving between hazard markings on the Delmar bypass.

Riedel, 19, of 6 Sylvan Lane in Delmar, emitted odors of alcohol and marijuana, police said.

Riedel produced a bag of marijuana and a ceramic pipe to police, according to reports.

He was placed under arrest for DWI. Riedel's blood alcohol content was listed at .08 percent. He was ticketed and is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Jan.

15. On Dec. 28, around 8:36 p.m., police responded to a personal property accident on the Delmar bypass between Elm and Murray avenues. When police arrived, they detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from 35-year-old Frances G. Losee's breath.

Losee, of 24 Dresden Court in Delmar, failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. Losee was ticketed and is scheduled to appear in Town Court Jan. 4.

On Dec. 22, around 9:04 p.m., police pulled over 45-year-old Tierney D. Rozier, of 126A Fairlawn Drive in Selkirk, for failure to dim his high beams. As

police were interviewing Rozier, they could detect a strong odor of alcohol, according to reports.

Police said Rozier failed field sobriety tests and then submitted to a chemical test, which showed him to be positive for alcohol.

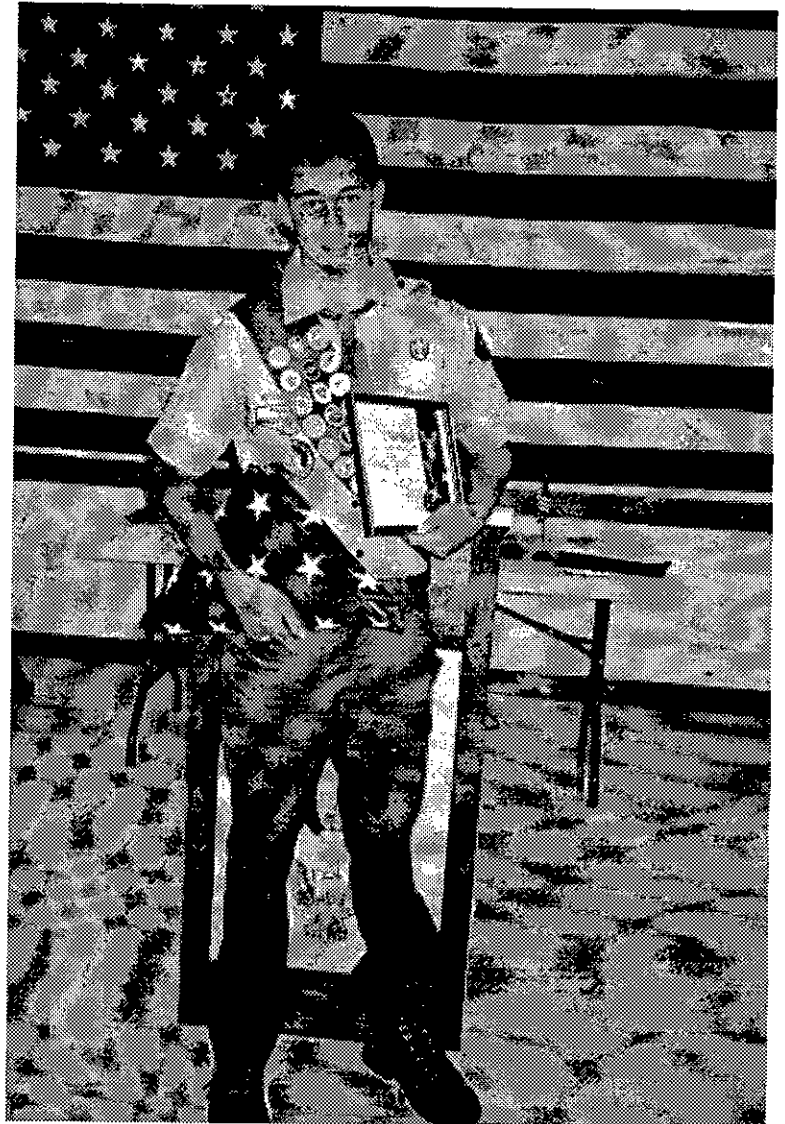
Rozier was processed for DWI and issued a ticket. He is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Jan. 4.

Lutheran church to install new pastor

The Rev. Mark Mueller will be installed as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. at the church at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar. A reception and dinner will follow the installation, which the public is welcome to attend.

For information, call the church office at 439-4328.

Fly like an eagle



Joshua Joseph O'Brien of Troop 73 in Voorheesville recently became an Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts' highest rank. O'Brien was feted in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St. Matthew's Church. For his service project he planned, organized and built a 142-square-foot bluestone patio at Voorheesville Public Library. O'Brien is a junior at Clayton A. Bouton High School. He is the son of Joseph and Donna O'Brien.

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Friends, family remember teacher, fitness instructor

By MARY LANNON

After she led a packed, step aerobics class filled with hooting and hollering and sometimes singing, fitness instructor Stacy Miller Zounes would bring her daughters 2-year-old Courtney and 4-year-old Cami (Cameron) into the aerobics room and fill it with stability balls for the girls to play with, all the while catching up with her friend and fellow fitness instructor Susan Hoffman.

According to many grieving her loss last week, the scene exemplified many of the qualities they remembered best about Zounes, 33, a lifelong Guilderland resident, who died in a car accident on Dec. 22.

Many people described Zounes as zany, high energy, and fun-loving; the kind of person who could light up a room. Dedicated to her family, especially her husband, George Zounes, and her two young daughters, friends said, she had a passion for teaching, for aerobics, for friendship, for life.

"She was the kind of person that even if you had only met her once, you would remember her," said Collette Gallagher, who first became friends with Zounes in high school.

Because of that magnetism, Gallagher said, many of her own friends and family, who had maybe only met Zounes once, have been touched by her untimely death.

"It's been such a shock to so many people," she added.

That's a sentiment that Mike Mashuta echoed. Owner of Delmar Health & Fitness, Mashuta has received at least 10 calls a day from members who took one of the many classes, mostly step aerobics, that Zounes taught.

"She touched an entire community," Mashuta said. "She had an impact on an awful lot of lives."

Member Joanne Long recalled the great camaraderie Stacy created in her classes.

"She'd say 'I had a chocolate doughnut today,'" Long said. "We'd all groan because Stacy on a sugar-high was even more threatening than usual."

The classes were tough but always full of fun and often ended with Zounes getting the whole class to sing along with dance music, Long said.

"We'd be crazy with joy. I'm not kidding," Long said, adding that everybody was also dripping with sweat.

The camaraderie often



Stacy Zounes

continued after class as a group, including Zounes, would sometimes go down to Beff's restaurant and have beer and wings, Long said.

Zounes' mother Brenda Fredrickson, who grew up in Westmere, said that Zounes always had that energy, an ability to make friends and an aptitude for teaching. Even as a 3-year-old, she'd be the loudest kid on the playground, Fredrickson said. In elementary school, Zounes learned to sign so that she could communicate with the deaf children at the Altamont Elementary School.

Several friends remembered her zany sense of humor.

"She was such a ham," Gallagher said. "She would do something goofy just to make you laugh."

On pit stops during a road trip for spring break, Gallagher said, Zounes pretended to run into a glass door in front of a group of older women and into a soda machine in front of a bunch of guys, just to make her friends laugh.

Mary Mahar remembers Zounes calling to promise a snow dance so that Mahar, a teacher, could have a snow day.

The two women met about 10 years ago when Zounes went to work at the Rensselaer Middle-High School, first as a teacher's aide and later as a special education teacher. They later became neighbors.

They shared Popsicles on the last day of school to inaugurate summer vacation and helped take care of each other's children. Mahar laughingly remembered how Stacy stopped by six times before a big holiday to borrow everything from a tablecloth to pots and pans. The two would sometimes sneak a swim in a neighbor's pool, she said.

One of her oldest friends, Jennifer Oertel, said that when she first met Zounes in the first grade at Altamont Elementary School, she did not like the way she colored in a witch and the attention that she got from the boys. She held that grudge into middle school when Zounes would sit next to her on the bus and insist on chatting with her

despite the less-than-friendly vibes Oertel was sending out.

"It lasted about a week. Then I was at her house every day," Oertel said.

The two became part of a core group of six girls that went through high school together and remained friends into adulthood, some of them gathering for a weekly Thursday play date with their kids. Those same six helped create a memorial filled with pictures so that Zounes' daughters will have a keepsake of their mom.

"In every picture, she's smiling," Fredrickson said.

Always very sociable, Oertel added, Stacy always had many friends outside that core group of six.

Guilderland High School physical education teacher Barbara (Haines) Newton said that of the many students she's had over the years, Zounes stood out for her friendliness and positive attitude.

Zounes' best friend and matron of honor at her wedding, Stacey Snyder, remembers how supportive Zounes was, whether it was at a first try at karaoke or a big thing like returning from a doctor's appointment.

"She'd say 'I'll go with you' or 'We can do it together,'" Snyder said.

If she couldn't be there in person, Snyder added, she'd be the first person to call you after a big event and ask how it went.

Fellow fitness instructor Sally Howard also said that she valued Zounes empathetic ear, and how Stacy would always be glad to help out, often at the last minute.

Others recalled her dedication to and joy in being a mom.

Both Cami and Courtney take after their mother, Frederickson and Gallagher said.

"Both of her girls love to bounce," Gallagher said.

Zounes had brought them a small trampoline, but the girls would bounce all over the couches and climb up onto the window sills; Stacy took it all in stride, Gallagher said. She always enjoyed the moment rather than worry about them getting their clothes dirty. Frederickson said that sometimes the energy of her granddaughters was a little much.

"All that energy, you'd have to get out of there," Frederickson said.

But Stacy, Frederickson added, delighted in it all.

Others remembered Zounes for her dedication to teaching special education students and aerobics.

Rensselaer Middle-High School principal Karen Urbanski said that Stacy had that combination of patience, enthusiasm and hard work that

made her an outstanding special education teacher.

"She was excellent. She enjoyed teaching," Urbanski said.

Special education students require the extra attention and patience that Zounes so easily gave, she added.

Maureen Kuhn, coordinator of the fitness class schedule at Delmar Health & Fitness, praised Zounes' ability as an instructor. Zounes stood out, Kuhn said, among many aerobics instructors she has known, including many top in the field throughout the country.

Under the circumstances, the family is coping pretty well, Frederickson said. They have drawn strength from all of those who knew Stacy and were touched by her life. She feels especially grateful to Mashuta for setting up a college fund for Stacy's girls.

The fitness center also has plans to dedicate the aerobics room in Stacy's name, create a picnic spot as a memorial and sponsor a memorial run in Zounes' name, all suggestions that members have made.

Other survivors mourning her loss include her father, Kim Miller of Pulsaki; two brothers, Scott Miller and Troy Miller, both of Altamont; and two stepsisters, Jennifer Anetzberger and Heather Kanoza.

Contributions may be made to the Cameron and Courtney Zounes College Fund, c/o Fredendall Funeral Home, P.O. Box 458, Altamont 12009.

Archives yield local history trove

By MARY LANNON

The construction of Crossgates Mall, the fight to block an incinerator on Cabbage Island in Bethlehem and the preservation of the Pine Bush are all a part of local environmental history that has yet to be written.

Residents interested in such hometown history need only head to the University at Albany's M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives to get a look at the buttons, T-shirts, papers, photos, memos and pamphlets that tell those local stories.

"This is the sort of history that would not yet be in books," said Amy Schindler, curator of manuscripts.

Department head Brian Keough said that people do have an interest in such history, as demonstrated by the popularity of television shows such as "Antiques Road Show" and "History Detective." It's just that they don't always make the connection between their interest and the archives.

Papers and artifacts from environmental activists including Save the Pine Bush, Concerned Citizens Against Crossgates and Bethlehem Work on Waste, as well as the personal papers of the late activist and Guilderland resident Hope Donovan, await researchers. Much of the

information has been inventoried online.

Most recently, the archives has opened 30 years of records from Environmental Advocates of New York. The statewide organization, established in 1969 as the Environmental Planning Lobby, was one of the nation's first organized environmental groups.

