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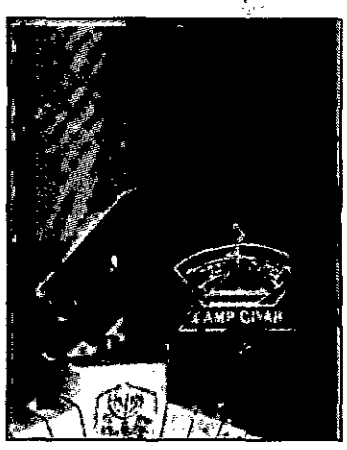

The beauty of Hanukkah

Christmas trees are quite beautiful. Shiny ornaments dangle from branches. Dazzling strands of tinsel circle the various layers. Tiny bulbs, sometimes flickering, add extra charm.

It's hard not to be mesmerized by the blinking lights of a Christmas tree. It's happened to me, but not in my own home. Why? Because I'm Jewish!

See story on Page 6.

First Night '06

Albany's 19th annual First Night celebration offers something for everyone. This year, the New Year's celebration features over 190 performances at 36 different downtown venues.

See story on Page 30.

'05 sports recap

It was another eventful high school sports year in 2005.

From a national championship boys cross country team to several impressive individual performances, there was plenty to keep area fans riveted.

See story on Page 40.

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2005: Year in Review

As the door closes on 2005, The Spotlight takes a look at all that happened in our community

January

• Michael Tebbano, Bethlehem Central High School principal, is appointed the district's new assistant superintendent for educational programs and instruction. Tebbano takes over on Jan. 18, replacing John McGuire, who left after six years with the district to become superintendent of the Greenwich Central School District in Washington County.

• Theresa Egan, first Democrat to be elected as town supervisor of Bethlehem in 150 years, completes her first year.

• Bethlehem residents have their say on an Environmental Protection Agency dewatering project proposed for the 94-acre OG Real Estate site on the Hudson River south of the Port of Albany. The EPA makes presentations in Bethlehem and Fort Edward, another proposed site for the project. Both towns were finalists for the project. Residents speak against the site for two hours, stating concerns with air emissions, noise, odor and a lack of solid information.

• After a break for the holidays, the grand jury, empaneled for the investigation in to the murder of prominent law clerk Peter Porco, resumes duty.

February

• George Leveille, who was commissioner of the depart-ment of public works, steps down to assume the newly created position of director of economic development. Oliver Holmes becomes commissioner of the DPW. The new position is designed to encourage economic growth in the town and to help expand the tax base. Leveille retains his position as director of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency.

• Town officials and residents form a citizens group to act as liaison between the town board and the community at large regarding the EPA dewatering project. Citizens with a vested interest in the project or knowledge and expertise in the field are called as an advisory group to the town board.

• Verizon announces it will bring fiber optic networks to Delmar. The fiber optics would replace copper wire connections, meaning an end to crackling telephone connections, slow Internet speeds, and high maintenance costs.

• A yearlong effort to create a citizens planning tool for the town of New Scotland is unveiled. The plan focuses on the town's northeast corner.

• Benderson Development purchases the abandoned Glenmont Shopping Center, which housed Ames and Grand Union, for $6.2 million. Benderson Development was behind the development of Mohawk Commons in Niskayuna.

March

• The New Scotland town board issues a negative declaration for the New Salem Water System upgrades. The town approves a preliminary design concept for the $17 million project, and with those upgrades, the facility would be set for 30 years in the future.

• An out of area judge is assigned to the murder case of law clerk Peter Porco to avoid potential conflicts of interest. Bethlehem police are still investigating the case.

• Plans for the Slingerlands Bypass remain in preliminary stages, but the state Department of Transportation announces it may be considering up to three roundabouts to help the traffic flow.

• A standing-room-only crowd attends a public hearing on the draft of the comprehensive plan.

• After a busy weekend of hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house celebration, the Four Corners Pharmacy on Delaware Avenue officially opens for business.

Anthony Hill

• The first Bowl-a-Thon is held

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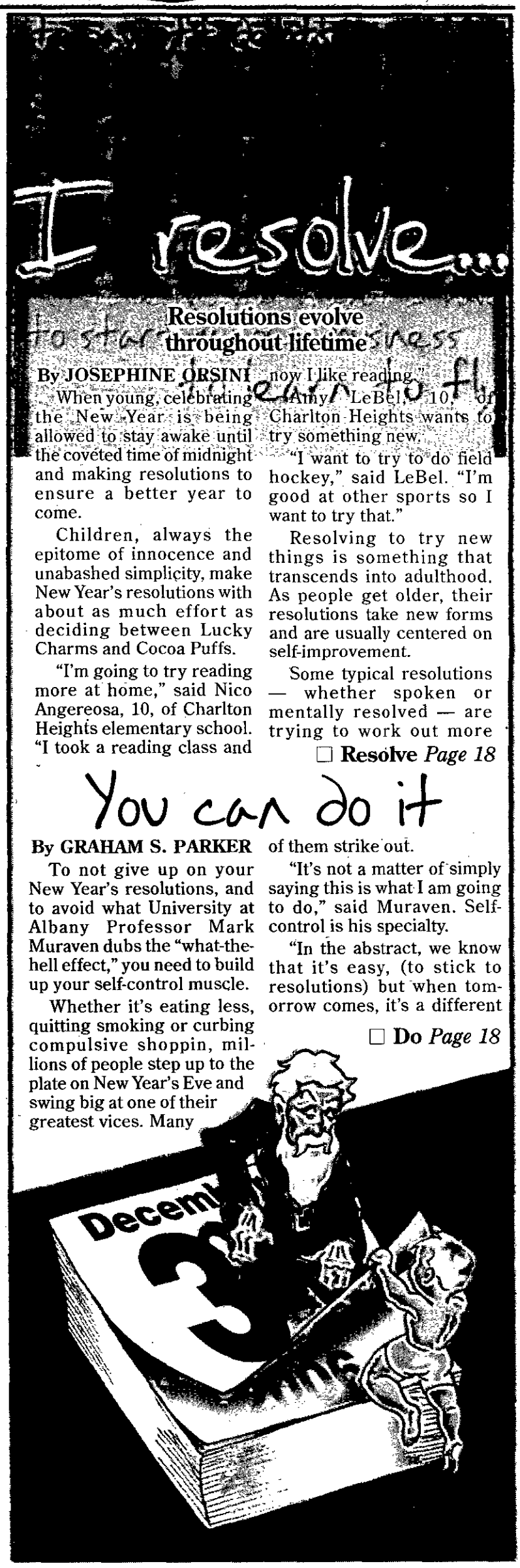

Resolutions evolve throughout lifetime

By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

When young, celebrating the New Year is being allowed to stay awake until the coveted time of midnight and making resolutions to ensure a better year to come.

Children, always the epitome of innocence and unabashed simplicity, make New Year's resolutions with about as much effort as deciding between Lucky Charms and Cocoa Puffs.

"I'm going to try reading more at home," said Nico Angereosa, 10, of Charlton Heights elementary school. "I took a reading class and now I like reading."

Amy LeBel, 10, of Charlton Heights wants to try something new.

"I want to try to do field hockey," said LeBel. "I'm good at other sports so I want to try that."

Resolving to try new things is something that transcends into adulthood. As people get older, their resolutions take new forms and are usually centered on self-improvement.

Some typical resolutions — whether spoken or mentally resolved — are trying to work out more

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You can do it

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

To not give up on your New Year's resolutions, and to avoid what University at Albany Professor Mark Muraven dubs the "what-the-hell effect," you need to build up your self-control muscle.

Whether it's eating less, quitting smoking or curbing compulsive shoppin, millions of people step up to the plate on New Year's Eve and swing big at one of their greatest vices. Many of them strike out.

"It's not a matter of simply saying this is what I am going to do," said Muraven. Self-control is his specialty.

"In the abstract, we know that it's easy, (to stick to resolutions) but when tomorrow comes, it's a different

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Town police make felony, DWI arrests

In somewhat of a slow week for police, Bethlehem officers made two arrests, one on felony charges and the other for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

John Kantkusin, 37, of 186 Bradfort St. in Albany was arrested on Monday, Dec. 19 after police followed up on a bench warrant issued after he failed to appear in Town Court. Police located Kantkusin at his Albany home and arrested him without incident.

Kantkusin is facing felony charges on criminal possession of a controlled substance. He was arraigned in Town Court and sent to the Albany County jail in lieu of a $7,500 bail.

Seth Winston Morse, 19, of 121 Konig Road in Ghent was arrested and charged with DWI on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Police stopped Morse along Elm Avenue because his vehicle had an inadequate exhaust system and tinted glass windows.

Upon investigating police noticed an odor of alcohol emanating from within his vehicle. He was arrested after failing several field sobriety tests. Upon processing, Morse refused to take a blood alcohol content test.

An inventory search of Morse's vehicle uncovered several baggies of marijuana, police reported.

He is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Correction

In last week's edition, *The Spotlight* incorrectly identified the location of a parking waiver that the planning board granted. The waiver applied to Bethlehem Center, not to the Ames Plaza as stated. We regret this error.

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Scouts honor

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-Chappaqua, center, congratulates girls from Troop 670 in Bethlehem for earning Girl Scouts' Silver Award. The girls, from left, are Amanda Pettit, Amanda Ekert, Arden Broff, Rachael McCormick, Claire Sacco and Troop leader Judith Avner.

District accepting Hall of Fame nominations

Nominations for Bethlehem Central High School's Alumni Hall of Fame are being accepted through Jan. 31.

BCHS' Hall of Fame honors graduates of the school who have brought special recognition to themselves as demonstrated through their educational accomplishments and/or career achievements.

To be nominated, an individual must be a BCHS graduate and at least five years out of high school. Nomination forms are available at http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/news/051201hallofame.

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Family of accused teenager links charge to racism

By JIM CUOZZO AND STEPHANIE LUBIS

At the most recent school board meeting, Bethlehem Superintendent Les Loomis responded to allegations of racism in connection with a case of teens allegedly having sex in a boys restroom at the high school.

"School safety, not racism, is the real issue," Loomis said in a prepared statement at the meeting.

"Race is never a consideration in any situation, and race will never be a part of disciplinary consequences for student's actions," said Loomis.

Family and friends of 18-year-old German Lambert Jr. believes his arrest on charges of sexual contact in a high school bathroom is racially motivated. Lambert is black. Racial slurs are a part of everyday school life, according to one female student who said another student spray painted "German is a rapist" prominently on one of the high school walls. Other students are wearing "Free German" T-Shirts at the school.

"Our school district serves all students equally, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background," said Loomis.

Lambert was released from jail last week. He had been arrested on several charges of sexual misconduct and one charge of first-degree criminal sexual act stemming from an incident with a 16-year-old girl at her family's Glenmont home. He is accused of sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl in the boys high school bathroom in separate incidents in October and November.

Earlier this year the Bethlehem Central School District contracted with a nationally recognized diversity program to combat prejudice in the school. The National Coalition Building Institute works with teachers and students to identify discrimination and how to deal effectively with bigotry.

"When you make remarks and slurs, that is a hurt that needs to be healed," said Larry Ritter, Albany district director for NCBI. "We try to teach young people to treat others with respect and to have better communication."

Ritter had no comment on the recent allegations of racism in regard to the Lambert case.

Loomis said sometimes students do not make the right decisions and the district needs to keep its schools safe.

"When students make poor decisions which jeopardize their own and other's safety we will act...with fair consequences, justly administered," Loomis added.

Intervention program begins

The board will begin an off campus intervention program for repeat violators of school student discipline policies. A room at the school district headquarters on Adams Street will be used to house the intervention program which will be run by a teacher monitor beginning in January at a cost not to exceed $26,000 for the remainder of the school year.

"Out of school suspensions don't seem to work for some students," Loomis said. "The off campus intervention program is designed to turn some lives around and break the cycle of repeated disciplinary problems."

High School Principal Chuck Abba is a proponent of the idea. "We're trying to come up with a plan for a student to have fewer suspensions," Abba said.

Not all board members were quick to jump on board with the new program. School board president Richard Svenson and vice president Stuart Lyman agreed with the idea of helping troubled students but disagreed with the proposal put forward by district staff.

"I am very uncomfortable with the mechanics of the program," Lyman said. "I don't see the chance for success."

Assistant Superintendent Michael Tebbano, a former high school principal, said the off campus intervention program was designed from a model program in the Niskayuna schools.

"The worst nightmare for a principal is when a student drops out of school," said Tebbano. "Some of us have a dream that we could help a few more kids."

Counselors and behavioral specialists will be made available to students serving in the three-day suspension program.

"It's an opportunity for us to say to the student, you have value and we care about you," said board member Jim Dering.

Local man earns 2nd Star

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The U.S. Bronze Star is awarded to soldiers in the U.S. Military who have been distinguished by heroic or meritorious achievement in service.