The collection adds to the large amount of material that the archives has on public policy, Keough said. Environmental activism may well be considered a hallmark of the second half of the 20th century by historians documenting the period.

Available to the public at the university's archives and inventoried online are the group's correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, publications, research files and promotional materials. The material covers a range of state legislative issues from acid rain and hazardous waste to pesticide use and the state's bottle bill.

The opening of this collection marks a significant addition to a large push, begun in 2000 by university archivists, to preserve environmental history — the battles fought over how much to preserve and how much to develop.

The artifacts of preservationists have proven easier to acquire than those they fought against, Schindler said.

Archivists, like historians, are always seeking out both sides of the story, she added.

"We seek to document not just a point of view but an issue," Schindler said.

There's a certain serendipity involved in the work of preserving these moments that make up our past. People don't always keep their papers, and if they do, they sometimes land in basements or attics, where water and mold can ruin them.

"It's such a cliché that archivists spend all their time in basements, attics and outbuildings. But there's some truth to it," Schindler said.

Other times, people don't realize that their correspondence or meeting minutes might be of interest to anyone.

"It's very much a catch-if-you-can kind of thing," Schindler said.

Case in point, the university almost didn't get the records of Bethlehem Work on Waste because it took a great deal of networking with environmental activists before archivists even heard of the group, and then the keeper of the papers, Betsy Lyons, after holding on to them for eight years, almost threw them out.

"(Lyons) said she didn't because 'It was just a great little episode of defeating the man,'" Schindler said.

Keough said that the archives was lucky to obtain the 30 years of Environmental Advocates' records from file cabinets in the group's basement.

"Thankfully, they didn't recycle them," he joked.

While the archives often gets welcome calls from people wanting to donate artifacts or papers, they also reach out to the community, targeting specific areas of interest, Schindler said.

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'05 might just be the year resolutions come true

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

There I sat, furiously creating the list of New Year's resolutions that this year, NO MATTER WHAT, I would keep.

The list looked vaguely familiar. There's that amount of weight to lose that hasn't changed much over the years. No yelling at the kids. Be kinder to people, and stop shunning the ones I really dislike. Get more sleep — and here's guessing that getting a good night's sleep might help with the yelling and kindness resolutions.

Be more conscientious in my work. Stop procrastinating. Take care of leaks and suspicious noises in the house before they become problems. Clean out the closets and organize the upstairs room that has become the catchall for all the stuff we don't know where to put. When that room's cleaned, reawaken the

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now 9-year-old dream that made me want to buy this house in the first place, and write the Great American Novel in that space that was meant to be the room of my own.

Replace the dining room wallpaper; think about making the wood floors in our house shine a little bit again. Paint the kitchen and bathroom ceilings that have been patched and prepped for about half a year now.

Walk the dog every day — it will be good for her and better for me (see that weight loss resolution). Eat more fruits and vegetables — see first resolution

again. Think of fruits and vegetables not as a punishment for the sins of the flesh, but as a way to guarantee that I'll be around to enjoy my children and, please God, my grandchildren some day.

Stay ahead of the laundry, so there's never a panicked child's cry for clean clothes at 6:30 a.m. on a weekday, causing me to run to the basement to check the dryer for clean socks, clean underwear, clean pants, or all of the above.

Help my children in their continued quest for organization. Rail less against the teachers' obsession with organizing papers into folders to be handed in and graded. Try to see organization as a subject matter just as important as math, social studies or English. Work more with my children on helping around the house, expanding their chores from the small bit they already do.

Great, I thought, looking at the list, by the end of the year I'll be a skinny nag living in an immaculate house with properly-folded underwear in the drawers.

How much more fun it is to think of resolutions I'd rather make. When the whole world advised moderation during the Christmas season, I advised *The*

Spotlight's executive editor to write just one editorial not having a thing to do with temperate living.

Go ahead, the dark force within me urged, tell people to melt their credit cards creating a perfect Christmas for their families. Advise them to have an extra glass of spiked eggnog; to gobble down the extra cookie. It's just once a year, so what the hell, let's live it up.

Fortunately, she didn't write it, and except for the extra cookies during the whole month of December, I don't really live that way, either. Not anymore, anyway. When we were in our 20s, Chris and I often spent New Year's Day with whichever friends could get vertical again after the New Year's Eve festivities, drinking Bloody Marys and watching the year in review on MTV.

Then, it was easy to resolve to go to the gym every day, to read *The New York Times* cover to cover, to read a good book every couple of weeks, to find time to volunteer for something worthwhile, and to put in a few extra hours at work each week.

Our New Year's Days are much more clear-headed now, and I still arise with a million ideas

about how to make the coming year better.

It's funny, though, how having a family takes up all the time it takes to keep resolutions.

It's a victory to get out for just a 20-minute walk, between my own work hours crafted around the kids' school day, answering their needs, chauffeuring them places, or doing the breakfast dishes in the afternoons when we're all home again, making dinner and making sure homework gets done in the evening. And hoping that Chris' work hours will be manageable enough so that he will be home in time to help with the math homework that's already beyond me.

Before bed, there are dinner dishes and laundry to do, then time to try and keep that resolution about more sleep.

Resolutions quickly take a back seat to the daily routine.

In the recent news of the devastating tsunamis in the Indian Ocean, though, my resolutions seem pretty inconsequential.

The magnitude of the suffering is heartbreaking. As children seek missing parents and parents seek missing children, it seems like the only important thing to do is pray for those people, and open up the checkbook to relieve their suffering.

The tragedy in southeast Asia is another grim reminder that we can resolve all we want to, but we don't always get to pick what will happen to us in our lives.

So the long list of resolutions becomes one: to not lose the precious moments we have with one another in a flurry of thinking about what we should change.

With the prayers for the people who have lost everything, I offer a tiny prayer that in the new year, we all treasure one another while we're here on earth together.

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retain his seat on the Independence line come November. Clyne's primary loss by more than 5,000 votes to Soares shocked media and constituents and has many talking about the end of machine politics.

The town gets its mountain lion equivalent of the Loch Ness monster, after a number of was-it-or-wasn't-it sightings of a cat-like animal ambling through a Fisher Boulevard subdivision. Later reported sightings of the animal and a deer carcass apparently fed upon post-mortem, brought reminders of an incident last year in which horses were attacked by another animal people believed to be cat-like. No sightings have been reported recently, and area pathologists say mountain lions are extremely rare.

Former Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler Jr. is appointed to the top position of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey by Gov. George E. Pataki. Ringler had previously held the top position at the Office of General Services.

The Bethlehem town budget is unveiled, proposing a 5.4 percent tax increase. Much of the financial forecast for the town is a pleasant one, though Supervisor Theresa Egan expresses a desire to diversify the local economy. The town Highway Department is in the most trouble, with a proposed 8 percent increase in funding.

Though few details are available, the BC school district announces that one of its bus drivers has been found to be in violation of the district's drug and alcohol policies. Citing personnel reasons, the district doesn't identify the driver or many more details, except to assure parents that children riding the buses are safe.

A controversial plan for a bigger CVS store hits the planning board agenda, drawing much debate about how the store could fit in with the prospective comprehensive plan.

Town Engineer Mike Cirillo, the longest tenured employee in town with 38 years of experience, retires.

October

The first murder to occur within town lines in more than 13 years is solved by Bethlehem Police within a week. The hatchet

murder of 28-year-old White Plains native Timothy Gray is called a brutal crime of passion by police. University at Albany senior Erick S. Westervelt, 23, a native of Guilderland, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder, to which he later pleads not guilty.

The former BIG Arena officially opens as a Bethlehem Area YMCA, with an open house that includes ice skating and face painting.

The purchase of one of the three largest business taxpayers in town — Selkirk Cogen — is approved by a Maryland court after its former owner files for bankruptcy. Officials don't believe the sale to Goldman Sachs will affect jobs.

Town officials, seeking input from residents who may not be in regular attendance at comprehensive plan workshop meetings, mail out an eight-page survey about development in town. The survey, conducted in conjunction with Saratoga Associates, is deemed a huge success, with a better-than-40 percent response rate.

The first of three debates between state Senate candidates Breslin and Conners takes place, illustrating the near-end of the election season. Both candidates agree state government is heavily in need of reform, though they differ on how to go about it.

Former BC standout student Dennis FitzPatrick is named captain of the USS John F. Kennedy, an aircraft carrier patrolling the Persian Gulf on a six-month assignment.

A Bethlehem Networks mental health task force and the Bethlehem Central Community Organization sponsor a panel seeking to dispel common myths about teenage depression and suicide after three teenage suicides the previous year had rocked the community.

The New Scotland Republican Party names Lance Luther, a lawyer with the state Workers Compensation Board, its new chairman. Luther replaces Peter Balenchia, who stepped down to concentrate on his business ventures.

Another animal abuse case makes headlines when numerous complaints and a yearlong investigation culminate with the seizure of nearly 300 animals from the Cherokee Ridge Animal Rescue Farm in Coeymans. Police allege that Susan Peters was feeding animals with bagels and doughnuts and keeping them in unsanitary conditions. At least three animals were euthanized.

RCS drafts an anti-bullying plan after two bullying incidents prompt the district to consider a preventive approach. The plan is later adopted by the board of education and includes a provision to eliminate instances of cyber-bullying, an up-and-coming form of bullying over the computer or via cell phones.

November

The Delmar Fire District holds two public information meetings regarding a proposal that would outfit them in a new \$5 million firehouse on Delaware Avenue, where Verstandig's Florist sits. The 5-acre location is

centrally located in their response area, officials say, though they face criticism from residents who perceive their approach to a new facility as a close-mouthed one.

The Bethlehem Public Library faces allegations from a former trustee that the branch's management is secretive and out of touch with most staff members. Amid the allegations is a charge that management hid about \$291,000 in funding from the board's treasurer.

Following his impressive primary win against incumbent District Attorney Clyne, Soares goes on to claim a solid victory against Clyne and the Republican candidate Roger Cusick of Loudonville. Days before the

election polls open, Clyne had dropped out and backed Cusick. In the state Senate race, Breslin easily defeated Conners to retain his Democratic seat in state government.

The murder of law clerk Peter Porco and the attack on his wife, Joan, shock their neighbors on Brockley Drive and in the rest of the Delmar community. The murder mystery turns the town into a media hub, with news vans camped out behind the Bethlehem Police Department as police collect evidence throughout the next two weeks while speculation about motive and suspects abound. Police remain fairly tight-lipped about the specifics of the case. Though no

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Matters of Opinion

Helping hands

As the death toll continues to rise, we hear more and more people trying to find a way to best help the survivors of the undersea earthquake and tsunami in Sumatra, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and India.

Leaders from America and other countries have traveled to the devastated regions and will no doubt discover ways to help people who are basically without food and shelter. Still, many Americans are frustrated by a sense of helplessness brought on by such a tragedy. As time passes and things settle down, there will likely be more opportunities to help, other than digging out the checkbook.

Right now, orphaned infants and children are in danger from disease and lack of nourishment, but they eventually will need permanent homes and new families to care for them. America, for one, has a wonderful track record in terms of adopting children from other nations. We think of the naturalization ceremonies, where new young citizens and their proud families are welcomed to this nation. The smiling faces of the children and parents tell a story with a happy ending and a happy beginning for the children.

We would hope some of the relief organizations help to facilitate adoptions or foster homes for the thousands of children in dire need. We would also hope that the process could be expedited to get these children some immediate help.

We also hope that relief aid organizers are capable of getting food and supplies to people who so desperately need it.

On a news broadcast over the weekend, Secretary of State Colin Powell reminded us that all the money on earth would be given in vain if there is no mechanism in place to properly disburse food and other necessities to the victims of the horrendous disaster.

The numbers are staggering. Five million people are estimated to be homeless, so common sense and immediate need dictate that red tape must be bypassed. Let us hope that speedy relief is administered to the disaster victims. These innocents have already suffered enough trauma.

Every day that passes rings a death knoll for people living under such perilous conditions.

Locally, people can send donations to the Red Cross at www.redcross.org/donate.

For additional organizations that are helping in the relief effort, visit www.actionagainsthunger.org, www.careusa.org/ or www.unicef.org.