Capt. Cyrus T. Cady, who goes by his middle name Torrey, has received not only one Bronze Star Medal, but two.

A battery commander in the Army, Cady received the Bronze Star recently for his actions in Iraq, where he was stationed for nine months, from November 2003 to July 2004.

Cady, whose parents have been Delmar residents for 20 years, is a career military man. At age 38, he's been in the Army for 21 years, and served in combat missions in Desert Storm — where he won his first Bronze Star — Bosnia, and Cosovo.

"I've been on active duty," he said. "So when I was done, I just went on my next assignment. Some guys go home, but this is my life."

Cady said his recent deployment in Iraq was difficult.

"It was by far the toughest combat deployment I've been in," he said. "The enemy was more determined, and it was a tough environment. You never knew when or where something would happen."

Cady was stationed in the city of Mosul, a large city, and said it was especially difficult because most of the people weren't doing anything wrong.

"There were people just going about their normal business, and they didn't look or dress any different than the enemy," he said. "They just blended in. You just never know."

Although he admits it's fairly rare to be awarded the Bronze Star, he said more people have been receiving them lately.

"Because of the type of duty we were doing in Iraq, there have been more people with the opportunity to receive the medal," he said.

Cady has also received many other medals in his years of service. Currently he is in Orange County, California, and is the commander of the Newport Beach Recruiting Company. He oversees all the recruiting stations in the area.

Although he plans to retire in the next few years, he will not be idle. Cady has a business management degree and will work on completing his MBA.

Cady tries to make it back home at least once a year, and was in Delmar for Thanksgiving.

"Torrey's an amazing guy," said his father, Cyrus Cady. "He believes what he believes, and he's not afraid to stand up for that. We're very proud of him."

Celebrating the holidays

Josh and Celia Diamond (above) sing Hanukkah songs at Niskayuna's Temple Agudat Achim Hanukkah tasting party held Dec. 24. Right: Laura - Joëlle and Laura Geschwindt admire a Christmas tree at St. Thomas Church in Delmar.

Festival Fund keeps community strong for over 60 years

Verizon awards grant that brings fund close to $25,000 goal

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

For needs large and small, the Bethlehem Festival Fund has been there to lend a helping hand to residents of Bethlehem for 62 years.

The Festival Fund is unlike other community service organizations. Town employees, members of the clergy and school employees refer people or groups with specific needs to trustees of the fund. From there, anything from a pair of eyeglasses or a cap and gown for a student's graduation to food, clothing and heat are provided quietly and confidentially to people in need.

"There are a lot of people with needs in this area, more than people realize since Bethlehem is considered an affluent area," said Kim Ryan, a trustee of the organization.

The fund responds to specific needs rather than giving money to individuals or organizations.

"We've paid for lots of field trips for kids, summer school and tutoring," said Greg Jackson, president of the organization. "We paid for one kid's SAT exams, and now he's at MIT."

Recipients generally don't feel strange about accepting what they have to offer, Jackson said, because the need had already been identified. However, keeping it confidential is of utmost importance. Ryan said the fund's disbursements are so confidential that even other trustees in the organization don't know the names of people they've helped.

"We never see the names," she said. "Only the treasurer knows."

The organization began as a Christmas pageant, which took place at the Bethlehem High School, Jackson said. Donations were accepted in lieu of admission fees, and the money was used to help needy people in the area. The annual pageant was discontinued in the late 1960s, but the spirit of giving continued.

"The people who were doing it thought they should keep the program going because there were still a lot of requests from the schools," said Jackson.

Although both the need and the donations have increased over the years, the actual organization has gotten smaller. Now, there are only about 16 people who are either trustees or in the administration.

Ryan said the community need will be greater this year because of rising heating costs, and Jackson said he is continually impressed with the generosity of the town.

"We're about $5,000 short of our goal of raising $25,000," he said. Also this year, Jackson applied for and was awarded a $6,000 grant from Verizon. The grant will go toward summer tutoring.

"I was approached by Verizon to apply for a grant, and they suggested that I apply for something to do with education," said Jackson. "We spent about $6,000 on tutoring last year, so that's the amount we applied for."

This is the first year the group will not be putting together any Christmas-specific gift packages this year, but Jackson is not too upset by that because the group helps town residents all year long.

Along with charitable donations from members of the community, the Bethlehem Festival Fund is part of the United Way SEFA Campaign, which allows state workers to contribute by writing in the code for the Bethlehem Festival Fund. The group also welcomes volunteers to help out all year long.

"It's a great organization," said Jackson. "It's been around for a long time, and it serves the needs of people in a very close-to-home way, very quietly."

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Best of '05 kindles hopes and wishes for '06

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Commentary: Mom's The Word

He claims to remember nothing. This freaks my mommy brain out: was there a traumatizing event in his childhood that made him purge what should have been a relatively happy time? Does he really have no recollection of living in New York City until he was 5 years old? Were all those play dates, excursions to the Children's Museum of Art, hours at the playground, for naught? Or is this just the best way for a 15-year-old to stay firmly grounded in the present?

"Oh, come on," I said when an early December trip to the Big Apple landed us in front of the Third Street Music School Settlement, where he'd gone to nursery school for two years. "Anything? Big blocks in the courtyard? Slash the turtle? The field trip to Larry the Lock?"

He shook his head, and I shook mine.

Christopher, his younger brother scolded him, "even I remember it. I went to Mommy, Paint and Me and made my first pun."

Cormac and I grinned at each other, remembering the class we had gone to when he was 2, and that he had nicknamed "Mommy Paint Me."

I'd worry for Christopher's mental ability, except that he's way too much like his father, remembering tiny details about history or world events. So maybe that's the balance in the family: Christopher and his dad remember the things of our lives and the world and Cormac and I remember the people we've known and things we've done.

This is the time of year that's best for remembering all that we've done in the last 12 months. I'm a sucker for "year-in-review" issues of newspapers, magazines or television shows. There are always a few surprises, like the deaths of celebrities or important figures that I didn't hear about at the time. There are tears to be shed, whether over cataclysmic events or simple, touching moments. There are grins and guffaws to be resurrected, as humorous clips get run on TV or print cartoons remind us of things that made us laugh.

People and families sure change a lot in a year. This year sent Cormac sprouting up, surpassing me in height. His face is shifting slightly away from the baby face that moves me even when we're furious with each other; his freckles, thankfully, remain.

This was the year of Christopher's hair, when it grew long below his shoulders and I found myself envious of its thickness, wave and chestnut luster. I've never minded not having daughters, but I found myself looking for excuses to grab a hairbrush and care for my older son's mane. When he cut it, we sent it to Locks for Love.

Christopher took a giant step into life this past year, spending three whole weeks away from home learning ancient Greek at a college in Pennsylvania. I carried his schedule in my handbag the whole time he was gone, trying to imagine what he was doing, who he was talking to, and whether he was eating any vegetables at all.

During our summer vacation, he and I took a 3-mile walk in bracing Irish air and proved the theory that to get your sons to talk with you, you need to be shoulder-to-shoulder with them, involved in an activity. As we skirted Crookhaven's harbor, he told me about the people he'd been with, the things he'd studied, and the fact that he'd had a Diet Pepsi with breakfast every day so that he could wake up.

Maybe that's what moms are for – now that he's told me about the summer, he can let it go. But I think he remembers more than he'll admit, because I hear him recounting his adventures at "nerd camp" (I mean it in a positive way, he always says) to anyone who listens.

I'm happy to be the repository of the family memories, even if both of my children insist I have a faulty memory chip in my brain. They want me to remember things that won't matter when the sands of time have washed this year away: who rode in the front seat last, who used the downstairs TV the previous Friday; that thing I said about doubling allowance if they started walking the dog every day – even they know I never said that, but we all have to admire their gumption for trying to float it past me.

I'd rather remember the time one gave up the last cookie to the other; the time I asked them to walk over to Hannaford to buy a gift card for their 89-year-old great-grandmother, and, unasked, they took the dog along. I love the quiet moments when they're curled up on their beds with a book, or the times I hear them laughing together, even if it's about something on television. I like it when they ask each other questions about their homework and engage willingly in cooperative learning. It's a gift when the four of us are together and something strikes all of us so funny that tears escape from the corners of our eyes.

When we first moved to the Capital District 10 years ago, Chris found a gift to send to family members that they insist still is a highlight of the year. We give them a 12-month calendar with a different picture each month of our boys and sometimes even of us. Modern families will tell you that the calendar is key to existence, and ours is no different. On New Year's Day, when we switch calendars, I'll take a few minutes to look through the past year and see where we've been and what we've done. I'll sigh and marvel at how quickly the time went, and how very much our boys have changed in a year's time.

I'll ask Cormac what the weather was like a year ago, and just because I know he remembers, I'll ask him to tell me which of our Christmases in the past 10 years have been white and which haven't.

With the past folded up and put on a shelf, I'll look ahead at the January events already penciled in the new calendar that boasts to our extended family of the beauty of our boys.

I'm not one for resolutions – how many years in a row can you vow to lose 35 pounds and not begin to feel the hollowness of the oath? Instead, I make a wish and hope list.

I hope that at this time next year, my children are still happy, healthy, doing well in school and continue to not object too strongly to spending time with us.

I hope that Chris and I will be able to have a blow-out party to mark our 20th wedding anniversary. I hope that we still end our days with a smooch, a hug, and a giggle about something that strikes only us funny.

I hope that we have a great party for my grandmother, who will turn 90 in April and is a living testament to my iPod and cell phone-toting boys that people were able to survive before there was electricity and central heat.

I hope that Cormac has a smooth transition to high school and that a kind of maturity kicks in that makes him want to work to the best of his ability. I hope that he continues to grin first and ask questions later.

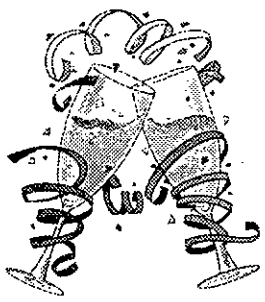
I hope that the guardian angel of 16-year-olds comes to sit on Christopher's shoulder when he hits that enormous number this summer, and that he and his friends are cautious as they begin to drive and date.

I wish for peace on earth, for an end to tyrannical despot governments, and that all of our world's leaders think of the people they are leading before they act.

I wish for enough energy to keep us warm, lighted and moving. I hope that we are all responsible enough to not waste the resources we've been given.

I wish for more time for all of us...time to do a good job at work, time to spend with our families, time to devote to our communities, time to curl up on the couch and read a good book, time to sit down to dinner with people who really matter to us.

Mostly, I wish that each of us has a moment so inspiring that when finished years mesh into our memory, we remember it for the rest of our lives.



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Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 32° AVERAGE LOW 15°

Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, December 28	61°/1982	-14°/1951
Thursday, December 29	71°/1984	-18°/1933
Friday, December 30	53°/1984	-21°/1933
Saturday, December 31	61°/1895	-17°/1917
Sunday, January 1	57°/1966	-18°/1970
Monday, January 2	61°/1890	-20°/1970
Tuesday, January 3	61°/1913	-14°/1970

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
7.8 inches as of Friday, December 23rd
5.8 inches below average

This week in weather

December 1917 ended on a very cold note in Albany. The high temperature never got above 2 below for the last 3 days.
January 3rd, 2003 a 21" snow fall began in Albany. 21" also fell 9 days earlier, on Christmas Day, 2002.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:25am	4:29pm
Thursday	7:25am	4:30pm
Friday	7:25am	4:31pm
Saturday	7:25am	4:31pm
Sunday	7:25am	4:33pm
Monday	7:25am	4:33pm
Tuesday	7:25am	4:34pm

Moon Phases
December 30th New
January 6th First

Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	By Dawn	Bright SE
Saturn	Evening	ENE to E
Mars	Evening	High South
Venus	Dusk	Low SW

Ski Report

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	20" - 44"	6	38
Whiteface	22" - 36"	8	59
Bromley	15" - 33"	5	27
Mt. Snow	18" - 28"	10	84
Okemo	18" - 32"	16	109
Jay Peak	12" - 48"	7	68
Stowe	26" - 42"	9	43
Killington	24" - 36"	18	131

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Stratton	25" - 37"	7	77
Sugarbush	6" - 36"	11	94
Hunter Mtn.	26" - 90"	7	52
Belleayre	36"- 60"	6	30
Jiminy Peak	16" - 50"	5	30
Bosquet	12" - 42"	4	18
Windham	38"- 60"	6	26
Smugglers'	14"- 46"	6	50

Factoid

The latest sunrise of the year to the nearest minute actually lasts for 13 days. From December 28th through January 9th, the sun rises at 7:25 am, EST.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	2:08am, 2:48pm	8:52am, 9:41pm.
Thursday	3:01am, 3:36pm	9:40am, 10:29pm
Friday	3:51am, 4:23pm	10:28am, 11:17pm
Saturday	4:40am, 5:09pm	11:15am, --------
Sunday	5:30am, 5:57pm	12:04am, 12:05pm
Monday	6:19am, 6:44pm	12:50am, 12:55pm
Tuesday	7:10am, 7:32pm	1:37am, 1:48pm

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Students named all-state musicians

Twelve perform at Eastman Theatre in Rochester

By JIM CUOZZO

A cellist, bass, tuba, and flute player, along with a tenor and soprano singer, are among 12 Bethlehem Central High School students who performed at the Eastman Theatre in Rochester as part of the New York State School Music Association's all-state conference earlier this month.

"The Eastman Theatre was gorgeous and to be able to perform there was amazing," said Alison Melcher, who was selected after her audition this spring in which she performed the aria soprano solo, "When I am laid in earth."

> ***"The Eastman Theatre was gorgeous and to be able to perform there was amazing."***
> **Alison Melcher**

The tuba wasn't Dave Peterson's first choice for an instrument but after being chosen as part of a select group of young musicians he is now happy with the brassy sound. "I wanted to play saxophone but they told me I had the lips for a tuba player," said Peterson. "I do really like the tuba now that I have gotten to know it a little better."

This is the second consecutive year that senior Meredith Lutz received all-state honors but has been accepted as a pre-med student at Cornell University. She plans to keep playing and practicing music while there.

"It opens up a world of friends and people you might never meet otherwise, and I have developed good friendships from it," said Lutz.

Joshua Levy started playing the cello when he was 4 and with help from a vibrant retired cello teacher who lived in his neighborhood.

"My next-door neighbor who was in her 90s at the time helped me practice," said Levy.

The woman is now 107 and Levy thinks of her when he performs.

"Today I play her old cello, which is over 120 years old and it sounds good," Levy said.

Tenor Daniel Van Deusen performed "Il Mio Bel Foco" as a vocal solo for his audition that moved the judges to choose him for all-state honors. Jarret Bastow plays string bass and performed "G-minor Sonata" by Henry Eccles for his solo audition.

All of the students believe music helps them with their school work as well.

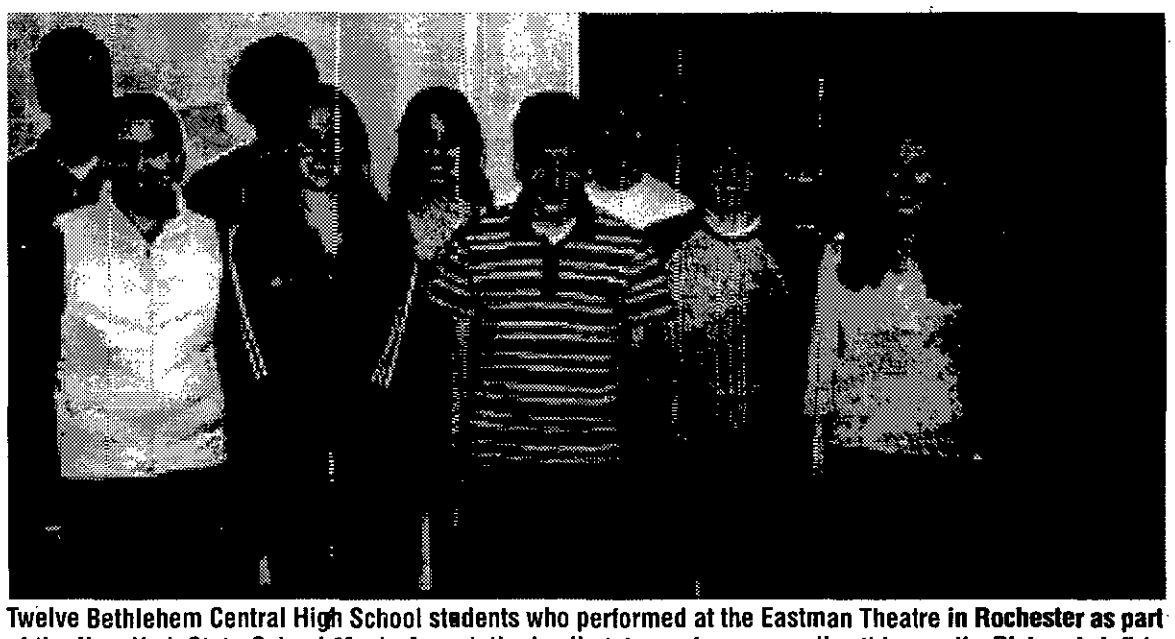
"I am taking physics now and the physics actually helps me know exactly how my instrument is making the sound that it does," said Jamie Stram, who plays the upright bass and enjoys baroque music.

"This district and this community really support our music program," said David Norman, Bethlehem's music supervisor. Norman said the Bethlehem Music Association, a support group of parents and community members, provided all-state participants with scholarships to help defray the cost of the trip to Rochester.

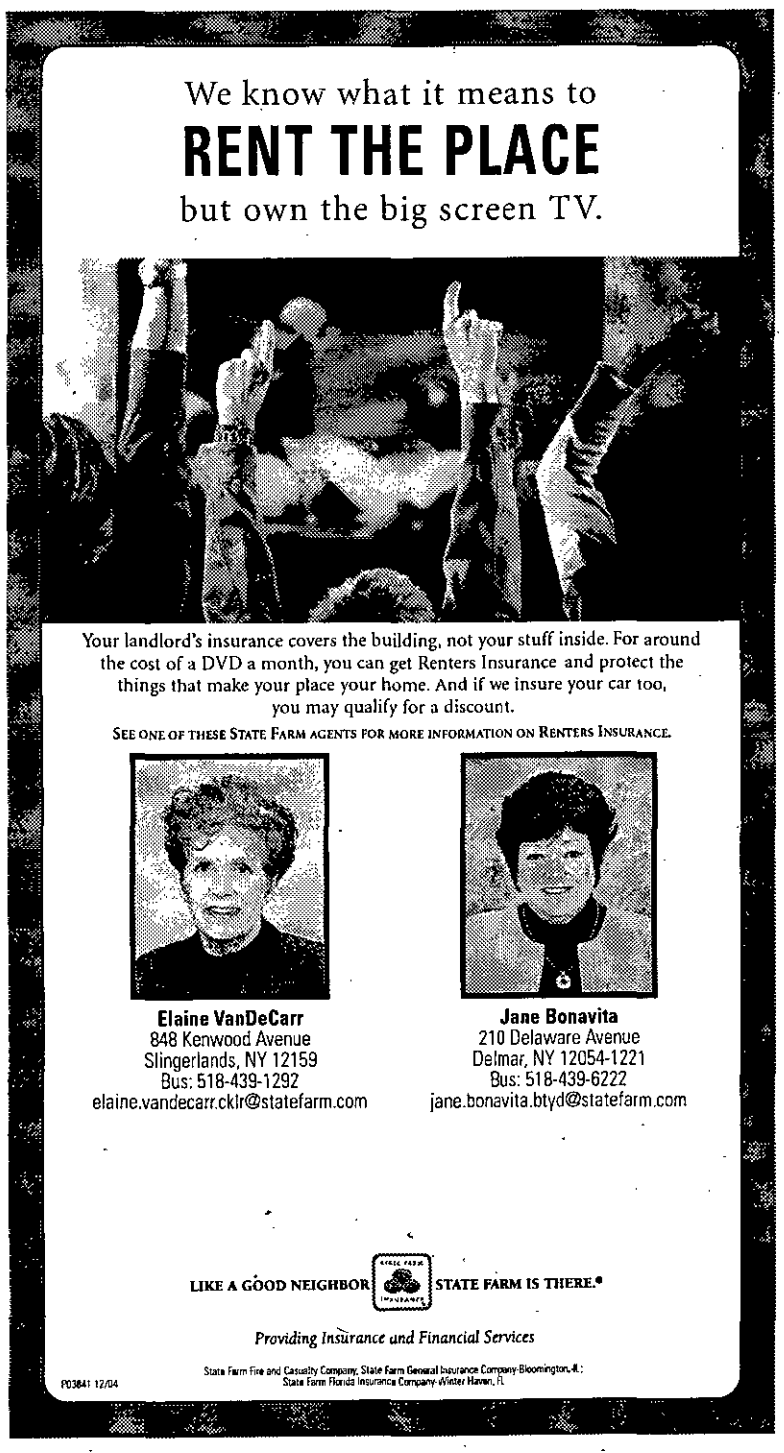
"Music is a very valuable part of the educational program here providing learning and enjoyment by itself," Norman said.

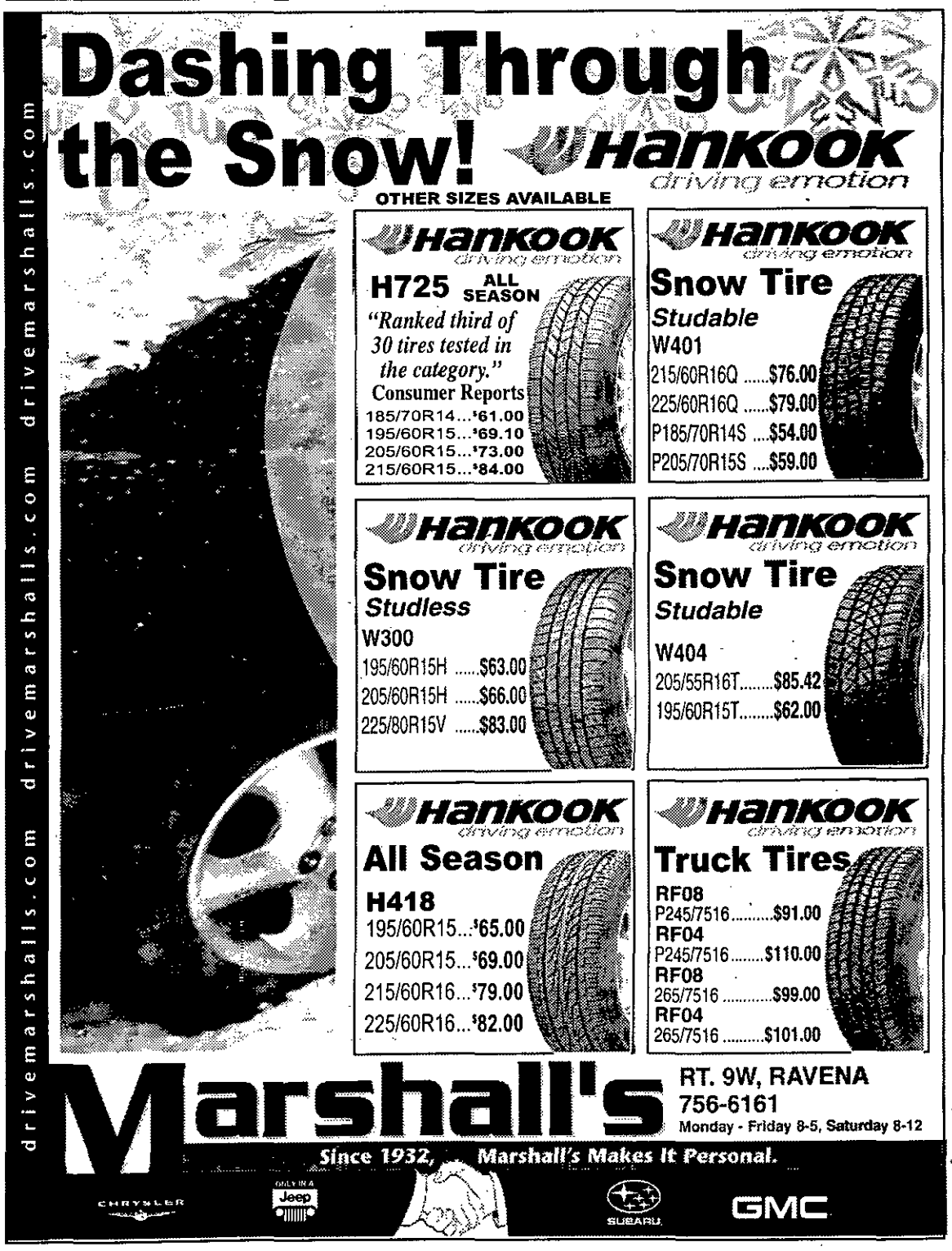
Norman's son Thomas was also selected for all-state honors along with Vanessa Calaban, Karen Hughes, Kate Vincent and Brian Cooper.

Bethlehem's music program has 1,700 students in band, orchestra and choral programs.



Twelve Bethlehem Central High School students who performed at the Eastman Theatre in Rochester as part of the New York State School Music Association's all-state conference earlier this month. Pictured, left to right, are James Stram, Karen Hughes, Brian Cooper, Kate Vincent, Meredith Lutz, Joshua Levy, David Peterson, Daniel Van Deusen, Thomas Norman, Alison Melcher, Jarrett Bastow and Vanessa Calaban.