Editorial

The decline of civility in sports

By BRUCE SVARE

The writer is professor of psychology at the State University of New York at Albany and the Director of the National Institute for Sports Reform. He is the author of a new book entitled Reforming Sports Before the Clock Runs Out.

Unsportsmanlike and violent behavior exhibited by athletes, parents, fans, and coaches is in our face seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Consider the following snapshots of sports in America:

- in an NBA basketball game a player instigates a full-blown brawl with fans when a cup of beer is thrown in his face by a spectator
- a high school wrestling referee with 20 years of experience disqualifies a wrestler for performing an illegal mount. He was head-butted by the athlete and knocked unconscious
- two fathers of youth hockey players fought with each other at the conclusion of a practice, with one of the combatants eventually dying from the brutal fisticuffs.
- football players in a college game started a melee just prior to the end of their game. This resulted in the suspension of 12 players and the cancellation of bowl bids to the two teams
- an NFL football player spits in the face of an opponent during a game.
- in a T-ball baseball game being played by 4- and 5-year-old kids who were in their first year of organized athletics, 20 men fought over an umpire's call.
- a high school football player ended up cutting five players on the opposing team when a sharpened buckle on his helmet lacerated them during the course of the game. The buckle was purposely sharpened by the player's father because he believed that referees from a previous game had failed to penalize players for roughing up his son
- a college basketball coach chokes one of his players during

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a practice.

- an assistant baseball coach with a youth baseball league was charged with aggravated battery in which he punched an umpire and broke his jaw over a disputed call during a summer league game for top high-school-age players.

- a girls high school basketball game ended in a humiliating blowout score of 115-2. The academic director of the school was left seething about the lack of sportsmanship.

- an NHL hockey player purposely hits an opponent in the temple with his hockey stick and causes a severe head injury.

- in a high school football playoff game, a referee was punched and

pulled to the ground by several hundred football fans, many of them parents of players, when the game came to an end.

- a college baseball pitcher went out of his way — by about 30 feet — to purposely throw at an opposing player during warm-ups. The player was standing in the on-deck circle when he was struck in the face. He suffered permanent damage to his eye and his visual capabilities.

We have gone from an era in which Grantland Rice epitomized what sports are about when he wrote: "When the Great Scribe comes to write against your name, he marks not that you won or lost, but how you played the game;" to an era in which Vince Lombardi told us that the outcome of the game was much more important when he said: "Show me a gracious loser, and I'll show you a loser" and "Winning is not everything. It is the only thing."

This sad transition has left us with very few role models and playing fields that are strewn with example after example of poor sportsmanship, violence, and misbehaving athletes, parents, coaches, and fans at almost every level of sports.

The present emphasis on sports in our country has also produced a jock culture that fuels inappropriate and often illegal and violent behavior on the part of athletes. Sportswriter John Feinstein remarked, "Rules don't exist for great athletes."

Often, laws don't exist for great athletes. Rarely are they prosecuted and when they are, regardless of how guilty they are, they usually walk away with probation or that famous catchall, 'community service' as in 'go and serve your community by winning some games.'"

Brought on by the glorification of sports in our society, the jock culture is reflected in a sense of privilege and entitlement that is bestowed upon athletes from an

early age.

There are multiple reasons why sportsmanship has declined so dramatically and why we see an increasing number of ugly incidents of misbehavior and violence among athletes, coaches, parents, and fans.

Clearly, at all levels of athletics, the intensity and pressure of sports participation has been ratcheted up many times over what it was back in the 1950s and 1960s. The unrealistic expectations of winning by everyone involved, even at a very early age, propels fans, parents, players, and coaches to act in unethical and sometimes illegal ways.

Unsportsmanlike and violent behavior exhibited by athletes, parents, fans, and coaches is in our face seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The media hype that accompanies almost all aspects of sports at every level also contributes to the problems. Bad behavior is recognized more than good behavior and it becomes the

expected norm.

Our young people see and hear what happens at the higher levels of sports and come to believe that it is OK for athletes to abuse the values of the game and engage in unethical and illegal behavior.

Sportsmanship violations during games and the general misbehavior of athletes, coaches, and fans have reached epidemic proportions.

Often the penalties for these infringements upon the values of the game are weak or non-existent.

The punishment for the misbehavior of athletes off the field is often subverted by a society that is beholden to professional sports organizations as well as the sports machines that exist in our high schools and colleges.

We can begin the process of restoring civility to sports by renewing our efforts in the prevention area as well as by adding incentives for good sportsmanship.

More importantly, however, we must insist that athletes be treated by our legal system in the same way that we treat average citizens. Playing a sport is a privilege and not a right. That privilege is one that is earned and subject to good citizenship and behavior on and off the field. Loss of those privileges should be swift and long-lasting for athletes.

The same holds true for coaches, parents and fans who go over the line in their behavior.

Clearly, something must be done to return our athletes, coaches, parents, and fans to a more sane sports landscape; one in which ethics, sportsmanship, and fair play become the focus instead of an afterthought.

What hangs in the balance is our next generation of young athletes who deserve a much better sports experience than the negative one that clouds athletics today.

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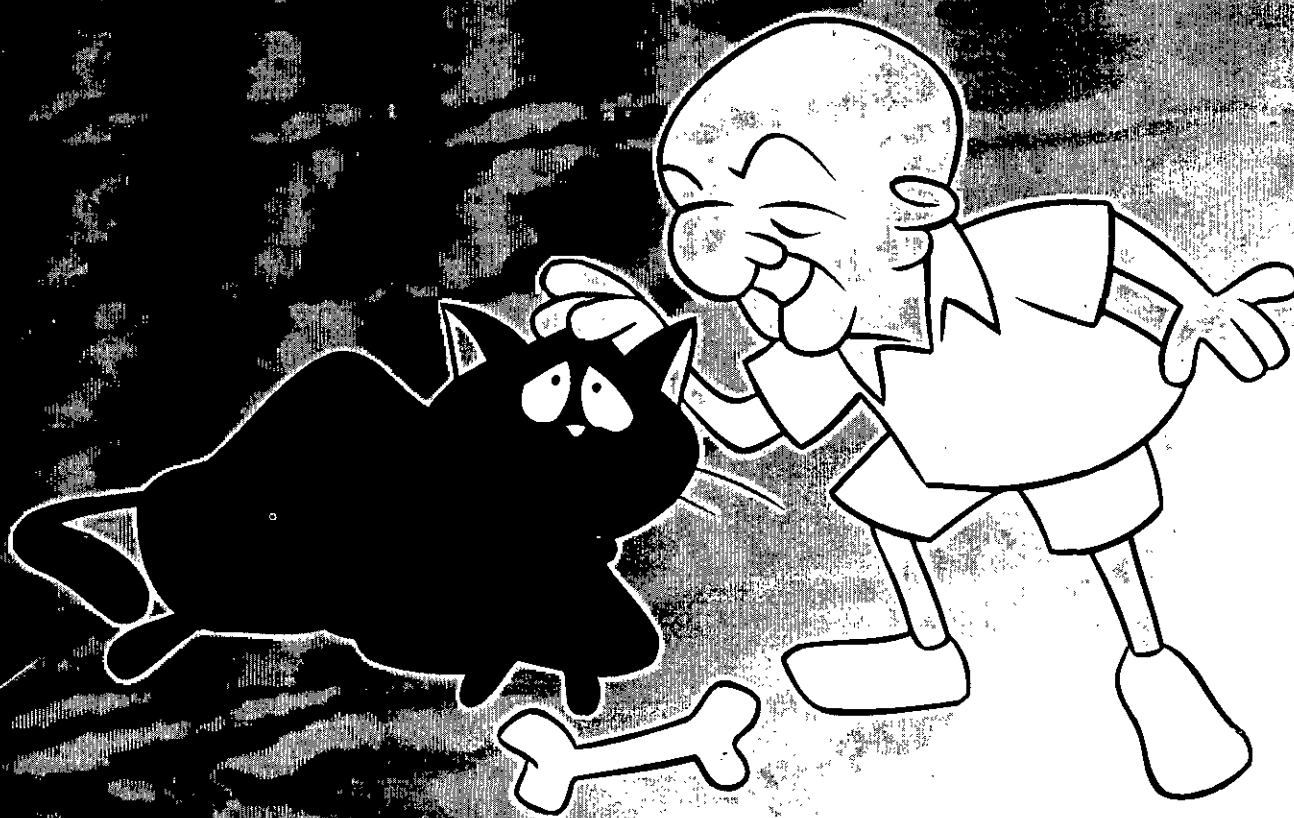
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Matters of Opinion

Focus more on the process, less on the product

Editor, The Spotlight:

It wasn't about the fire station.

Or about firefighters who brave smoke, or the bays, hooks, ladders, the rec room, the florist. Not even about Delaware Avenue, or wailing sirens.

One of the best pieces of advice I got as a new parent was this: Watch the process, over the product. Praise how long it took to color inside the lines, or how hard it was to glue 104 sequins on the poster. Admire how thoughtful the birthday card was. Not the card itself.

At the Delmar Firehouse vote, we the people—the increasingly important and active fourth branch of government—spoke.

We damned not the product, but the lack of the democratic process meant to bring us the product. We weren't consulted—not soon enough, not often enough, not thoroughly enough.

It was going to be taxation with barely any representation, anathema to citizens since Boston's tea party.

As we snaked along the conga line on the sidewalk, we talked, we neighbors. How much is it going to cost each household? I don't know. Will they tear down Verstandig's to build it there? Don't know! I live on Oakwood—am I even supposed to vote tonight? Who knows?

And especially: What's the hold-up in there? A two-hour wait? We don't know.

I asked this: What's with the fast-tracking of the bond? Why the rush? No one knew.

Three weeks, three discussions, then three hours to vote in three cranky voting machines on a frigid pre-Christmas school night. Yes or no. Three fire engines idled, motors busily burning exhaust into the night, outside. We voters idled, fuming too, inside, in their place.

The symbolism of voting in the fire station was lost on no one, and was just another place to be confused about in this voting-place-happy suburb. (I've been sent to vote in six different places in six years.)

Now, 3,700 residents plus 3 voting booths plus 3 hours (I always do math in my head when fuming in long lines)—well, no one else did the math.

I was worried so many people jammed into such a small space was, well, a fire hazard! Still, we waited.

Myself, I went there to vote not

once but twice, getting as far as the stairs one time.

But I also left twice, unable to stay any longer to have my say. Dismayed, disgruntled, disenfranchised with town officials, firemen, conga lines. Disenfranchised. And if the outcome had been different, this letter to the editor would have been shrill, perhaps written in capital letters.

One more time now, and this time, let's get it right. Let's concentrate on the process—the hearings—as well as the product: a spanking new fire station.

Peg Clement
Delmar

Let's work together on new firehouse plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

As everyone knows by now, the bond issue for the proposed Delmar Firehouse was defeated. As I stood in line to vote that evening, I was struck by the commitment of the residents of this community to be heard on this issue. Thank you to all the residents of the community who stood in line for hours, waiting to cast their ballots. I know there were dozens of voters who could not stand in line to wait.

The defeat of this proposal should not be construed as a slap in the face to our volunteers. Many people who voted "no" support the firemen's position that the facilities need to be upgraded.

The key problems were the scope of the proposal, the method in which it was developed and the lack of timely information provided to the voters.

A clear message was sent by the voters that community input is desired in this process.

Regardless of the fact that the firefighters are exempt from certain review processes, the community is seeking a voice in the next proposal. We are all part of the same community.

Can't we work together? There is an enormous amount of fire-fighting capability in our town and some would say that our town is better equipped than most municipal fire fighting facilities.

Let's work to identify what the town's needs are and use that as a basis to develop the next proposal.

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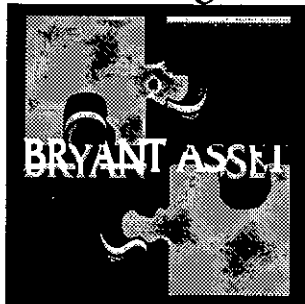
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suspects are identified publicly, the investigation into the murder of Peter Porco moves on to a county grand jury. Still, no arrests have been made.