Matters of Opinion in the Spotlight

Teen sex troublesome

Editorial

Sex in the schools is over the top, and something should be done to prevent it from happening on school grounds. The recent incident alleging a 14-year-old and an 18-year-old had sex at Bethlehem Central High School is something that some students say happens "all the time" on school grounds, including the athletic fields and the backstage area of the auditorium.

We doubt sex at BC or any other local high school is as commonplace as some students say it is.

The point is it shouldn't be happening at all, and school boards — along with parents — should be trying to figure out ways to prevent sexual acts on campus.

To even think that any 14-year-old is capable of handling sexual encounters is absurd.

Whatever happened to hall monitors to see who is out and about between classes? It seems obvious that teenagers need more supervision at school for one thing. And what about parental guidance? Is anyone reaching out to these children to define what is appropriate behavior and what is not?

Sex is not a casual activity and often carries serious psychological and emotional consequences for adults. Teens need to treat their bodies with more respect before engaging in serious sexual activity.

We wonder where kids are getting the idea that sex is not that big a deal. It is a huge deal, and teenagers need to discuss sexuality with trusted adults, especially parents and school counselors.

Many topics, including sex, which were once taboo need to be addressed before anything happens. In today's world, sex can be deadly, with HIV and AIDS infecting millions throughout the world.

Our children need to be better informed in order to decide whether to engage in sex. They should realize that 14 is far below the age of consent and that older teens can be charged with criminal acts, which is exactly what happened in the BCHS case.

In our dealings with teenagers throughout the years, we have found the vast majority of young people to be bright, thoughtful, responsible and prudent in the decisions they make. Perhaps a peer helpers group would be the appropriate venue to help younger teens.

What is clear is that some action must be taken to keep our high school campuses safe and comfortable for the entire school community. What is also clear is that parents must play a role in this process of educating children about sex.

The beauty of Hanukkah

Point of View

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer lives in Delmar.

Christmas trees are quite beautiful. Shiny ornaments dangle from branches. Dazzling strands of tinsel circle the various layers. Tiny bulbs, sometimes flickering, add extra charm.

It's hard not to be mesmerized by the blinking lights of a Christmas tree. It's happened to me, but not in my own home. Why? Because I'm Jewish!

This week, when many Christmas trees will be at the edge of lawns waiting for garbage pick-up day, Jewish families will still have several more days of Hanukkah to celebrate.

Is Hanukkah late this year? No, Hanukkah is never late. Hanukkah always falls on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev. Though to be fair, the Jewish calendar is based on a lunar cycle. This means that the holiday does end up on different dates on the Gregorian calendar.

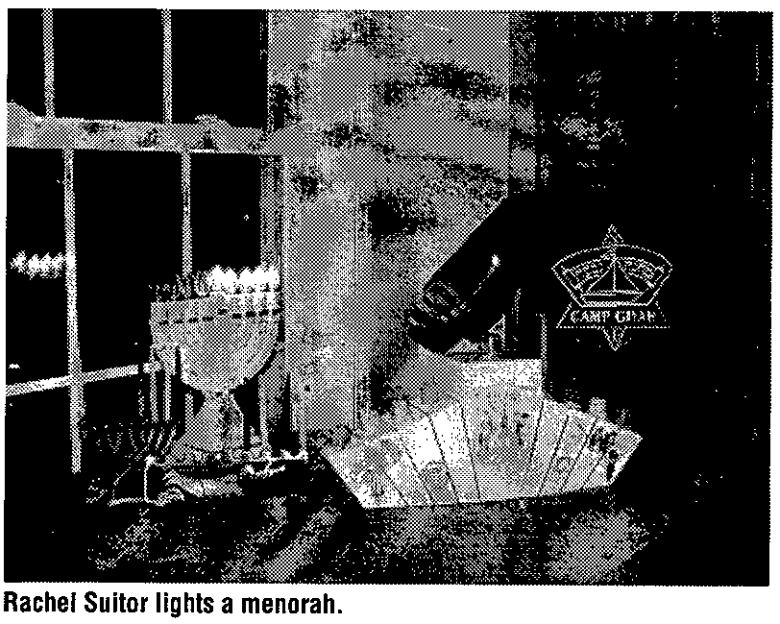
I do find it helpful when Hanukkah falls at the end of December. Schools close for winter break, allowing our family to light the menorah and celebrate without the worry of homework and early wake-up times.

This year our family is going to add more meaning to Hanukkah. We're not eliminating presents, but we are de-emphasizing them. We adapted an idea I read in an article several years ago and have assigned themes to each night of the holiday.

For example, we're having a music night (playing instruments and singing), homemade present night, book night (reading and story telling), and game night, among others. We hope to have friends and family join us.

Hanukkah, which began on the evening of Dec. 25, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek King of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long battle against the Syrian army. While preparing to re-dedicate their reclaimed temple, the Jews found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. A miracle occurred and the oil burned for eight days, enough time to obtain a new supply of oil.



Rachel Suitor lights a menorah.

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

As a Jewish parent, I feel it's important to show my child how to enjoy one's own holiday and also respect the holidays and customs that others choose to observe. This includes respecting other Jews' various levels of observance.

For example, if a Jewish family chooses to use only an electric menorah rather than candles, then so be it. Some people may live in housing situations where lighting candles is not allowed. Others may simply feel safer without open flames near their drapes.

It was just before Thanksgiving when I introduced the idea of themed Hanukkah nights and the need to focus less on presents. A few weeks later, 9-year-old Rachel surprised me with a "Hanukkah wish list" after I had already completed my holiday shopping.

"Please don't expect everything on your list," I told her. "Remember, we're concentrating on the beauty of the holiday."

The items on her list ran the gamut from "laptop" to "sticky stuff for hanging posters." (She'll need both items in college; and she'll have to wait until then to get one of the two.)

Many people, my daughter included, are surprised to hear that Hanukkah is a relatively minor holiday in the Jewish religion. It has grown to receive more attention since it occurs during the Christmas season.

Christmas images abound. For months there are songs on the radio, television specials, newspaper articles and store promotions.

Many non-Jews are astonished to learn that some people don't celebrate Christmas. And I'm talking adults here, not children. They ask: "You DON'T celebrate Christmas??? Then, what do you DO on Christmas day?"

Dec. 25 is often just a regular day for Jews, sort of like a bonus weekend day that may fall mid-week. Some Jews hang around the house in pajamas, read books and watch videos. Others go out for Chinese food (usually one of the few kinds of restaurants open), go to the movies or spend time with people who are celebrating Christmas. Many Jews cover at work so those celebrating can have the day off to be with family. This year Hanukkah happened to begin on Christmas night, so Jews were busy with their own holiday.

We love Hanukkah in our home, and we work to make it special. We light four menorahs (three with candles, one electric), we play dreidel, and we invite friends over. We decorate our home with banners and window clings and mobiles, but not with a tree.

Each year we do attend a tree trimming party at a Christian friend's home. I truly appreciate the beauty of a lighted tree, but I don't feel left out not having one. I am satisfied admiring our friends' trees and the outdoor decorations that fill the neighborhoods.

People ask me: "Why can't you have a tree? You could call it a Hanukkah bush." A tree isn't religious, they argue, it's just decorative.

Regardless of its origins, the tree is clearly recognized as a symbol of Christmas. And Christmas is a religious holiday. In order to maintain a religious identity, Jews avoid symbols that are identified with other religions, no matter how aesthetically beautiful the symbols.

Hanukkah symbols, sounds and smells are quite beautiful. Spinning dreidels dance across the table. Sizzling latkes make mouths water. Colorful candles grow in number each night.

It's hard not to be mesmerized by the flickering lights of the menorah. It happens to me each year, inside my own home.

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Matters of Opinion in the Spotlight

Good children in Bethlehem schools

Editor, The Spotlight:

As parents and members of the Bethlehem community, we have certainly been made aware of all the problems affecting the Bethlehem Central High School.

However, we would like to share a story of honesty, integrity and incredible good fortune. Our daughter, a Bethlehem junior, lost her iPod. After tearing the house apart, we came to the conclusion that it was either lost or stolen at the high school.

A hard lesson learned but they do not belong at school, as we all know. Fortunately for her, it was found two days later lying in the road on Van Dyke Road.

Tim "Norway" DeGroff found it and returned it to her. A Bethlehem High School senior and an outstanding swimmer who should be commended for his honesty and refusal to take any kind of reward.

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The Brosnan Family
Delmar

New Scotland is special place

Editor, The Spotlight

To the Residents of the Town of New Scotland:

I want to personally thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your town representative for the past 12 years. I am proud to have been able to play a small role in numerous accomplishments.

I can honestly say that I have learned something from each person that I have worked with over the years. We are fortunate to have so many talented, dedicated and caring residents, and I want to thank everyone for their individual contributions. Our residents make New Scotland a special place to live.

I am proud to call New Scotland my home.

Thank you.

Scott J. Houghtaling
Albany

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Many thanks to community for helping family

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you so very much to the businesses and individuals in our community that have helped me show the true meaning of Christmas to the Simpson family.

We are very sorry for the loss of their son. May he shine as an angel over the family in the years to come. God bless you all.

Dennis La Grange
Delmar

Teen is like a fish out of water

Editor, The Spotlight:

Teen sex is a problem for many reasons. It's not new to any group of people. Intelligence, creativity, and a get-down-on-your-knees kind of caring is required to help teens navigate the seas of adolescent sexuality with its waves of hormones, childish fantasies, rebelliousness, and often downright stupidity.

Helping others is also a problem, especially during the short, dark, chilly days of the "holiday season" when we feel sapped of time, energy and money. Helping others who have hurt us can feel impossible.

But this is a time for helping. A newcomer to our town, a Hurricane Katrina "victim", a boy from a Southern black community and a fractured family was taken in by his aunt so that he could complete his senior year of high school here. In fact, this autumn, she took three nephews into her already full family. Then, on Oct. 20, her husband, Michael Coyle, suddenly died. Now her nephew, German Lambert, is in jail for inappropriate sexual behavior.

German, a fish out of water if ever there were one, needs and has needed our help to adjust his behavior. The youth in Bethlehem need to see us cope intelligently with their difficulties which existed before German came to town and will continue to exist, no matter how severely German may be punished.

Help however you can. Contact me. Call German's aunt—her number is in the phone book—ask what you can do! Talk with your teens about sex, race, pain and loss, and be truthful about the wrenching difficulties we all live with.

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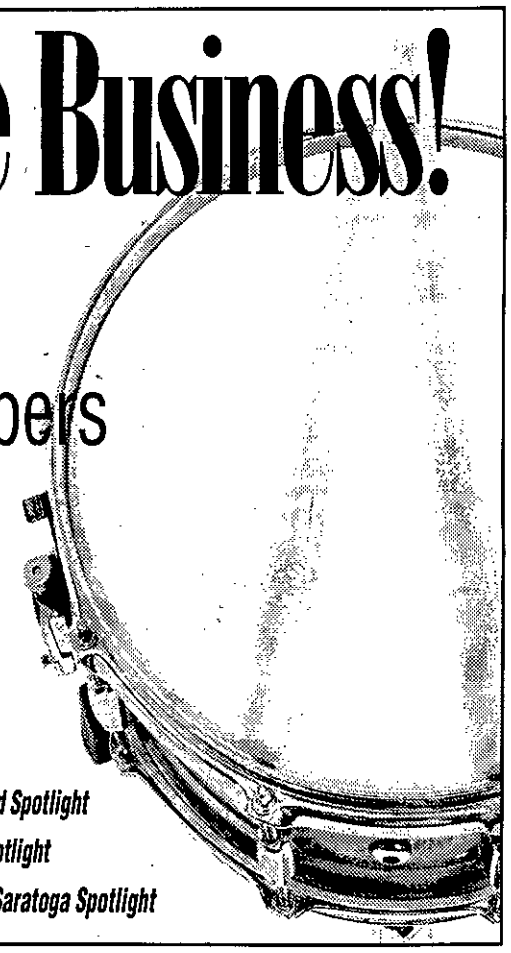

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Career counselor keeps up with job trends

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Bethlehem Public Library

One of the library's many services is free career counseling for adults. Mary Ellen Stewart has served in this capacity for 15 years. In that time she has noticed a change in both her clientele and the job market.

"The profile is now almost exclusively young divorced women with limited resources and unreliable child support. These women either didn't attend college or dropped out after a year or so," Stewart said. "The first priority is to help them survive where they are." This often means honing communication skills and helping them find basic jobs with a few employee benefits.