- Both the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland adopt budgets that include increases.

- BC's Assistant Superintendent John McGuire announces his resignation. McGuire says he will leave his post in January to become superintendent of the Greenwich Central School District in Washington County.

December

- Joan Porco's condition continues to improve as the grand jury hears testimony surrounding the death of her husband. There is talk of her being released from Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center, where she was brought from an Albany-area hospital. Media outlets report that the grand jury hears taped testimony from her at its last meeting before the new year.

- The town of New Scotland passes a law to limit the construction of cell phone towers, requiring applicants to submit concept plans to the town's planning board and to meet all county, state and federal guidelines.

- The EPA announces its decision that Bethlehem will play host to at least a transfer station in its \$500 million undertaking to rid the Hudson River of 30 years' worth of PCBs dumped into the river by GE. Though the 94-acre OG Real Estate site is about 60 miles away from the biggest concentrations of the river's PCBs, the town could still host an entire dewatering facility. The project, expected to take at least six years, is set to begin in 2006.

- Delmar Fire District residents illustrate their distaste for the way the fire department proposed a new facility that would have resulted in about \$73 more a year in taxes, by soundly defeating the initiative in a record turnout on a frigid December Tuesday night.

- Teachers in the Voorheesville School District petition the school board to come to an agreement regarding a contract that's been up since June 30. Teachers also seek a raise.

State: Get ready for tax time

The state Department of Taxation & Finance advises taxpayers to get ready now for the upcoming tax season.

The office advises taxpayers to begin organizing records and receipts as well as determining whether their 2003 tax returns are vastly different from what they anticipate earning in 2004.

If changes are dramatic, they may need to consult the tax department's Web site at www.nystax.gov, or contact the department's customer service representatives at 1-800-CALL-TAX.

The Web site has information on how to obtain or download tax forms, determine whether they qualify for free online New York state tax preparation and e-filing.

Tax filers can also consult the department's catalogue of frequently-asked questions, which provides answers to questions regarding estate taxes, gift and prize winnings, sales and use tax, child support enforcement, technical assistance and help with other tax-related matters.

Information on the STAR school tax program, tax help for individuals serving in and in support of the Iraq War, changes to the state's individual and corporate tax forms are also available.

Taxpayers looking for detailed information about tuition tax credits or tax credits for homeowners or renters should log on to the department's Web site and click on publications and technical bulletins.

There, they'll also get information on earned income tax credit qualifications, tax issues related to domestic help, questions and answers on New York state's Farmers' schooltax credit and tax information for non-residents and part-time residents.

Filers should also be aware that they may benefit from the following changes to this year's tax law: the college tuition tax credit deduction has been increased; a new earned income tax credit for New York City residents; long-term health care insurance credit has been increased; an alternative fuel credit has been extended; new tax breaks for members of the military and militia; an opportunity to contribute to the prostate cancer research, detection and education fund.

Church to hold special service

Ecumenical Witnesses at Baptism is one of the most visible programs sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches.

Witnesses of varying faiths attend baptisms to welcome the newly baptized into the family of God.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, the program will mark its 10th anniversary with a gathering of current

witnesses at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, beginning at 2 p.m. There will be light refreshments and the Rev. David Corlett's presentation on baptism in the Reformed tradition.

For information, call the Baptismal Witness Coordinator, Fran Kamp, at 456-2052 or the Council office at 462-5450.

County to hold clinics for kids

The Albany County Department of Health holds monthly immunization clinics for children through the age of 18.

The clinic is for children who are underinsured or have no health insurance.

The January clinics will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

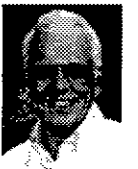
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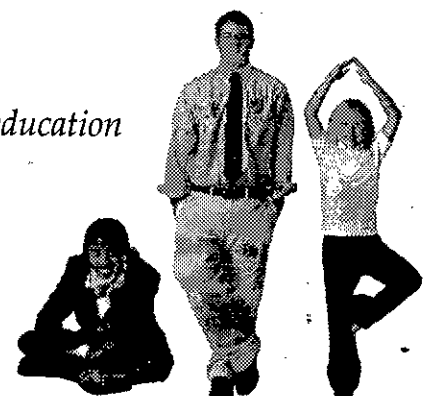
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Quarry

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"Mostly because of zoning questions, I believe."

FBHA and its lawyers have supported their arguments with case law and what they see as a foggy definition of mining. They have also charged that the records Platel obtained and uses as a basis for his decision were inadequate.

FBHA used Environmental Conservation Law's definition of

mining, which excludes "the excavation, removal and disposition of minerals from construction projects, or excavations in aid of agricultural activities," according to a letter from FBHA Lawyer Mark Gerstman to ZBA chairman Michael Hodom, dated Dec. 6, 2004.

Morrison said the effort has united the community's homeowners.

"I'm so exhausted with all of it," Morrison said. "We'll just be doing whatever we can do."

HEAP benefits available for qualified

Niagara Mohawk reminds customers that applications will be accepted for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP is a federally funded, state-administered program that helps eligible residential customers with energy costs for the heating season.

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How to apply for benefits

If you are 59 or younger and applying for HEAP benefits for the first time, call your local Department of Social Services to set up an interview.

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- Pay stubs for the four previous weeks;
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits book;
- Bankbook or statements;
- Copies of Social Security and pension checks;
- Direct deposit statements;
- Business records, if you are self-employed.

For each person in the household, one of the following: birth or marriage certificates, school or baptismal records, Social Security cards or driver's licenses. For more information about HEAP, including income eligibility guidelines, visit Niagara Mohawk's Web site at www.niagamohawk.com/heap.

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Library's 'personal trainer' can polish your computer skills

Last week, we talked about New Year's resolutions numbers 1 and 2. Resolution number 3 includes the library offer of a "personal trainer" to give patrons individualized help with on-line computer skills.

Reference librarian Greg Bobish can be your personal e-mail and Internet trainer.

Bobish received his master's of library science from the University at Albany and currently teaches a class there in information literacy.

He enjoys surfing the Web and



helping people learn new things at the library.

With his help, patrons can find out how to get a free e-mail account and learn about all the things you can do with e-mail, such as trip planning, finding out about products and ordering online, as well as communicating with friends and relatives.

Patrons can also learn the tricks of how to be a better Web

searcher and how to find reliable and current information on health and consumer information.

Those interested can call Bobish at the library at 765-2791 to make an appointment. He will customize his training process to suit individual needs.

Remember, when your skills improve, so does the fun.

Food offered for fines

Patrons can return any overdue items that belong to the library during month of January and can replace each \$1 of your fine with a canned good or non-

perishable food item up to a maximum of \$3.

This is an opportunity that benefits the New Scotland Food Pantry as well as patrons who can rid their closet, locker or car of forgotten library items.

Book programs set

Teens will meet on Friday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Promises from No Man's Land*.

There also will be two book discussions for elementary-age children in February.

Grades 2 and 3 should pick up a copy of *The Storm*, by Cynthia Rylant, and grades 4 through 6 should pick up a copy of *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, by Jack

Gantos.

Signups are now being taken for the Thursday, Jan. 20, Lapsit Story Time.

Caregivers are invited to bring children under age 2 for a special time of reading and sharing at 10:15 a.m.

Friends, Poets to meet

The Friends of the Library and the Thursday Night Poets will both meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

Call the library for additional program information, or visit the library Web site at www.voorheesville.library.org.

Barbara Vink

Ravena library sets story time schedules

Story times, both Romp & Read and Stories & Crafts for Kids, will start again during the first week of January.

There is a change of location for the Tuesday morning Romp & Read. That program will be held at the Selkirk Fire House, east of Route 9W, on Route 396.

The Romp & Read schedule is as follows: Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at Selkirk Fire House; Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at A.W. Becker School; Thursday at 6:30 p.m., at Pieter B. Coeymans School; and Friday at 10 a.m. at RCS Community Library.

Stories & Crafts for Kids is Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the library. Call 756-2053.

Chess after school

During vacation week, a group of nine took introductory chess lessons with Jerry Neugarten from the Coxsackie Chess Club.

The participants learned a lot in a few short lessons. And, the chess matches won't stop. Wednesday is now the library's scheduled chess day.

Youngsters who come in after school will get to play at least one game and probably more.

Chess teachers needed

The library can't offer transportation for an RCS group to travel to the Coxsackie Chess Club, so the library is looking for more experienced players to teach and challenge our after-school kids group.

If you are an experienced player who enjoys school-age kids, call Judy at 756-2053.

Family Fun Fair Jan. 18

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the library and RCS pre-kindergarten will hold their second annual Family Fun Fair at the RCS Middle School. The fair will run from 4 to 7 p.m.

One of the highlights of this year's Fair will be Tales 'n Tunes Storytellers. They will entertain at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Brian Melick will lead music sessions where children can try his rhythm instruments and there will be three colorful learning crafts for young children.

Occupational, physical and speech therapists will be at the fair to talk about these therapies.

The chairperson of the RCS School District's Committee for

Preschool Special Education (CPSE) has also been invited to attend the fair.

People from each of the local preschools, including Head Start, also will come to meet and answer questions for parents.

RCS kindergarten and pre-kindergarten will register children for the 2005-2006 school year while the fair is going on.

For information about the Fun Fair, call 756-2053.

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Snowshoe hike scheduled, weather permitting, at Thacher

The first snowshoe hike of the season is scheduled to be held at Thacher Park on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants should meet at the Hop Field park area for a guided snowshoe walk, led by Fred Schroeder.

Refreshments will be available in the Hop Field warming room after the event. Guided hike fee is \$1 per person.

Snowshoes are available for rental at the Thacher Park Office or Nature Center. The fee for snowshoe rental is \$5 per pair for up to four hours.

For information, call 872-1237, as all hikes will depend on the weather and conditions.

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Music concert set for Jan. 13

The Performing Arts Center at Voorheesville High School will host a music concert titled "The Grift." It will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Teen night at middle school
Voorheesville Middle School

will host its next teen night on Friday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m.

School board schedules meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

Program on stars at Five Rivers

A program on constellations of the winter season will be offered on Friday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Five Rivers Education Center in Delmar.

The program is free.

Participants should dress for an evening outdoors.

Cloudy weather could cancel this program so those interested should call 475-0291 for more information.

Honor society to hold induction

The National Honor Society at Voorheesville High School will induct its new members on Thursday, Jan. 8; at 6 p.m. in the performing arts center.

Friends of Music meeting planned

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville Friends of

Music will be held on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school in room 159.

Storytimes resume at library

Regular storytimes resume this week and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library. No sign up is necessary.

There is also a lapsit program on Thursday, Jan. 6, and Thursday, Jan. 20, at 10:15 a.m. Sign up is required.

Registration for preschool set

General registration for the Voorheesville Community Preschool will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22 at the First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information, call 765-3675.

Professor honored for life achievements

Last month, Joseph F. Zimmerman of Elsmere, a professor of political science at the Rockefeller College of the University at Albany, was presented with the Rockefeller College Lifetime Achievement Award.

Zimmerman has been a faculty member of the Graduate School of Public Affairs (now Rockefeller College) since the spring of 1965. He is the author of a number of books, including *Interstate Economic Relations*, which was published by the State University of New York Press in July 2004.

Zimmerman, earlier in November, presented a paper titled "The United States Federal System: A Kaleidoscopic View" to the faculty, fellows and graduate students at Oxford University's Nuffield College, St. Anne's College and St. Anthony's College and also participated in graduate student tutorials.

Friends of 5 Rivers board elected

The Friends of Five Rivers held its annual meeting in November and the following people were elected to the board of directors at that meeting:

For a first, three-year term: Richard Bader of Voorheesville; Richard Frankel of Niskayuna; Carole Nemore of Delmar; Daniel Nugent of Delmar; and Susan Palmer of Albany.

For a second, three-year term, Guthrie Birkhead of Delmar was chosen.

Local woman to head fund-raising board

A Slingerlands resident was recently appointed as chairwoman of the Albany Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Ann Wendth succeeds James B. Howe, who held the position for two years.