Here in the Northeast, the job market is flat at best, so the first thing she asks her clients about is "geographical flexibility." Is relocation possible? Do they have local obligations caring for family members? "In our area, a person without an associate's degree is fighting pretty big odds," Stewart said. "The only relatively secure bets here are professional careers and state civil service."

The next hurdle is education.

"Retraining is of the essence," Stewart said. For those who have dropped out of high school, a GED is a must. Empire State College, Excelsior College and the various community colleges offer possibilities for relatively flexible part-time study toward an associate's degree in a marketable field.

Access to computers is also crucial. "If a client doesn't own one, she should find someone who does," Stewart said. The library can help with this part of the picture. Its public computer stations and free on-site tutorials in basic computer skills are valuable practical tools available to job-seekers.

Stewart's services run from editing a resume to helping her clients strategize about their future. "A career counselor must be objective," Stewart said. "Family members, though well-meaning, have a bit of astigmatism when it comes to career advice."

On the other side of the table, the client must have an open mind. Stewart cited a man who had the flexibility and courage to make a successful career move from skilled laborer to undertaker. "This man had the requisite intelligence, maturity and compassion. I suddenly had an intuition; it turned out that he'd had the same idea, and just needed some encouragement," Stewart said.

Stewart's own flexibility has carried her through several career moves of her own. As a young woman she served in the Gaza Strip as an employee of the U.N., and lived in Paris for a year. In her mid-30s, she attended Columbia Teachers College and went on to become associate director of the career center at the University at Albany, a post she held for 18 years.

Stewart considers the current economic picture "tenuous." She predicts an ongoing need for reliable job exploration as more jobs are exported to the southern states and overseas.

Stewart suggests the following steps for people considering a career move: look for help in books and online; discuss options with a mature friend or counselor; visit or volunteer in career settings that attract you; find out how family and friends can help; budget time and money toward your career goal.

Hour-long career counseling appointments are available days and evenings; call 439-9314. Call the same number for information about basic computer instruction at the library.

Book ends

Holiday hours

A reminder that the library will be closed Sunday, Jan. 1, and Monday, Jan. 2. You can access the catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Louise Grieco

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Museum announces holiday schedule

The New York State Museum announces a special schedule for the holidays. The museum will close at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.

The museum also will be closed all day on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

On Thursday, Dec. 29 and Friday, Dec. 30, the museum will have a star lab planetarium from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the museum theater. This new inflatable planetarium is full of night sky adventures. The program is recommended for ages 7 and older. Sign up at the main lobby desk for this program.

Also, Thursday, Dec. 29, check out the Beaded Snowflake arts and crafts program in the Bird Hall from 1:30 to 4 p.m.. Participants will make a snowflake that won't melt.

The following programs are also taking place at the museum:

• Vacation Week Sports Day. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Participants will be invited to create a new sport or improve on an old one. They will use various materials to design the equipment that would be needed to play the new sport, develop rules or build a playing field for the sport. Exhibit halls.

• Art Program: Flying Dragonfly. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will tour the Carboniferous Period of the Ancient Life of New York Exhibit for ideas, then try their hand at making their very own "flying" dragonfly. Crossroads Gallery.

• Rusty Johnson and His Wild Kingdom. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. This will feature a live peregrine falcon, a bay-winged hawk, a large bearded dragon, a 90-pound python and others. Participants will be entertained while learning about these wild creatures. Museum Theater.

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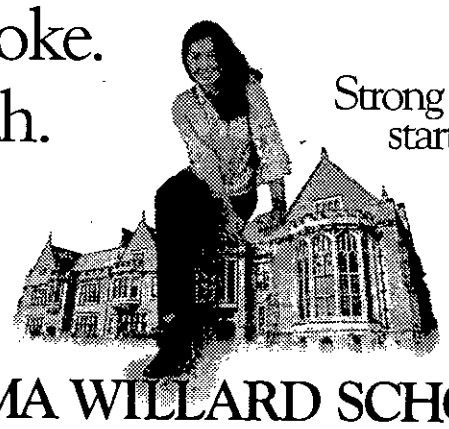
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Around the County

Peace protesters join holiday shoppers at mall

By STEPHEN PAUSE

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Christmas Eve-eve brought last minute shoppers out to Crossgates Mall. It also brought out about 40 anti-war protesters for their fourth annual peace walk.

The demonstrators gathered to protest the war in Iraq and to promote the idea of bringing service men and women home by way of T-shirts and signs with messages of peace on them.

Wendy Dwyer, who organized the demonstration, referred to Crossgates as the modern version of a town square or village center, and accordingly, it was the best place for her to spread the message of peace.

"I think we have a right to wear a peaceful T-shirt in the mall and walk around. What we wear is not offensive," she said. "To censor us for being against the war is wrong."

Prior to the walk, a group of about 20 met just down Western Avenue for a press conference.

"We have a right to wear our shirts and take our message there, and that's what we're going to do today," said John Seeman, one of the protesters.

John Amidon, a member of Veterans for Peace, called the mall "Main Street USA" and said it was an important place to spread their message. "We ought to have all the rights that we have on the streets, and we certainly feel that our rights need to be addressed in a more forthcoming manner," Amidon said.

Prior to leaving for the mall, Dwyer said she wasn't expecting a confrontation with security.

"Not until we start singing. Then they might ask us to leave," she said.

As planned, the protesters dispersed throughout the mall to complete last minute shopping and have dinner, and about 45 minutes later reconvened at the entrance to the food court. Their numbers had doubled since the earlier gathering.

The only visible security presence at the gathering was a lone security guard who stood at the edge of the crowd and frequently reported in via walkie-talkie.

Most of the demonstrators said they were well received as they shopped, though as they assembled, one passing teen shouted, "Four more years."

Once assembled, the group walked a circle around the food court singing, "Give Peace a Chance" and " Down by the River."

Steven Downs, who was arrested in 2003 for wearing a T-shirt in the mall that read, "Give Peace a Chance," was among the demonstrators on Friday. This time, however, he had traded in his T-shirt for a cardboard sign that read "Liberate our Troops" on the front, and " Noel, No Oil" on the back. Downs was accompanied by his mother, who at 94 years old was taking part in her first demonstration.

He said that people tended to support their message, adding, "I haven't heard a single dissenting remark."

The demonstration picked up at least one impromptu supporter, Chatham mother and military veteran Jannie Clements.

Clements had accompanied her teenage daughter to the mall as per the requirements of the parental escort policy, and decided to join the protest.

"I joined because I believe in peace," she said. "I think as a military veteran, we need to get our troops home safely. The war hasn't been handled well, and if we don't get out now, it will just go on and on."

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As the walkers began to disperse, a debate broke out between Brian Perazone, a major in the Army reserves who served a year in Iraq, and a pair of demonstrators, Elliott Adams, a Vietnam veteran, and Gene Kotrba.

Perazone took exception to the protest and said, "I find it disruptive to my life. I find it offensive."

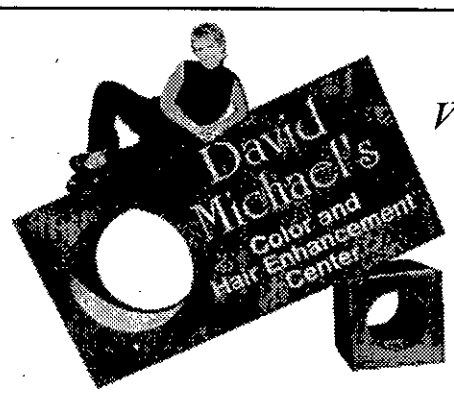
Kotrba expressed his belief that war is not the answer, to which Perazone responded, "It's not the answer to everything, but it's the answer to some things. Do we always have to wait for someone to do something to us before we react?"

Perazonewas upset at the demonstration and described to the protesters how he spent 10 months on a $120 million rebuilding project in Baghdad.

"None of you have any idea what's really going on," he said. "You don't see the good that we're doing. In Iraq more kids have more resources in schools than they ever had."

Adams understood that both sides were firm in their beliefs.

"It's not a debate because I know I'm not going to convince you, and you're not going to convince me," he said.



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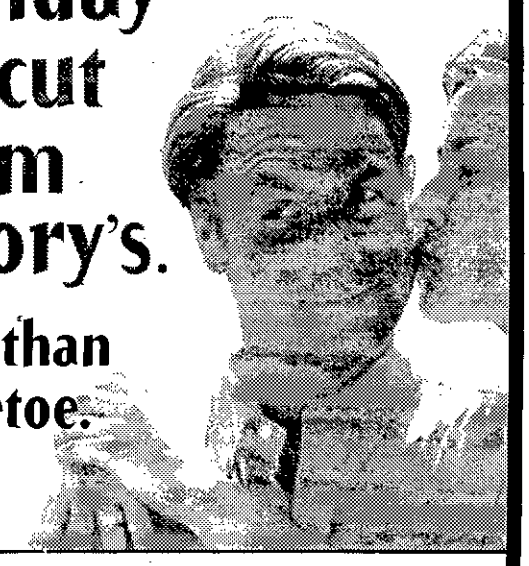

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The 1980s mark a renaissance of detective fiction. The Private Eye Writers of America was founded and the Shamus Award instituted. There was a tendency to be more non-traditional and offbeat. The regional PI became more popular.

So, you're looking for something to read, but the trail is cold. You've checked the usual haunts and you're completely out of luck. Where do you turn? You're just the kind of decent hardboiled gumshoe to walk the mean alleys of the library and investigate these authors.

The 1920s introduced such authors as Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler; in the '50s, Rex Stout; the '60s, John D. MacDonald (my personal favorite – his alluring Travis McGee!). In the '70s, many readers became fans of Robert Parker (Spenser) and Lawrence Block. Female private eyes took the reading world by storm in the 80s: Marcia Muller's Sharon McCone, Sue Grafton's Kinsey Millhone, Sara Paretsky's V.I. Warshawski. And don't miss Janet Evanovich's irrepressible Stephanie Plum and her well-drawn companions.

Come in and ask for suggestions from our reference librarians. Find good Web sites to visit if you like mysteries or check out a classic movie: Devil in a Blue Dress, The Drowning Pool, Harper, The Maltese Falcon, The Thin Man. It's all good for starting the new year on a mystery binge.

Book ends

In January

• Get your children in the reading habit. If you have a child younger than 2, sign up for the library's Jan. 5 lapsit storytime. Call 765-2791.

• Food for Fines is coming in January. Start looking for those overdue items.

Holiday closings

The library will close at 1 p.m., Dec. 31, and be closed Jan. 1 and 2 for the New Year's holiday. Best wishes from the staff and board for a peaceful and happy 2006. Celebrate safely.

Barbara Vink

•All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Education program seeks instructors

The Continuing Education program at Bethlehem offers classes in diverse topics including arts, crafts, technology, hobbies, languages and dance.

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To receive a detailed itinerary and reservation form, contact Alba Giordano at Plaza Travel Center at 785-3338.

Milne reunion set

The 50-year reunion of Albany's Milne School Class of 1956, is scheduled to be the weekend of June 10.

All members and friends of the class are asked to contact Carl Eppelmann at 489-6352 or Ron Killelea at 459-1832 for detailed information and reservations.

Katheryn, Christian and Kyle Williams along with Madison Hawkins pause to view the nativity scene on display at Delmar's St. Thomas Church on Christmas day.

Snowshoe walk slated

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A New Year's Eve snowshoe walk will be held at Thacher Park Saturday, Dec. 31, at 1 p.m.

Participants should meet at the park office for a guided snowshoe walk along part of the Long Path and the escarpment.

Guided hike fee is $1 per person. Snowshoes are available for rental at the Thacher Park office or at the Thacher Nature Center. The fee for snowshoe rental is $5 per pair for up to 4 hours use, program fee is waived when snowshoes are rented. If available, snowshoes may be reserved in advance. All snowshoe walks are weather permitting.

For information, call 872-1237.

Food for fines in January

The month of January allows you to bring in your overdue books, tapes and videos to Voorheesville Public Library with a donation for the New Scotland Food Pantry. Each donation equals $1 off your fine, up to a maximum of $3.

Book club planned

Middle school girls who are interested in joining a group that enjoys reading and food, call Joyce Laiosa at 765-2791.

Tax forms available

Tax forms are now available at Voorheesville Public Library. If you do not find what you need, ask the reference librarian. The library Web site provides a link to online forms. For information, call 765-2791.

Teen night

The Voorheesville Middle School is set to have a teen night Jan. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the middle school gym.

Induction ceremony

The National Honor Society induction ceremony is set for Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. For information, call 765-3314.

Display-case openings

The Voorheesville Public Library still has a few open months for its display case in 2006. For information, call 765-2791.