Wendth is the senior vice president of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. She also participates on the advisory board of the Bethlehem Area YMCA, the school of business advisory board at Siena College and the dean's advisory council at College of Saint Rose.

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Sports

Voorheesville girls look to extend winning streak

By ROB JONAS

While other high school basketball teams played through the holiday break, the Voorheesville girls kept a low profile as they prepared for the final six weeks of the season.

The Blackbirds (4-3 league, 4-5 overall) entered Tuesday's Colonial Council game with league-leading Academy of Holy Names on a three-game winning streak, but they haven't played since beating Cobleskill-Richmondville 44-30 Dec. 21.

"We've had some injuries and some illnesses to deal with," Voorheesville coach Jon McClement said. "But, we had a nice little run going before the break to get back to 4-5."

The biggest question the defending Section II, Class B champions faced at the start of this season was where would the offense come from following the graduation of leading scorers

Bethlehem wins own invitational

The Bethlehem gymnastics team took first place at last Thursday's Bethlehem Invitational.

The Eagles finished with a team score of 156.75, nearly 10 points ahead of runner-up Shaker.

Kendall Day was first in the all-around and Brittany Rodgers placed second for Bethlehem.

Jackie Markert, Michelle Nadratowski and Brittany Baron.

"People are finding their roles," McClement said. "It's nice to see our sophomores and juniors come in and contribute right away."

A large percentage of Voorheesville's offense is coming from forward Brigit Feeney. The junior leads the Blackbirds in scoring with an average of 10 points per game and is the team's leading rebounder.

"The thing that hurt us in the early losses was rebounding. So, it's nice to see her step it up and fill in," McClement said of Feeney.

Voorheesville's second- and third-leading scorers have connections to the Sectional and state championship squads of the recent past — junior forward Amanda Markert and junior guard Ame Nadratowski.

"Those kids saw their sisters win state titles, so they've seen what it's like," McClement said.

The Blackbirds have a tough schedule ahead of them this week. After Tuesday's game against Holy Names, they host Lansingburgh Friday before traveling to rising Suburban Council power Averill Park for a non-league game Saturday.

"With the exception of two Averill Park games, we're playing teams we're familiar with and that are familiar with us (the rest of the

season)," McClement said. "So, it comes down to execution."

Indians get 'Hooked' in tourney finals

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls basketball team placed second at its annual Gold Medal Tournament last week.

The Indians bounced Taconic Hills 69-29 in last Tuesday's opening round, but they couldn't keep pace with Red Hook (Section IX) in a 56-39 loss in last Wednesday's title game.

Red Hook outscored RCS 18-12 in the second quarter to build a six-point halftime lead and pulled away in the second half behind the hot shooting of Amanda Simmons, who finished with 21 points.

Molly McGuire had 18 points, and Katelyn Matousek added seven points for the Indians (7-4).

In the boys' portion of the Gold Medal Tournament, Ravena eased past Galway 72-34 in last Tuesday's opening round before

losing to Ichabod Crane 57-53 in double overtime last Wednesday.

Corwin Hendy scored 16 points, and Brendan Vandervossen added 12 points for the Indians (6-6) in Wednesday's loss to Ichabod Crane.

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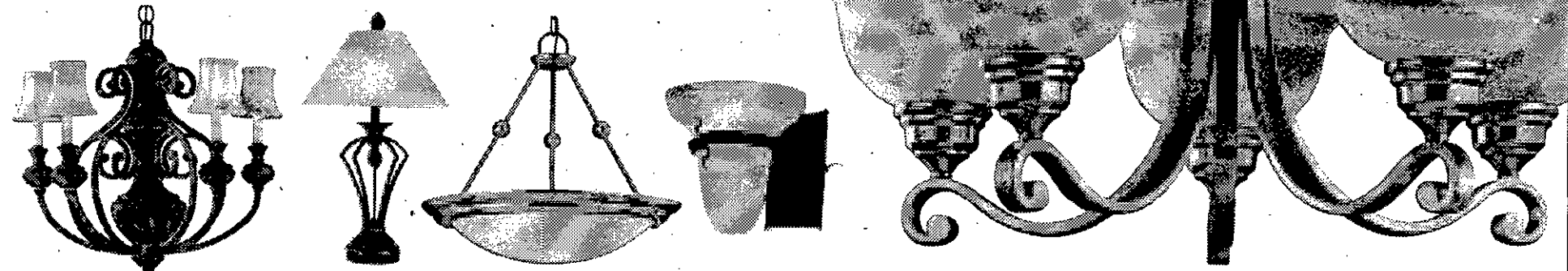


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Bethlehem leaders: Kevin Stempsey 13 points, John O'Brien-Carelli 10 points.

Gold Medal Tournament

Ravena 72, Galway 34

Ravena leaders: Dan Hillmann 12 points, Corwin Hendy 11 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem 53, Troy 40

Bethlehem leaders: Liz Casline 16 points, Samantha Feinberg 12 points, Katie Rowan 11 points.

Gold Medal Tournament

Ravena 69, Taconic Hills 29

Ravena leaders: Molly McGuire 25 points, Jeannine Rider 21 points.

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Columbia Tournament

Team scores: Balisten Spa 199,

Cumberland (R.I.) 195.5, Columbia 179, Peru 175, Ravena 157, North Babylon 145, Cohoes 104, Whitehall 79.5, Bethlehem 70, South Glens Falls 61, Lansingburgh 44, CBA 39.5, Schoharie/Middleburgh 27, Albany Academy 3.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

BOYS BASKETBALL

Gold Medal Tournament

Ichabod Crane 57, Ravena 53

Ravena leaders: Corwin Hendy 16

points, Brendan Vandervossen 12 points, Eric Stott 11 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gold Medal Tournament

Red Hook 56, Ravena 39

Ravena leader: Molly McGuire 18 points.

Thursday, Dec. 30

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dutchmen Classic

Consoiation game

Guilderland 54, Bethlehem 39

Bethlehem leaders: Craig Orner 10 points, Kevin Stempsey 10 points.

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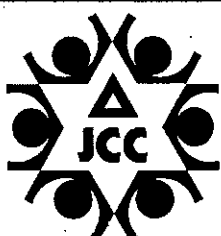
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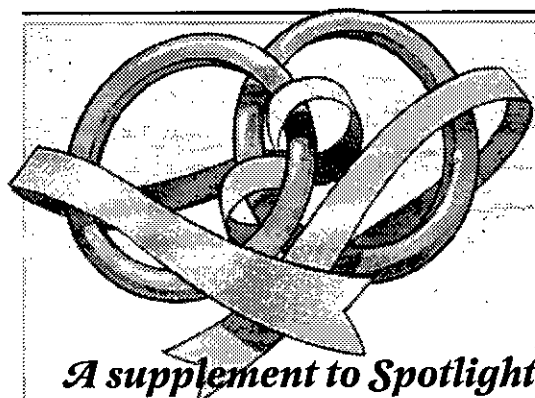
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Design your perfect wedding dress yourself

Brides today have more choices than ever before when they are picking a wedding dress. Many of the old rules have been tossed out.

For example, dresses aren't always white, they're not always big and poufy and they don't have to include trains that go on for miles.

A bride can feel free to choose a wedding dress that fits her body type and personality.

Are you looking for romantic or racy? Will your gown be out of a fairy tale or a fashion magazine? To truly have a gown that is yours and yours alone, consider making your wedding dress yourself.

According to couture seamstress JoAnn Musso, brides should not be intimidated by the thought of making their wedding dress.

"The skills needed to make a wedding dress are all ones a home sewer has used before," she says. "Set in sleeves are set in sleeves. Don't let the fact that they're on a wedding dress make them seem more difficult than they are," she says.

Musso, who lives and work in Dallas, makes custom wedding dresses as part of her couture business. While she firmly believes every bride should have the dress of her dreams, Musso feels it is also her duty to help a bride select a dress that will be flattering.

"The bride will have this dress for the rest of her life to remember her wedding day," she says.

Dress silhouettes break down into four basic shapes:
• A-line, which is narrower at the top, flaring gently wider toward the bottom, works well on most figure types, and is good for disguising bottom-heavy figures.

• A sheath dress features a figure-hugging silhouette with a defined waist, and flatters well-toned bodies. • The mermaid dress is close fitting through the bodice, down through the hips and to about mid or lower calf where the skirt flares out; it is not an easy style to wear or to move in.

• Finally, a ball gown is fitted at the bodice; with a very full skirt, which can hide many figure flaws.

Visit a bridal shop and try on different styles of gowns. This will help you determine what looks best on you and will give you a feel for the latest

trends.

Maybe you like the bodice of one gown, the embroidery on another and the fabric on a third dress. The beauty of making your own dress means you can pick and choose exactly the elements you want to include in your perfect gown.

Starting with the right

sewing machine is important.

"Today's computerized sewing and embroidery systems make even a project such as a wedding dress much easier than it used to be," says Gayle Hillert, vice president of education at Bernina of America, a premiere sewing machine company.

For example, Bernina accessory feet make sewing fine fabrics easy and there are a variety available, like hemming, pintucking and edgestitching feet that enable home sewers to add couture elements quickly and successfully.

Many fabric stores have bridal or special occasion sections with appropriate fabrics and notions. If you don't find what you're looking for locally, there is a wealth of fabric resources on the Internet.

Musso reminds brides that natural fabrics such as silk (a popular bridal choice) wrinkle easily. If that is a concern for you, consider looking at manmade fabrics or blends.

You may want to make a muslin version of your dress for fitting purposes. This also gives you a chance to do a "dry run" on the sewing. If you have questions about the construction of the dress, you can work that out on the muslin, too.

There are many books available on sewing your own gown that can answer questions and provide tips and "tricks of the trade" as you go through the process.

The variety of embellish-



ments available to provide the finishing touch for your wedding gown is almost unlimited. Beads, crystals, lace and embroidery are just some of the options you are just to add a personal touch to your masterpiece.

Embroidery is especially popular this season, and with the right sewing machine, it can be easy to add this special touch to your wedding gown.

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The most important piece of advice that Musso has for a bride who is making her own dress is to start early.

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Tips for creating one-of-a-kind wedding memories

All brides and grooms-to-be want to have wonderful lasting memories of their big day. And one way almost every couple commemorates their wedding is with a big album full of pictures of family and friends. But what about the couple that wants a different spin on

the usual wedding mementos, something that will be a truly unique - and modern - reflection of the beginning of their married life?

Why not create a wedding CD? All you need are some basic computer skills, multimedia software and preplanned elements from your

wedding.

According to Tom Wheeler, interactive media design instructor with The Art Institute of Portland, "Your wedding day often goes by in the blink of an eye. With so many details to remember, so many things to do and so many people to see, it's hard for you - and your guests - to get a full picture of all of the day's events." To create a wedding CD, Wheeler recommends:

- Talking with your photographer about taking some digital photos at the wedding. Or have a friend or family member do so as their gift to you.

- Making sure the digital photos you use are 450 - 600 pixels in dimensions to fit most people's monitors, and 72 dots per inch (dpi) for monitor resolution.

- After the wedding, plan out how you want the CD to work. Sketch a flowchart that shows how you want to group images and information together. Do you want to group items in chronological order as they happened that day? Do you want to group items by specific

events, such as one page for the rehearsal dinner, one page for the ceremony, one for the reception and so on?

- Using multimedia software, such as Macromedia Flash or Director, to create the CD.

This type of software allows you to easily combine text, graphics, sound and video.

- As you gather your photos, make sure you remember to properly title them within the

professional photographs, a mix of professional and amateur shots, or are snapping photos yourself on the big day, Dick Nosbisch, public relations director of The Art Institute of Colorado, and professional photographer, says there are a few easy steps to take to make sure your photographs look great.

"Watch what is in the foreground of the photograph, and avoid anything that is distracting such as glasses or plates on a table in front of the bride and groom," he says.

In addition, Nosbisch recommends keeping the background simple because busy backgrounds take the eye away from the subject.

Most important, says Nosbisch, "Concentrate on your subject. Let her or him know if a hair or collar is out of place."

And don't forget the more traditional keepsake - the wedding album.

Meryl Epstein, senior director of graphic design at The Art Institute of Phoenix, says today's wedding albums can be wonderfully unique, evocative and surprising and very different from your mother's or even your grandmother's.

She suggests heading to your local craft or arts supply store to purchase a plain scrapbook and customizing the cover with fabric or photos instead of choosing a more formal album your photographer may offer. It's less expensive, and easier to personalize.

Take your favorite photos or mementos (invitations, newspaper announcements), and head to your local copy shop to make color copies. Make copies of the backgrounds you want to use as well - whether it's the newspaper from the day you were married, a collage of cards or congratulatory telegrams, or a simple fabric or printed paper. Using copies of originals as well as backgrounds will give all the visuals you use a uniform look.

Epstein says if you have a flatbed scanner, you can scan mementos or photos yourself. Once you have the background placed, text - whether it's a poem, caption, song lyrics or your vows - can be dropped on top of it. Get creative - add glitter, jewels or ribbons to add interest and texture.

But perhaps the best advice of all, says Epstein, is to have fun, trust your creative voice, and enjoy the process.



CD. Years later when you look back on this, you will be thankful that names and dates are mentioned for the photos. You can even add special captions that truly personalize the photos and capture the emotions of those moments.

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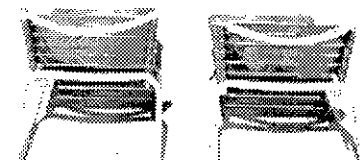


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Adding insurance to your wedding checklist will help protect you from whatever bumps may lie ahead on your journey together.

Renters coverage

If you rent, it is important to have renters insurance to cover your belongings in case of fire, theft or catastrophic weather, and it is usually reasonably priced.

A 2003 poll conducted by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America found 64 percent of respondents living in rental properties had no insurance. You may think that you don't own much, but consider the cost of your computer, TV, DVD player, stereo equipment, clothes, furniture and CDs. These items add up fast.

Plus, if you're merging households with your new spouse, you suddenly have twice as many belongings. And, that's not to mention your wedding gown and all of the wedding gifts that may soon be coming.

The ring

In addition to all of your smaller possessions, you now have one big one that should be insured – the engagement ring.

Most carriers consider this a gift, so it should be insured under the woman's policy (or joint policy, if you have one). Check the limits of your homeowners or renters policy because, most likely, your ring won't be fully covered with your other property. Your agent can help you determine if you should add an endorsement to insure the ring.

Combining policies

When combining your insurance policies, it's a good idea to get your autos and homeowners or renters insurance from the same company. Many insurance carriers give a discount for auto policies with more than one vehicle and another discount for purchasing homeowners or renters coverage with their company.

"When it comes to insurance, two definitely can live cheaper than one," says Dan Kovac, assistant vice president at General Casualty Insurance Companies.

For example, General Casualty policyholders receive up to a 5 percent discount for multiple vehicles on one policy and up to a 15 percent discount for multiple policies insured by

General Casualty.

However, Kovac warns that if you or your fiancé has a poor driving record, don't automatically combine your policies without doing your homework. It may be worth it to keep the poor driver on his or her own policy so you don't bring the good driver's rates up. Your insurance agent can help you decide what's best for your situation.

Homes, kids and dogs

There are several other considerations, too. Here are a few to keep in mind: If you purchase a house together, make sure your coverage limits

are high enough so you could recover in the case of a total loss. Figure homeowners

insurance into your monthly budget – it's significantly more expensive than renters

coverage. When you're married, you may find that you have more assets than you did as a single person, which also means you have more to lose if someone gets hurt on your property or you're involved in a serious car accident.

For additional protection, you may want to consider an umbrella policy, which offers higher liability coverage limits and more peace of mind.

Couples with step children should make sure the children's belongings are covered in your homeowners or renters policy if they reside with

you at least part of the time. They should also be included on auto policies for vehicles that they drive, even if it's just occasionally.

If your spouse-to-be has a dog that will be joining the household, or if you plan to buy

a dog together, be aware that certain breeds or dogs with a history of biting could make you ineligible for home or renters insurance with your current carrier

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A wedding that emphasizes the family nature of remarriage – and formally recognizes the children either spouse brings to the marriage – can go a long way toward jump-starting a blended family.

You've found the man or woman of your dreams and you've set the date. There is, however, one nagging dilemma: the children (both yours and your spouse to be). How can the traditional wedding, which focuses exclusively on the bride and groom, be reconfigured to recognize the critical role that children play in the remarriage relationship?

That question plagued mother and bride-to-be Laura Clemmer,

who spent months scouring wedding magazines.

"My fiance Paul (Kotz) and I wanted to do something concrete during our wedding to show my children – 2-year-old Allison and 5-year-old Nathan – that we were creating a new family," she says.

Laura and Paul were discouraged when the initial search for a family-oriented wedding ceremony proved fruitless. They were concerned that Nathan, who early on had been enthusiastic about his mom's marriage plans, began expressing some doubts.

"Will you and Paul get divorced?" asked the preschooler who still remembered the pain of his parents' breakup several years earlier.

The Greensboro, N.C., couple was grappling with a problem experienced by most of the more than one million single parents who remarry in the United States each year. What can be done to ease the concerns of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent.

After much research, Laura found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony – called the Family Medallion service – can easily be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony.

After the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. Each child is given a gold or silver medal (known as the family medallion) with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love. (The Family Medallion is available in a variety of forms, including pendant, ring, charm bracelet or lapel pin, to accommodate the preferences of male and female children of all ages.)

The Kotzes say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Nathan and Allison were summoned to their sides to participate in the family wedding

service. While the minister recited the words of the ceremony – a pledge to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage – Laura and Paul presented Nathan and Allison with Family Medallions.

Then the hugging started.

"I don't mean to be trite, but it was really a bonding experience," recalls step-dad Paul. "I

especially wanted Nathan, who was old enough to understand what was going on, to realize that I wasn't just marrying Laura; I was making a commitment to be there for him and his sister. I could see from the way his eyes lit up that he understood. I will never forget it."



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Laura Kotz says her family-oriented wedding was everything she had hoped it would be.

"I could not have found a better way to communicate to my kids that, by marrying Paul, we were

all coming together as a family," she adds.

Most of the guests attending the Clemmer/Kotz wedding were touched to tears by the family ceremony.

"People later us told how wonderful it was that we did something so special for the children," Laura recalls.

The family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come, now that at least one-third of all new marriages in the United States involve divorced or widowed parents with children under 18 living in the home, according to the Stepfamily Association of America. But finding family-oriented nuptials is no easy task.

"Although I have many books on wedding ceremonies, not one of them contains a wedding ritual that recognizes children from previous marriages," says C. Fred Werhan, the Baptist minister who officiated at the Clemmer-Kotz wedding.

"That was fine 35 years ago, but things have changed dramatically since then. Today, in half the couples that I marry, at least one spouse has been married before."

The family service – along with the family medallion – was developed more than 18 years ago by Roger Coleman, chaplain of Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Mo.

"A marriage with pre-existing children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman," he says. "It is a merging of two separate families. Every day I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. The family ceremony is a sign of hope and an important step in rebuilding the devastation of the family."

Today, about 15,000 couples a year use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, step-parents and children.

"It really works," says Werhan, who has adapted Coleman's family service for many weddings. "A family-oriented wedding that includes giving youngsters a tangible symbol of love like the family medallion is a great way to make children entering a blended family feel secure."

Sharon Stober Barry, the editorial director of *Your Stepfamily* magazine, agrees. In fact, she used the Family Medallion service to acknowledge her son and step-daughter when she remarried a few years ago.

"The family-oriented wedding is much more than just a nice thing to do," she insists. "You are pledging to your kids and his kids that you are going to accompany them on their journey through life."

Nathan Clemmer, now a kindergartner, knows a lot more about little league than about life journeys. But he treasures the family medallion lapel pin his step-dad gave him when Laura and Paul Kotz married last year.

His mother says that Nathan sometimes climbs atop his chest of drawers to snatch the lapel pin from the box where it is stored for safekeeping.

"I like to wear it," he announces proudly. "It means I'm part of this family."

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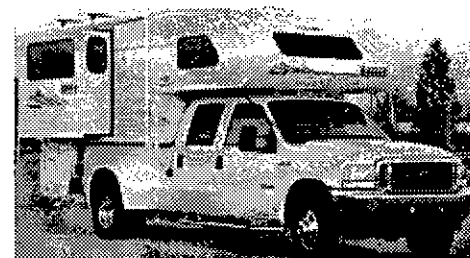
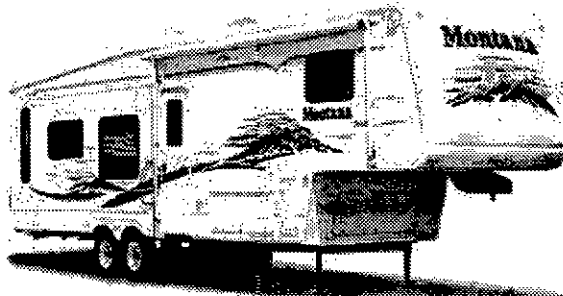
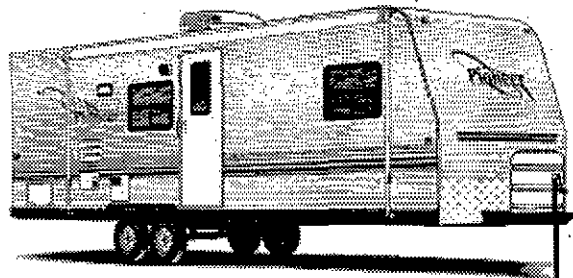
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Brian Corrigan and Maureen Leonard

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Maureen Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Timothy and Gail Leonard of Clifton Park, and Brian James Corrigan, son of Dennis and Marilyn Corrigan of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School and the University of New Hampshire. She received a master's degree from The College of Saint Rose.

She is a fifth grade teacher at Orenda Elementary School in the Shenendehowa School District.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from the University at Albany.

He is a manager of computer systems for Multimedia Games.

The couple plans an April 9, wedding.

Patricia Longtin

Patricia Carr Longtin, 69, of New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Longtin was born in Binghamton.

She and her husband owned and operated New Scotland Pharmacy from 1965 to 1982. She also worked for the state Department of Health.

She was a member of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church and the New Scotland Historical Society, as well as being the recording secretary for the New Scotland Planning and Zoning boards.

She was the widow of Thomas F. Longtin.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Longtin of Nassau and Keith Longtin of Slingerlands; two daughters, Kathleen Frisbee of Reston, Va., and Deborah Longtin of Feura Bush; two sisters, Margaret Rose Frederickson of Sudbury, Mass., and Arlene Herzog of Slingerlands; and four grandchildren.

Services were from New Scotland Presbyterian Church in Slingerlands.

Contributions may be made to the New Scotland Presbyterian Church or the American Cancer Society.

Margaret Dillon

Margaret M. "Peggy" Lent Dillon, 79, of Clifton Park, died

Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Dillon was born in Ravena and was educated in the Ravena School System.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Herrington of Norwich and Donna A. Barbour of Durrant Park; a sister, Elizabeth Cullinane of Ballston Lake; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from Fitzgerald Funeral Home and St. Bernard's Church, both in Cohoes. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Cohoes.

William Wolfe

William W. Wolfe, 79, of Hannacroix died Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Stratton Veterans Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Wolfe was raised in Coeymans.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

He worked and retired from BASF Corp. He also worked as a hall monitor for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School for several years.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Abbie Fuhrman of Hannacroix; a son, David W. Wolfe of Ravena; a sister, Nancy Bruno of Coeymans; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena and the Reformed Church of Coeymans.