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by Cathy Cooley
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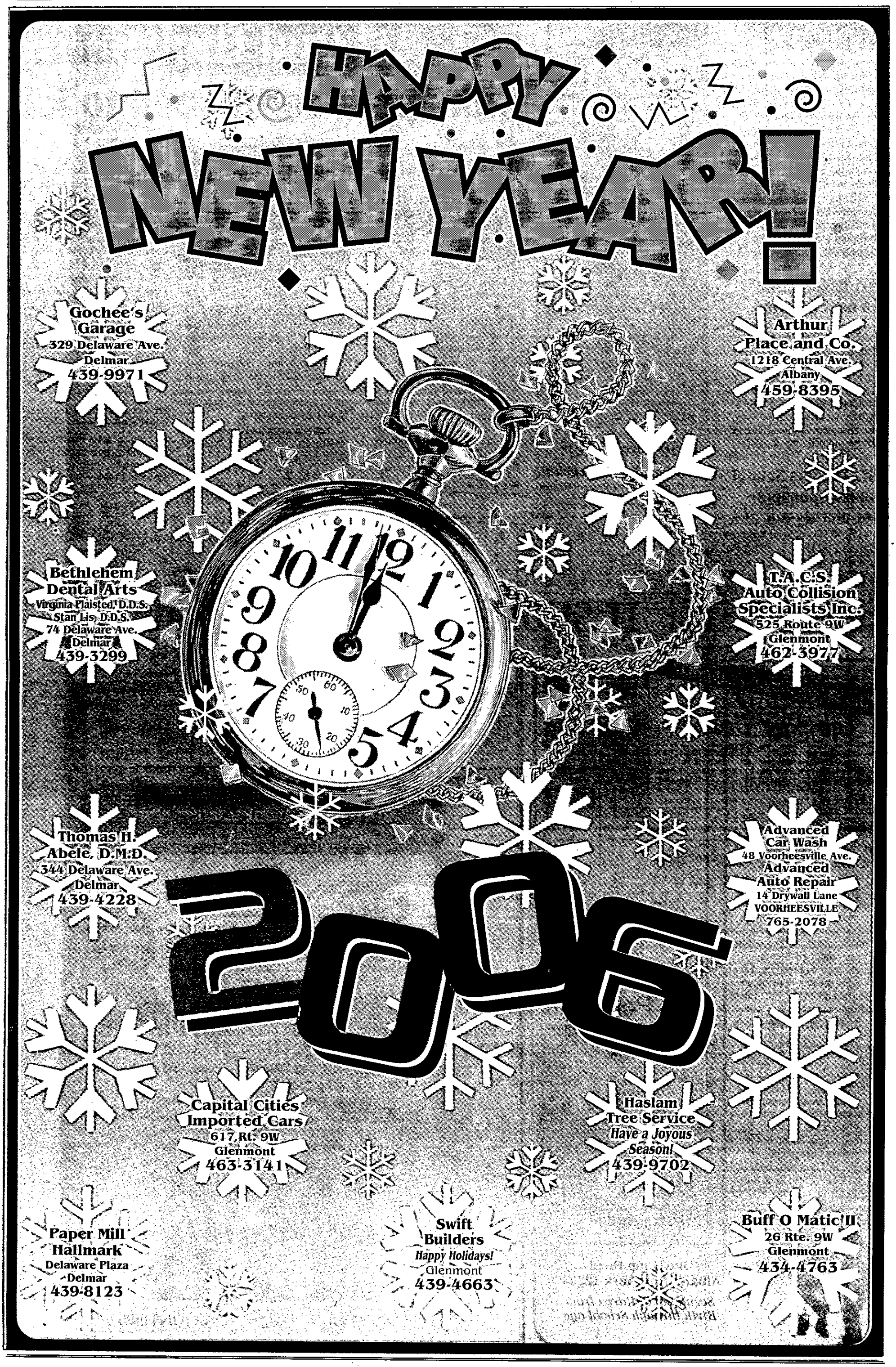
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The program fee is $1 per person. A limited number of snowshoes are available to rent and should be reserved in advance.

Call 872-0800 to register.

Art Association to host meeting

The Bethlehem Art Association will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. There will be a presentation by children's book author/illustrator Sylvie Wickstrom. New members are always welcome, as are guests to the monthly meeting.

St. Thomas School seeks sponsors for charity auction

The PTO of St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar is seeking sponsors for its first charitable auction, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Normanside Country Club. The event, which will include both live and silent auctions as well as a buffet dinner, will benefit the school and its library media center.

Businesses and individuals may sign on as event sponsors at one of four levels. The Angel sponsorship is $1,000. Sponsors at this level will be included in auction advertising and promotion, will be recognized in the event program, and will receive four admission tickets to the auction.

The Guardian sponsor level is $500 and includes advertising, event and program recognition, plus two auction admission tickets. The Crystal sponsorship is $250 and includes event and program recognition, plus auction admission for two. The Friends of St. Thomas School sponsorship level is $125 and includes program recognition and auction admission for two.

The deadline for sponsors is Monday, Jan. 2. To buy a sponsorship, contact Ginger Landu at 424-9204 or Ann Madeo at 253-0724. To donate auction items or to get information on tickets, contact Denise Grant at 861-5699.

Used lawnmowers, snowblowers wanted

Parsons Child and Family Center is requesting donations of used lawnmowers and snowblowers to be used for student projects in the Neil Hellman School auto shop.

Riding mowers are preferred, but push mowers would be appreciated also.

For information, call John Posson at 426-2762.

Around the County

Kidnapper sentenced to jail

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

A Latham man who held his ex-girlfriend hostage at gunpoint in May has been sentenced to 16 and half years behind bars.

Albany County Judge Thomas A. Breslin sentenced Jason D. Kutey, 28, of 34 Dussalt Drive in Latham on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Kutey pleaded guilty in October to charges that he entered the home of his 19-year-old ex-girlfriend's boyfriend's Guilderland home and held her hostage for two hours at gunpoint.

Kutey showed up at the house with an AR-15 assault rifle and several magazines of ammunition. Several people in the home escaped, but the woman remained in Kutey's custody, according to police. He eventually released her after police negotiators convinced him to let her go.

Jason D. Kutey

At the time of the standoff Kutey was out on bail stemming from felony kidnapping charges in Colonie.

Colonie Police arrested Kutey on May 18 on kidnapping charges after he abducted his ex-girlfriend in an attempt to re-establish their broken relationship.

Kutey kidnapped the woman at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, after luring her to Latham Farms with a false story. Kutey handcuffed himself to the woman and headed north. He held her overnight at a friend's Lake Placid house before she convinced him to bring her back to Latham the next day. Police were contacted shortly after.

Kutey dropped the woman off at her car in Latham at 4:45 p.m. the following day. After contacting a friend, police were notified of the kidnapping and given Kutey's cellular phone number. They called him and he agreed to meet with police. He was arrested on site without incident at 5:13 p.m.

He was arraigned before Town of Colonie Judge Crummey and charged with felony kidnapping. He was sent to the Albany County jail and later released on bail after a May court appearance.

Shortly after Kutey's release from jail he purchased the assault rifle and ammunition, said Colonie Police.

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Around the County

Stubborn industrial park fire extinguished

Combustible grain led to explosion

By STEPHEN PAUSE

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Firefighters this weekend finally extinguished a fire at the Northeastern Industrial Park that had been burning for almost a week.

Crews from the Guilderland Center fire station initially responded on Monday, Dec. 19, to calls from employees reporting a strange smell and smoldering product in one of the 37 silos contained in the building.

One of the first things crews did was ventilate the building because the grain dust within the silo could have spontaneously combusted. That fear came true about an hour after crews arrived and the building was rocked by an explosion.

Guilderland Center Fire Chief Josh Lare said that there were firemen on the same floor as the explosion, about 150 feet off the ground, but that most of the explosion was released through two large vents. Two firefighters, one from the Guilderland Center station and the other from Fort Hunter, were sent to the hospital as a precaution. Lare said they were not injured, but were the two closest to the blast.

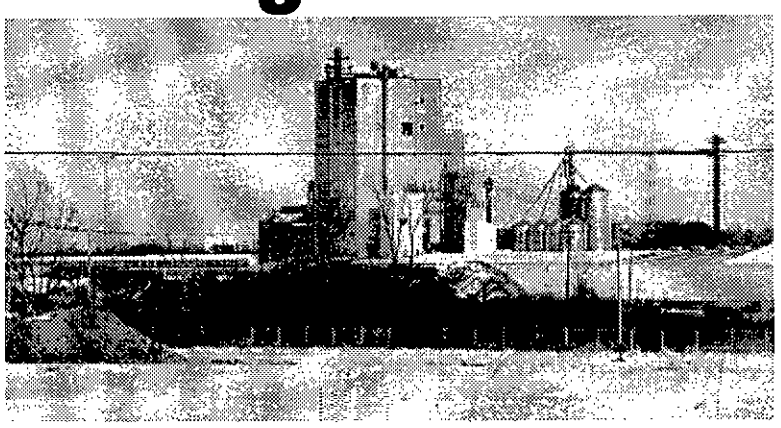
He said, "It happened so fast that you can't even react to it."

Following the explosion, crews moved back 500 feet and reassessed the situation. Using thermal imaging equipment from the city of Albany, crews were able to detect hotspots within the grain pile. The county's hazardous materials unit was also called in to assess the site and determined the natural grain was not a public health threat.

Local departments were advised by members of the grain industry that the best thing to do was to pour water on the product and empty out the hoppers, but there were a number of problems with extinguishing the blaze because of the nature of the situation.

The only way to remove the 25 tons of product is through an eight-inch opening at the bottom of the 40-foot tall pile. The process is normally time-consuming, but crews had added difficulty because the charred grain has repeatedly caused back-ups. There were also problems applying water to the fire because the grain was so densely packed that the water isn't absorbed into the pile.

Since the silo is not airtight, pumping in nitrogen or carbon dioxide to suffocate the fire was not an option, and because of the sensitivity of the grain dust, cutting into the silo to remove the grain was too dangerous. The building itself is constructed of 8-inch thick concrete.



Over the weekend firefighters put out a silo fire at the Northeastern Industrial Park that had been burning since Dec. 19.

As crews continued to battle hotspots, the work began to take its toll on the volunteer firefighters. Schedules had been planned out to keep crews rotating on the scene, but some volunteers called in to their regular jobs so they could stay on and battle the fire.

"Some of us haven't been home in three days," said a noticeably weary Lare at a press conference last Wednesday. "It's probably the most difficult thing they've dealt with."

Fire crews had routinely returned to the site all week to completely extinguish the smoldering fire, and it wasn't until Saturday morning that it was completely put out. All told, almost 30 different state and local agencies helped contain and extinguish the fire.

The town's chief building inspector Don Cropsey said when the building was constructed, it wasn't required to have any type of fire suppression system. Since then the town has instituted a law requiring all commercial buildings to have a sprinkler system, but even if the building had such a system, he said it probably wouldn't have done much in this situation.

Investigators are still attempting to determine a cause for the fire, but do not think foul play is involved.

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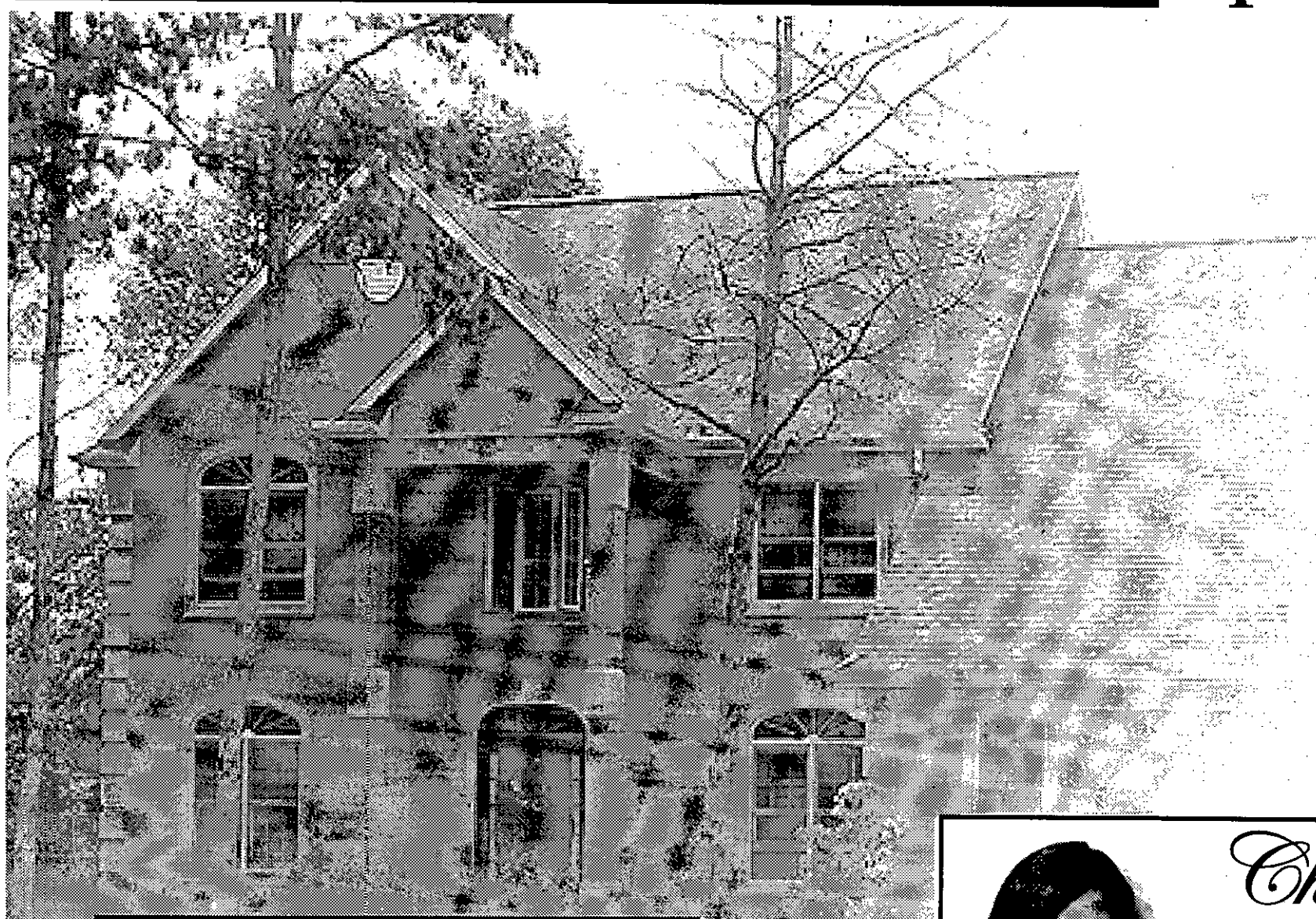