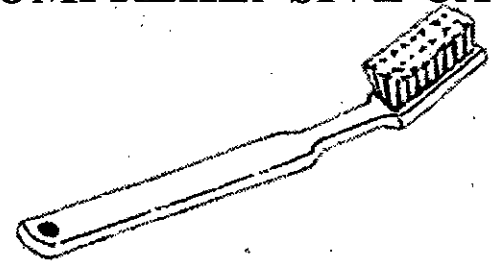
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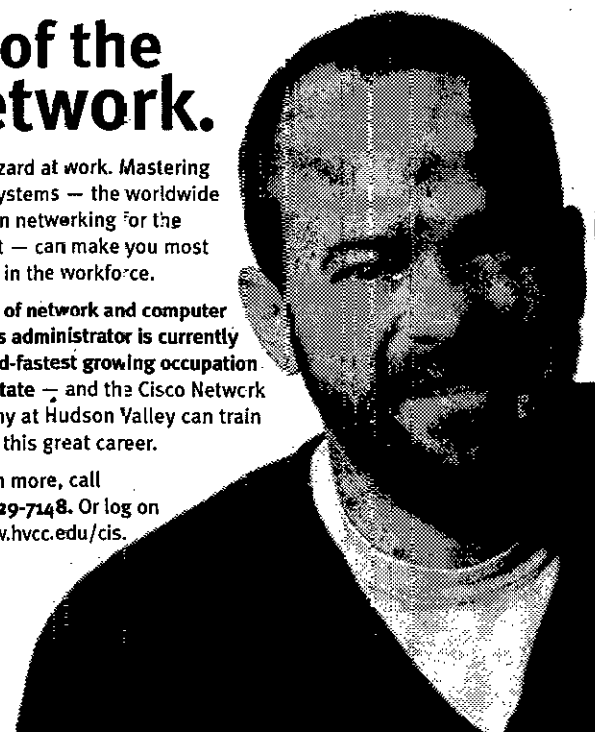
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Obituaries

Kendall Birr

Kendall A. Birr, 80, of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 26, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Mr. Birr was born in Wheaton, Ill.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He received a degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State, a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Cornell College, a master's degree in U.S. History from the University of Wisconsin and a PhD in American Civilization also from the University of Wisconsin.

He worked for the University at Albany as an instructor/assistant professor/professor of history from 1952 to 1990. He authored several publications including *Prelude to Point Four (1954)*, *Pioneering in Industrial Research: The Story of the General Electric Research Laboratory (1957)* and *A Tradition of Excellence: The Sesquicentennial History of the University at Albany, State University of New York 1844-*

1994 (1994).

Mr. Birr received several honors including Collins Fellow, University at Albany 1985 and Citizen of the University 1993.

He was of the Lutheran faith. He was husband of the late Marcia Rukwid Birr.

Survivors include a son, Christopher T. Birr of Schodack; a brother Robert Birr; and three grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 57 Hurlbut St., Albany.

Vernice Healey

Vernice V. Healey, 87, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, Dec. 25, in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Mrs. Healey lived in West Albany, Delmar and Centerville, Mass., before moving to New Jersey.

She was of the Catholic faith. She was the widow of James E. Healey.

Survivors include two sons,

James M. Healey of Mount Laurel, N.J., and Thomas Healey of Manhattan; a daughter, Marilyn Grace of Saratoga Springs; and a sister, Anne Gullo of Albany.

Services were from the Mount Laurel Home for Funerals and Saint John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, both in Mount Laurel. Burial was in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, N.J.

Judith Lamprecht

Judith "Judy" Heltman Lamprecht, 86, of Delmar, died Friday, Dec. 24, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Lamprecht was born in Syracuse and later lived in Delmar for 35 years.

She attended Northfield School and Syracuse University, where she received a bachelor's degree in theater and a master's degree in Arts in English literature.

She worked at radio station WOLF in Syracuse. She also worked as a teacher in Cooperstown and then returned to work for Syracuse University as a secretary and then as a teacher of report writing to Army Air Forces cadets.

While living in Delmar, she directed variety shows for the Delmar Progress Club, Delmar Reformed Church, several amateur theater companies, Childs Hospital and many social groups. She sang in many church choirs, played piano and gave piano lessons. She was a member and past president of the Albany Pan-Hellenic Association.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Lamprecht Jr. of Delmar; a sister, Rebecca Heltman Griffiths of Rochester; a son, Jeremy Lamprecht of Jackson Heights; a daughter, Cynthia Lamprecht Wetzell of Minneapolis, Minn.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lamprecht donated her remains to the Anatomical Gift Program of Albany Medical College. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Louise Loew

Louise Loew, 89, formerly of Slingerlands, died Sunday, Dec. 26, at Elkins Park Hospital near Philadelphia.

Mrs. Loew was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Baltimore.

She was past president of the PTA at Van Antwerp School in Niskayuna, past president of the Sisterhood, Temple Gates of Heaven in Schenectady and past president and visitor trainer for Ch. 13 of Mended Hearts. She was a longtime resident of the Beverwyck retirement community in Slingerlands.

She was the widow of Theodore Loew.

Survivors include a son, Jerome M. Loew of Wilmette, Ill.; a daughter, Ruth Loew of Melrose Park, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Congregation Gates of Heaven in Schenectady.

Burial was in Gates Heaven Cemetery in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to The Beverwyck Elder Fund, 40 Autumn Drive, Slingerlands 12159.

Jacqueline Pietropaoli

Jacqueline H. Pietropaoli, 84, of Glenmont, died Monday, Dec. 27, at her home.

Mrs. Pietropaoli was born in Albany and lived in South Bethlehem most of her life before moving to Glenmont.

She worked as a mail carrier for 19 years and worked in the family trucking business with her husband.

She was a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

She was the widow of Orlando

L. Pietropaoli.

Survivors include a son, James R. Pietropaoli of Ravena; a sister, Elizabeth Duncan of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Building Fund, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Stanley Klett

Stanley L. Klett of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 20.

He served as captain in the Army Dental Corps in England for three years during World War II.

He worked in the Albany area as a dentist.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Berry Klett; a daughter, Susan Habecker; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Klett was a member of Slingerlands Methodist Church and Nathaniel Adams American Legion Post, Delmar and Elks Lodge.

Burial will be in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Slingerlands Methodist Church.

Lottie Swanson

Lottie Lassell Swanson, 98, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Mrs. Swanson was born in New York City.

She worked as a full charge bookkeeper and retired from King Kullen in Long Island. She later worked as a volunteer tax preparer.

She was a founding member and president of the Westbury Senior Citizen Center and remained as honorary member of the board of directors. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Westbury, and later First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Mrs. Swanson was honored by a proclamation by the Town of North Hempstead in 1978 as Outstanding Senior Citizen and she received a Distinguished Service Award for Senior Citizens of Long Island in 1978. In 2000, she was recognized at the Capital District Senior Issues Forum at the Senior Lifetime Achievement Ceremony.

She was the widow of C. Walter Swanson.

Survivors include four sons, Carl Jr. Swanson of Hopewell, N.J., Ralph Swanson of Maple Glen, Pa., Roger Swanson of Slingerlands and Sam Swanson of South Burlington, Vt.; a brother, Michael J. Lassell of New Hyde Park; a sister, Rose Magovern of Garden City; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Kew Gardens.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran H.C.C., Activities Dept., 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

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Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By Kelly Vadney

Families who are interested in dance will be happy to know eba, the capital region's own arts organization, is now registering students for its winter and spring classes. Kids dance education classes will run from Jan. 18 to June 6. Classes for teens and adults will run from Jan. 17 to March 31, and from April 11 to June 23.

eba was formed in 1973 by a group of local media artists. Maude Baum, one of the founding members, serves as artistic director today.

As a child, Baum became frustrated in school, which focused on linguistic learning. As an adult, she found teaching in a structured university setting to be just as constrictive.

"All of the work I'd done brought me to the place where I started eba," she said of forming the corporation and Maude Baum and Company Dance Theatre.

Baum, like all instructors at eba, is an experienced professional full-time dancer. She holds a master's degree in Dance and Related Arts. In 2003, she received the Albany Chamber Women of Excellence Award.

This session's kids classes include Hip Hop and Jazz, Creative Moving, Gymnastic Dance and Ballet and Modern Dance. All classes meet once a week and are 45 minutes or an hour long.

"They need to find a place where their creative spirit can be nurtured," said Baum of children.

Ages 3 to 4 and 5 to 6 can enjoy the Creative Moving class that is designed to explore creativity within natural movements.

Kids ages 7 to 12 can enjoy the Hip Hop and Jazz classes as well as Gymnastic Dance, Ballet and Modern Dance classes. The Hip Hop class shows kids the moves featured on MTV.

All kids dancescape classes at eba stress creativity and enjoyment of serious fun.

The last five minutes of class are set aside for parent observation time. Here, youngsters receive positive feedback and applause while parents see their child is learning. Observation time also helps cultivate performance skills. Informal presentations are held at the end of the session, but there are no stressful recitals or competitions.

Baum said low-stress presentations are one of the most important components of eba's teaching process.

"It's much more process oriented than performance oriented," she said. "When you see those smiles on their faces after sharing (what they learned) with somebody, that's self esteem."

Adult offerings

Eba offers adult classes in both dance and physical fitness.

Dance classes beginning in January include Tap, Ballroom Swing, Afro-Caribbean Dance, and Famous Dances From Movies. Vinyasa Yoga, Dance Work Out Over 40, Cardio-Kickboxing and Pilates are fitness classes offered this winter. Aerobics and Gymnastics, Dance Fusion, All that Jazz, Modern Dance, Ballet and Ballet Workout will begin in April.



Dance Around the World is a program where children experience a show of traditional dance, music and authentic costuming; complete with audience participation.



The Henry Hudson and his River show brings to life the dramatic and adventurous history of the man, the journey, the successes, the failures and the mutiny (everyone enjoys a good mutiny!); through theatre, dance and music.

Discovering dance

eba introduces kids as well as adults to world of creative movement

Baum said no experience is needed for classes at the beginner level. She advised adults who are taking dance for the first time to try many introductory level classes to find out which one they are most comfortable with.

"(They should) find a teacher they enjoy," she said.

Baum added that 90 percent of the learning experience for adults is centered around finding a compatible instructor.

Reminiscence for Seniors also will be held

from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday mornings. The program, sponsored by Albany County Department for Aging, is free for seniors who live in the county. There is a \$5 charge per class for seniors who reside outside the county.

Leila Dabby is a long-time dancer who participates in the Reminiscence program for people over 50. As a young lady, Dabby was a professional ballet dancer. She then worked for 15 years as a middle eastern dancer. Today, Dabby suffers from MS and is lacking cartilage in her knee. She finds the senior class improves her quality of life, strengthening her muscles and increasing her flexibility.

"We concentrate on what we can do, not what we can't," she said.

Dabby also said seniors or people suffering from physical ailments can find a home in the regular classes.

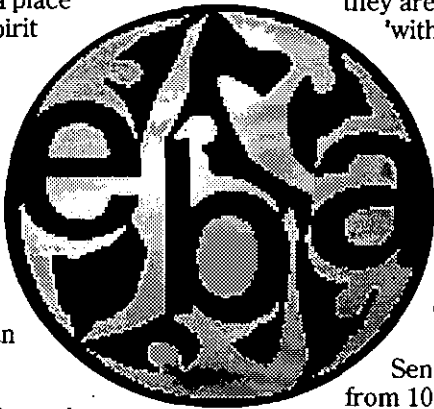
"The teachers are all so supportive," she said. "If something isn't physically possible, you work around it. If you can't step right, so what. Then step on your left."

Discounts available

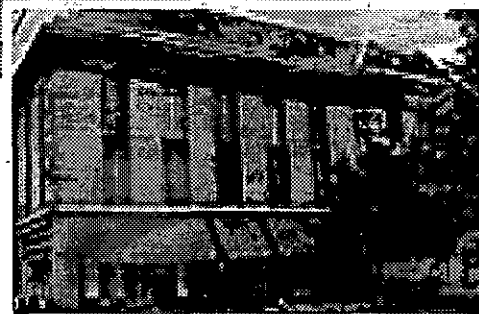
Semester tuition for children is \$185 for a 45-minute class and \$200 for a one-hour class. Adults pay \$93 for an



Children have fun dancing and moving at eba's afterschool program.



The inside of the eba theater.



The eba theater on Lark Street.

11-week, 45-minute class and \$121 for a one-hour class. An hour and a quarter class costs \$143, and an hour and a half runs for \$159. Adults who take two classes get 10 percent off their lowest priced class, 15 percent off the lowest if they have three, and 20 percent if they have four. Adults can also pay \$477 for open session enrollment that allows them access to all classes on their level for 11 weeks. Carte Blanc is a full-year enrollment, giving access to all fitness classes for 22 weeks.

Eba also offers a family tuition plan, where family tuition is treated the same as an individual who is taking more than one class. Ten percent is also

deducted for each "new recruit" a student brings to eba.

Eba does offer full and partial scholarships for adults and children. Baum said one or two adults and three to four children are on scholarship each session. A letter from the applicant must be submitted to eba's scholarship fund explaining

why they would like to attend classes. If a child can't write, a parent may write a child's dictated letter. Scholarship letters should be sent to 351 Hudson Ave, Albany 12202.

A limited number of work-study programs are also available. The work generally includes office or secretarial duties. Five to 10 work-studies are awarded each session.

Class registration for January is open now. Eba will accept new students until the third week of class, but many will fill before then. All classes have 8 to 25 students.

Registration for summer camps also are being taken. For more information, contact eba at www.eba-art.org or call 465-9916.

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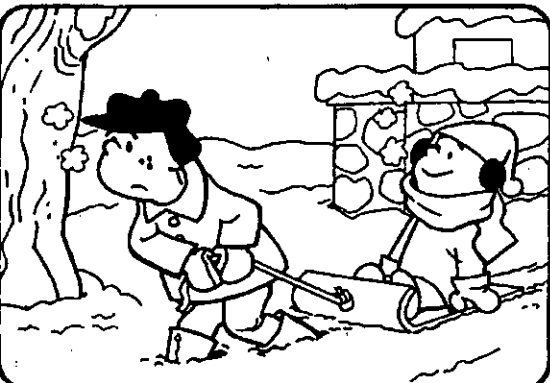
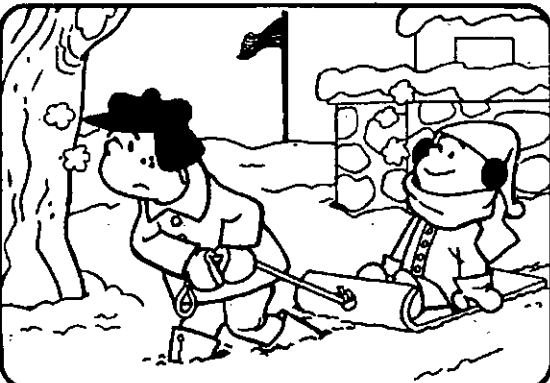
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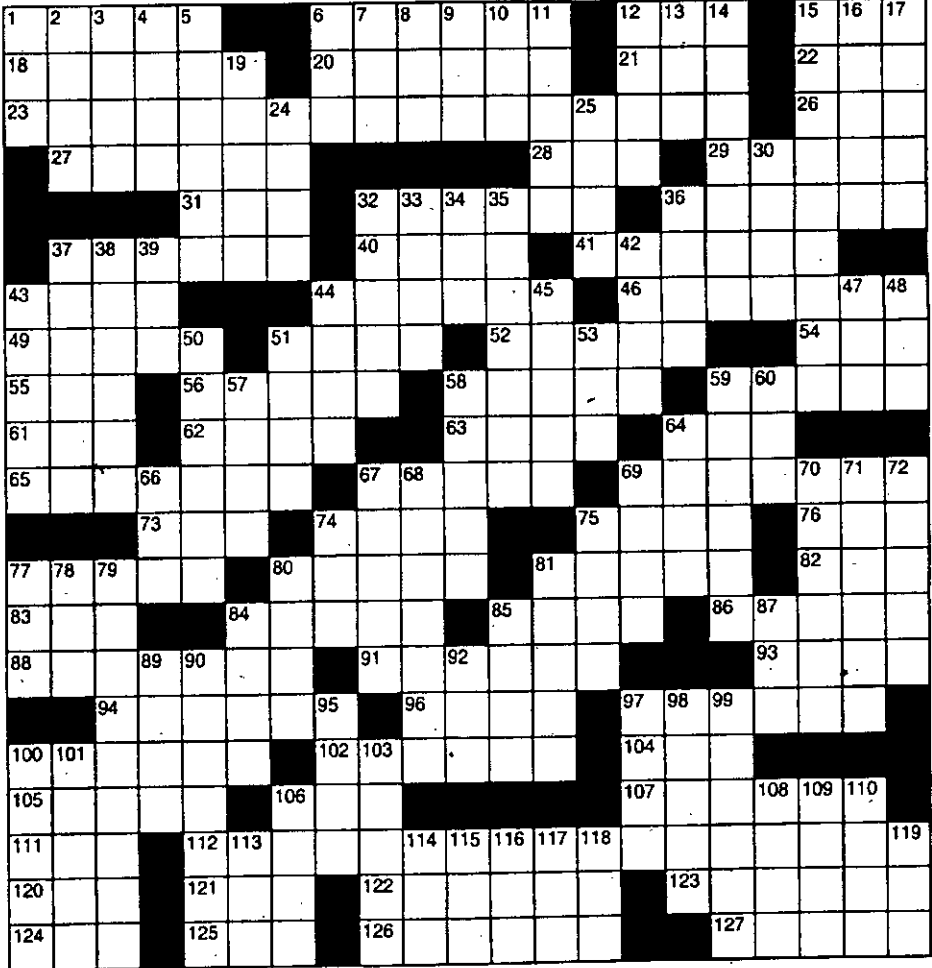
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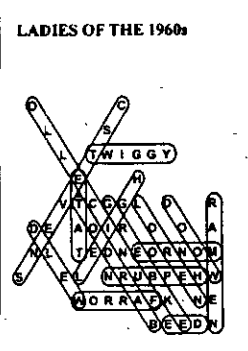
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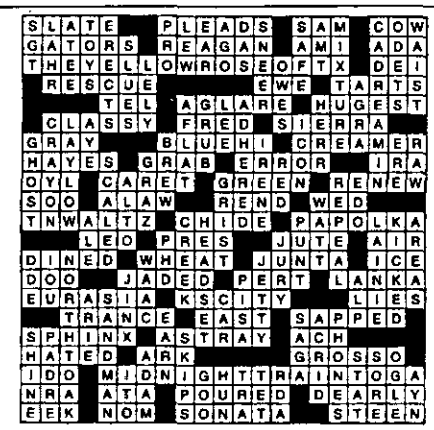
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Notice of Qualification of The ML Private Opportunities Fund, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/14/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10869 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Renaissance Hotel Management Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/2004. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: Dept. 924.13, 10400 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Lookerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10870 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PARTTRIDGE HILL LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/04. 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, 427 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10872 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HAWTHORNE GARDENS OF GUILDERLAND LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/04. 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, 427 New

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Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10873 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE WOODLANDS OF LATHAM LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/04. 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, 427 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10874 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WILLIAMSBURG COURT APARTMENTS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/04. 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, 427 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-10875 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Richmond Riverhead Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (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 process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10882 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Nobel Biocare USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/29/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 22715 Savi Ranch Parkway, Yorba Linda, CA 92887. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10883 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of GROVENDALE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/2004. 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

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Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10884 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Sunstone M2 L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 10/11/2000. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60654. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., Rm 329, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10885 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of RCG-UA Eastchester, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/15/04. 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: The London Yam Bldg., 590 56th St., West New York, NJ 07093. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10896 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Eastchester Heights NYC, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/15/04. 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: The London Yam Bldg., 590 56th St., West New York, NJ 07093. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10897 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Articles of Organization for PAUL PERRY KITCHENS, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 23, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 111 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-10899 (January 5, 2005)

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Deerfield Triarc Capital LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/04. NYS fictitious name: Deerfield Triarc Capital Subsidiary. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/04. 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: 8700 Bryn Mawr Ave., 12th Fl., Chicago, IL 60631. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10908 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Deerfield Triarc TRS Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/04. NYS fictitious name: Deerfield Triarc TRS Holdings Subsidiary. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/15/04. 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: 8700 Bryn Mawr Ave., 12th Fl., Chicago, IL 60631. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10909 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Chesterfield Hill, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/12/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Roger G. Halfhide, Esq., Weinstein, Boldt, Halfhide & Camel, 1925 Century Park East, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, CA 90067. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 3500 South Dupont Highway, Dover, Kent County, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10913 (January 5, 2005)

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STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND The taxable inhabitants of the Town of New Scotland will take notice that the undersigned collector of taxes in and for said town has received the warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year and will be received at the Town Hall only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates. Tax bills will be mailed about January 5, 2005. January - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday February and March - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (With the exception of Holidays) At all other times I will receive taxes by appointment. No collection fee during January.

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1.00 percent fee during February. 2.00 percent fee during March. Tax roll will be turned over to Albany County Department of Finance April 1, 2005. Thereafter the collection fee will be 5 percent plus interest. County \$4.487 Town General 2.782 Part Town & Highway (outside Village) .591 RATES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS Clarksville Lighting (LC) \$4.99 Feura Bush Lighting (LF) 5.83 Haldervate Sewer (SS) *units 99.245 Douglas Lane Sewer .279 Clarksville Water (WC) 3.913 Douglas Lane Light *units 142.674 Font Grove Water (WG) n/a North Road Water (WZ) 1.089 Northeast Water (WN) *units 407.536 Swift Road Water (WS) *units 317.000 New Salem (Voorheesville) Ambulance & LOSAP .295 New Salem Fire Protection & LOSAP 1.174 Onesquethaw Ambulance & Fire Protection & LOSAP 1.454 Slingerlands Fire District 1.141 Elmwood Park Fire District 2.418 Delmar/Elsmere/Slingerlands Ambulance Dist. .138 Special EMT District .094 DATED DECEMBER 2004 Marilyn Holmberg, Collector LD-10914 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Latham Noodles, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jennifer Matteo, 2050 Western Ave. #101, Gunderland, NY 12084, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10916 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of SORIS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2004. 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-10917 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of SORIS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2004. 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-10916 (January 5, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SORIS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2004. 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-10917 (January 5, 2005)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Articles of Organization for NO MAN'S LAND, LLC were

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filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 21, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 27 Woodlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. LD-10918 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Boise Packaging & Newsprint, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/17/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/9/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001. The principal office of the LLC: 9 East Lookerman Street, Suite 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10920 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of LENDERS PROTECTION, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Irvin Hiltz, 19 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Principal office of LLC: 5508 Highway 290 West, Suite 202, Austin, TX 78735. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Lookerman & Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10921 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of Regus Management Group, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/8/04. 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: 15305 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 1400, Addison, TX 75001. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10922 (January 5, 2005)

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOUR CORNERS PHARMACY, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Sec-

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retary of State on December 6, 2004. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: Four Corners Pharmacy, LLC, 340 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. FIFTH: The existence of the Company is to be perpetual. SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. LD-10923 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Cairo Prime Site, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 County Route 358, Medusa, NY 12120. Term: until 9/1/2104. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10924 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Fashion District Real Estate LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/2004. 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, #0001 Incorporators LLC, 140 Highway One, Lewes, DE 19958. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10929 (January 5, 2005)

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Notice of Formation of Aspen Provider LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/2004. 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-10930 (January 5, 2005)

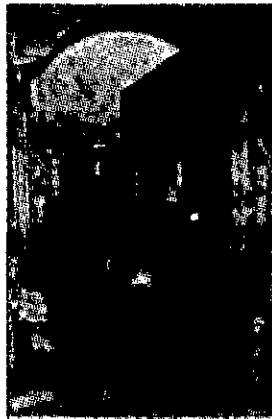
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Notice of Qualification of 40 Scott Ave LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/10/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 25 Greystone Manor, Lewes, DE 19958. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10931 (January 5, 2005)

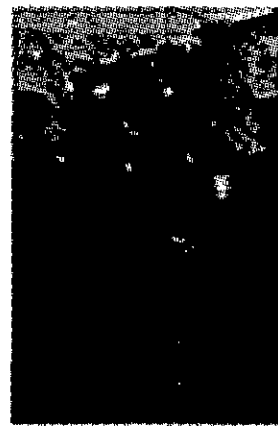
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