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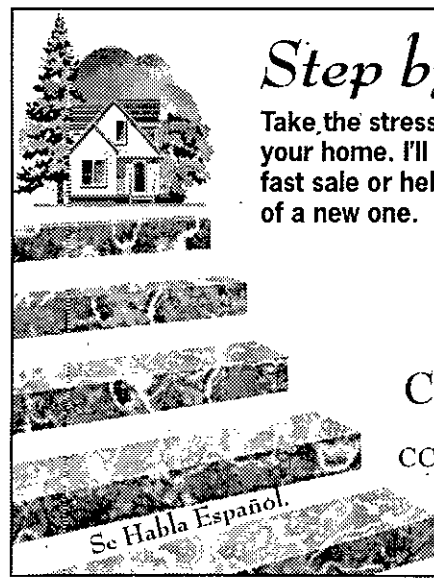

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• Beacon Harbor, a multi-million dollar mixed commercial development proposed by developer Victor Gush of VLG Developers, gets put on hold pending plans for the EPA dewatering project, proposed for the same 94 acre site south of the Port of Albany.

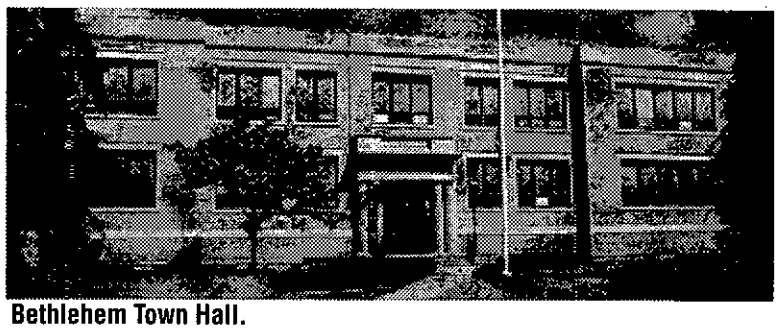
• Bethlehem central school board of education adopts a $65.4 million spending plan, a budget-to-budget spending increase of $5.9 million, or 9.9 percent over the current year's budget.

April

• The 47 dead roosters that were believed to be victims of an illegal underground cockfighting operation and found in New Scotland are in the process of undergoing tests for different viruses. The birds are tested for everything from avian flu to West Nile virus to chronic wasting disease.

• Bethlehem extends the yearlong residential moratorium by six months or until one month after the comprehensive plan is adopted, in a unanimous town board decision.

• A month-long murder investigation into the strangulation death of a New Scotland 86-year old woman results in the arrest of Corianna Thomson, age 45, the woman's daughter. Thomson, who underwent a sex-change operation, was formerly Corey Wayne Balashek. He was previously convicted of manslaughter in 1981 for the murder of a nurse with whom he worked.



Bethlehem Town Hall.

• Baby Jack, premature son of Allison and Fred Hepfer, is finally released from St. Peter's Hospital. Baby Jack was born nearly four months early, and weighed only 15.4 ounces. He is one of only 5 percent of babies born at that age and weight who survive.

• A series of apparently unrelated racial incidents which took place before spring break at Bethlehem Central High School prompt district officials to hand down a number of five-day suspensions and send a letter home to parents alerting them of the situation.

May

• After an eight-month search, the Voorheesville school board names Linda M. Langevin as superintendent to replace Alan McCartney, who retired after holding the post for 16 years.

• A bomb threat at Bethlehem Central Middle School results in a lockdown for a number of hours until the school is deemed safe. A cooperative investigation takes place among Bethlehem Police, New York State Police, Albany City Police and the Schenectady County Sheriff and University of Albany Police officers.

• Hamagrael Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary. Parties were held for current students and former students who held fond memories of the school.

• A swastika is found graffitied on the back of Elsmere Elementary School. Bethlehem police petition two of the four suspects to family court. The incident is unconnected to a previous string of racial incidents.

Bethlehem Central Middle School.

• Voorheesville Relay Team surpasses its goal and raises $58,000 for the American Cancer Society in its Relay For Life fundraiser.

June

Carrie Brown, a resident of Glenmont, continues to document areas of Ghana. Three villages and towns are the subject of her documentation, for which she collaborated with high school seniors for nine months. She had already published a photographic documentary of her time experiences in Ghana.

• Bethlehem high school junior and cyclist Josh Finkle rides his bike coast-to-coast to raise funds to help cancer patients. The trip benefited Camp Quality USA, Inc., a volunteer run and community funded nonprofit organization that provides free camping experiences for children with cancer and their families.

• Jodie Monroe is named the new principal of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, replacing Dave Ksanznak, who will head to Hamagrael Elementary School as principal.

• Robert Jasinski, a member of the Conservative Party, begins collecting signatures from members of that party in the hopes of giving voters a choice on the line for supervisor on Election Day.

• New Scotland Democrats and Republicans pick nominees for town board positions. Republican Doug LaGrange is chosen as a town board candidate, and on the Democratic ticket, Elizabeth Stewart is candidate for supervisor and Wayne LaChappelle and Margaret Neri are town board candidates.

• The EPA chooses Fort Edward as the dewatering facility site that would be a part of the Hudson River dredging project, spreading relief to Bethlehem residents who had opposed it.

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For over 20 years, the Bethlehem Networks Project has been providing programs and activities to the Bethlehem community in collaboration with other organizations. BNP is a community approach to substance abuse prevention. Programs such as "Home and On Your Own," "Elementoring," and "Second Step" were all supported by BNP. Publications such as "Parent to Parent," the volunteer opportunities brochure and "Growing with Your Teen" were developed under the leadership of BNP. Many task forces have been convened to address issues identified by community members resulting in events/resources such as Feestelijk, prevention information sheets and TV turnoff week.

Unfortunately, as of this Saturday, Dec. 31, the Bethlehem Networks Project will be closing its doors. Funding from the state to continue programming was not awarded and other efforts to identify alternative funding have not been successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organizations and individuals that have supported BNP over the years and have helped to make a difference in the Bethlehem community. Hopefully, the projects that BNP supported will find new homes in the community so that families can continue to participate in these worthwhile endeavors.

We leave you with a quote from a famous anthropologist...

"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

REACH OUT • TAKE ACTION

Bethlehem Networks Project

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Resolve

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often, trying to not smoke or drink as much, or trying to eat less junk food.

"This is the time when people I haven't seen since May show up," said Bonni Romanofski, owner and manager of Curves for Women in Clifton Park. "It picks up as soon as the New Year comes. It's a riot."

The workout center has seen such an influx of members each year at this time that it bases its advertising on New Year's resolutions. Members can even sign up a month in advance, with the intent of starting on the first of the New Year.

"Some mornings we have 35 people," said Romanofski. "Then we'll suddenly have 60."

Curves has a unique system that tends to suit women who don't have enough time to go to the gym for hours every day. Curves has half-hour classes that make it easier for women to work out without making a huge time commitment.

Despite the easier schedule, the center sees the resolutions of its members come and go.

"For the rest of this month and three months after, people are definitely going," said Romanofski. "It dies down in the summer."

Sometimes hand-in-hand with working out can be changing the types of food eaten. After the holiday, when food isn't so strong a focus, a person's resolution can reflect their desire to regulate their diet.

Some people will seek the services of weight loss centers at this time.

"Obviously, one of the No. 1 New Year's resolutions is losing weight, so we do see more people joining L.A. Weight Loss in January than the previous month," said Maura Stone, regional manager for L.A. Weight Loss of Syracuse and Albany. "Because we are the premier weight loss program, we help people 52 weeks per year."

"I think to make that commitment moves a person that much closer to actually making a difference. It can take some tries, so people shouldn't get discouraged."

Judy Rightmyer

The line between weight loss and being healthier can get blurred for some people. New Scotland nutritionist Jean Bigaouette sees quite a few people seek her services after their holiday fun is over, and said the key to a successful resolution regarding nutrition is to avoid any drastic changes.

"It's important for people to work on a couple things at a time," said Bigaouette. "It's easier to endure little changes."

Bigaouette warned that crazy dieting methods are not conducive to long-lasting results. People need to have a plan that they can stick with.

"When you change a habit it creates anxiety and stress," said Bigaouette, which will keep people from a successful diet plan.

Another resolution that can be hard to keep is trying to quit smoking.

The American Lung Association gets increased calls to its smokers quit line during the New Year from people making a resolution to quit. But the center often sees the increased attempts lead to undesired results, when quitters go back to smoking.

That rise and fall doesn't have to be a negative thing, though.

"The average attempts to quit smoking is five to seven times," said Judy Rightmyer of the Southern Adirondack Tobacco Free Coalition. "Even if someone does it as a resolution, if it's their first time it usually isn't successful."

The organization encourages people to try quitting, even if it is a resolution that might not last.

"I think to make that commitment moves a person that much closer to actually making a difference," said Rightmyer. "It can take some tries, so people shouldn't get discouraged."

The organization also realizes that many people will make resolutions to quit, so it runs cessation of smoking programs and more ads in November, December and January to catch the attention of those thinking about quitting.

"Usually January is a huge time to quit smoking," said Rightmyer, who said that the state smokers quit line will get a spike in its calls starting in November.

Last November, 66 people called, and this year, 580 called. At first glance, resolutions may seem like a throwback to the innocence of childhood, but that may not be the case. Self-improvement is the key to feeling good about oneself and leading a healthier, longer life.

As one year winds down and another gets started, maybe kids have the right idea after all.

"I want to give more to my family because they give me more than I give them," said LeBel. "I'm going to try to be nicer."

Do

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story," he said. "The future is always so distant, so people aren't as committed."

Five percent of people abandon their resolutions by the end of the first week and only 60 percent make it to the six-month mark, said Muraven. Smoking, one of the tougher resolutions to ride out, sees only 15 percent committed to quitting make it a full year.

Resolutions are about self-control, and planning on sticking to them just after the holiday season expires is a good as time as any to follow through with a commitment, said Muraven. However, the process should begin months before the ball drops at midnight on Dec. 31.

Always make a commitment to yourself, for yourself, Muraven said. That's No. 1. The second part is a bit tougher. In order to have self-control, you have to practice self-control. In preparing to carry out a resolution, pick something and quit it as the date to make the commitment to a resolution draws near, he said.

"Force yourself to do something unpleasant," Muraven said. "By doing that a couple times a day you can build up that self-control muscle."

The idea is to make a preliminary resolution and see it through before making the commitment to the big one. Muraven has tested this approach – he used it to cut back on his Little Debbie snack cakes intake, he said.

Currently, Muraven is conducting similar studies with smokers who volunteer to quit. Taking a number of smokers into his program, he divides them into two groups. One group practices self control before they quit smoking, the other half do what they want up until the quit date. So far there is a good success rate among those who built up their self-control muscle before they attempted to quit, he said.

The downfall of so many is what Muraven deemed the "what-the-hell effect." In moments of weakness, which many people have, some will put off their resolutions because they figured that drag of a cigarette, or that Little Debbie cake, means they failed.

"They think 'I screwed up, so what's the point?'" said Muraven.

The point is, you're human, he said. Stressing over the slip-up will only lead to abandoning the resolution. Instead, Muraven recommends a self-imposed penalty.

"If you make the commitment to lose weight and don't, give money to a charity you don't like," he said.

Make a commitment to yourself and ask others to hold you to it. No one likes to give money to people, or groups, they don't like and if there is someone there to assure that you make good on your "fine," not only will you have to pay up, but chances are you're not going to do it more than once, he said.

A 2004 survey conducted by motivational speaker Gail Kasper's consulting firm in Philadelphia, Pa., found that 51 percent of 104 surveyed adults over the age of 18 did not make New Year's resolutions. Of those surveyed, 99 percent said that they felt they were capable of accomplishing more in their lives.

When asked what prevented them from meeting or making resolutions, 33 answered procrastination, 24 percent said lack of discipline and 19 percent said that they had not formulated a game plan.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR SHEDDING THE HOLIDAY POUNDS

Dara Zaidman-Steiger MS, RD, LDN, director of behavior education and nutrition for L. A. Weight Loss Centers shares a few secrets for weight loss success.

1. **Don't cut calories too drastically** – eating too few calories can slow down your body's metabolism. Remember you have to *eat to lose*; it is about eating the right balance of foods and calories for your body.
2. **Pick up the pace for the New Year** – getting active doesn't have to only mean heading to a gym, it can also mean just burning some more calories each day - cleaning the house, shoveling snow, or taking a brisk walk before breakfast are easy ways to get moving this year.
3. **Fresh foods are best** – tossing away excess pre-packaged foods and heading straight for the produce aisle; fresh fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and grains are best when you are trying to shed those excess pounds. Try heading to the grocery store at least one time per week to keep your kitchen well-stocked.
4. **Keep a journal or diary** – include the specific foods consumed, beverages, servings, time, and activity each day, and feelings, such as hunger, sadness, or boredom – this will help you stay in tune with your eating style and behaviors.
5. **Start eating breakfast** – even if you do not enjoy eating before noon, try to get in a little something. It can be oatmeal, yogurt and wholegrain cereal, or an egg white omelet to get the day and your metabolism started. Then try eating small meals throughout the day to help keep your hunger levels down. It will also help prevent overeating at lunchtime.
6. **It is not all or nothing** – you are going to have meals or days that don't exactly fit into your new, healthy lifestyle – this is reality. Don't be too hard on yourself.
7. **Small portions please** – If you want to eat something that doesn't exactly shout LOW FAT...then try a small sliver or a couple of bites. Some foods have small, individual varieties, or you can portion out servings on your own using small bags or Tupperware.
8. **Watch what you are drinking** – whether it is soda, juice, or alcohol – the calories add up! Do yourself a favor and choose water or low calorie beverages. If you replace your three cans of regular soda each day for water, this means weight loss!
9. **Get your family and friends on board** – having a solid support network is very important when trying to lose weight and keep it off. It is always better to have someone to cook with, eat with or walk with...it will help to keep your motivation levels up so that you stay on track this year.
10. **Get cooking!** – Eating out and on the go can mean eating lots of hidden calories from fat and sodium. So this year, try cooking easy meals, if you never cooked before. Cooking over the weekend can help you pre-plan for the week. Experiment with new herbs, seasonings, and foods to help keep your taste buds delighted and your waistline down.

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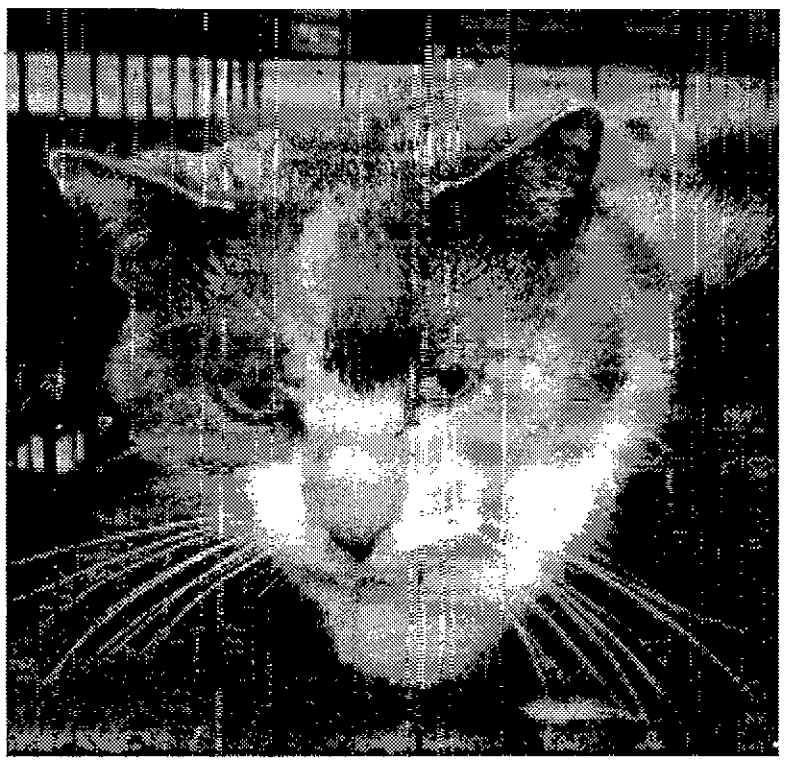

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Boycott campaign continues

Negotiations between union and CBS 6 fail for fourth month

By MARTY BANNAN

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Those "Turnoff CBS 6" signs, some now buried in snow, won't be coming down soon. Unionized technical support workers at CBS6 all voted down the station's latest offer on Dec. 19 in the latest round of talks since the dispute began in September.

After the last agreement expired following an extension from its original expiration date in June, CBS6 proposed a contract with a 5 percent salary cut annually for three years.

Members of the union, Local 21 of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, rejected the offer. Instead, they asked for a contract with no wage reductions.

With no progress in negotiations, the union organized a boycott campaign aimed at both viewers and advertisers.

"We have asked people to send letters to the station saying they will stop tuning in until we reach an agreement," said Peter Hutchins, broadcast engineer and head union steward at the station. He added that the Local 21 has the support of the Public Employees Federation (PEF) and local elected leaders including U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, D- Green Island, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and Schenectady Mayor Brian Stratton.

Jennings, for instance, ran no advertisements with the station during his recent campaign for re-election. In addition, PEF pulled advertising, as did Harold Finkle Jewelers.

The station's latest offer calls for a one-time 5 percent salary cut in exchange for four volunteer retirements to reduce fulltime staff. Union workers rejected the proposal 30-0 insisting on a contract without any wage reductions.

"Typically, you get this type of wage proposal from companies on the verge of bankruptcy," he said, using the airline industry as an example.

"There is nothing to justify what they are asking for. The trends are there but the problem will take care of itself in time. They want those profits now."

Hutchins added that negotiators for the station even threatened the union with putting a less agreeable proposal on the table.

NABET-CWA represents 44 photographers, engineers, operators and editors at WRGB.

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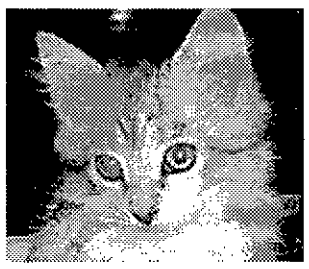

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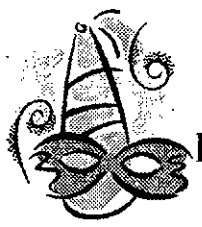

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Business in the Spotlight

Everett Road stores, restaurants back in business

$6.4 million reconstruction project completed

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

As nearly two years of roadwork wrapped up an Albany County road this fall, businesses that had no other choice but to endure the construction are looking to get the word out about the new and approved thoroughfare.

In the summer of 2004, Albany County undertook a $6.4 million reconstruction project of the ailing Everett Road. Home to dozens of businesses, the section bordering the city of Albany line, experienced unusual down time throughout construction. Since the road's rebirth, 13 Everett Road businesses have undertaken an ad campaign to offer savings on merchandise and services to lure customers back. They are also thanking those who stuck it out along with the businesses.

One woman headed the campaign.

"The construction has had a negative effect on almost everybody," said Jan Raeder, manager of US Budokai Karate located at 100 Everett Road. The establishment is owned by William J. Reid."It was over a year that the road was torn up and people were avoiding Everett Road at all costs. We needed to get together as a group of businesses to do something."

Raeder reached out to as many area businesses as she could, and although not all signed on to her plan, there were more than she anticipated. It began as a plan to pool Everett Road businesses resources and get the word out that construction was complete, and the road no longer needed to be avoided.

However, the plan turned over a new leaf, and with the conclusion of the construction came a newfound business community that hadn't existed on Everett Road when construction crews broke ground two summers ago.

When the ad ran on the back cover of the *Colonie Spotlight*, it was the first time some Everett Road businesses were informally introduced to each other.

"It was the first time I saw a lot of the people and businesses on the road," said Lou Taylor, who runs sales and advertisement for Abele Tractor & Equipment Co, Inc. at 72 Everett Road.

The company provides for landscaping and general construction needs, from supplies to machinery to homeowners and contractors.

Abele has been at the same location since the late 1940s. As construction ensued on the road there was only talk among small groups of businesses on how it was affecting them, said Taylor. They were left to assume that others were suffering the same losses.

The company lost roughly 30 to 40 percent of its walk-in businesses. The construction didn't adversely impact its contractor end of the businesses, but homeowners just stopped coming, he said.

When Raeder came to him with her plan, Taylor realized that the area was more than just a series of businesses. Instead, it was a community of services, and retailers, and the repaired road was a much-needed boost, even if it came at a high price.

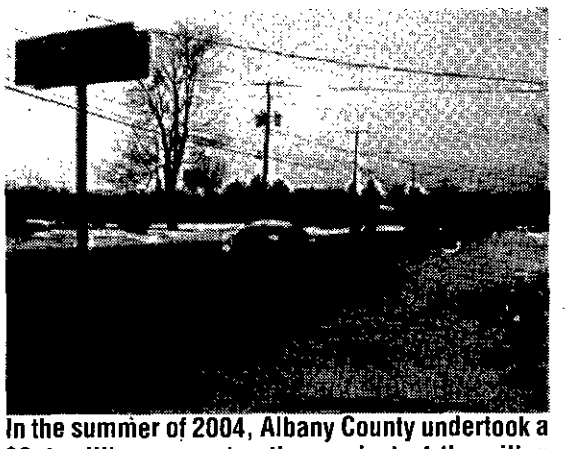
"The water main was right in front of our strip mall, and it was dug up fiver or six times," said Raeder. "They had this giant equipment and both exits were blocked at one point. Nobody knew the repairs would be to the extent that they were."

A number of business owners called into the county or state with questions and complaints about the construction. Some walked directly into the on-site construction office. Raeder said it was tough on both parties, and thinks construction crews did the best job they could.

Whenever there were concerns, project engineers addressed them immediately, said Michael Franchini, commissioner of the Albany County Department of Public Works. Albany County's DPW subcontracted the reconstruction.

The challenge of rebuilding Everett Road was maintaining access and allowing traffic to flow through what Raeder described as the sister road to Wolf Road.

"We have done roads like this, but it's certainly different than rural roads. There was a volume of traffic and a mix of businesses on Everett," Franchini said.



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The problem of a crowded road with drainage issues that was hard to turn into and off of was addressed in planning meetings between state and county engineers before the project was to kick off.

"Right now, the road is 100 times better than before. It's smoother and easier," he said. Business owners on Everett agree.

The $6.4 million project was done through a federal transportation grant. The federal government footed 80 percent of the cost, while the state picked up 15 percent and Albany County paid five percent.

The road was widened to allow for center-turning lanes, new curbs, and closed drainage and sidewalks. Water and sewer infrastructure was upgraded from Exchange Street to Albany Shaker Road. New sidewalks were added with a number of high visibility pedestrian crosswalks throughout the corridor and new street lighting dots the length of what Raeder's add called the Everett Road Business District.

"It was an interesting journey, and I can't express enough how beautiful the road looks now," said Raeder.

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Dr. Heidi DeBlock elected head of new challenger center

By MARTY BANNAN

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A Niskayuna resident has been selected to head up the effort to bring a Challenger Learning Center to the Capital District. Heidi DeBlock, an attending physician in the critical house unit at St. Clare's Hospital and assistant professor of surgery at Albany Medical Center Hospital was recently elected as the president of the Challenger Learning Center of the Greater Capital Region, succeeding Norman Miller who has accepted the role of executive director for the nonprofit corporation.

Challenger Learning Centers use a space exploration theme to motivate and encourage students in kindergarten through eighth grade to pursue studies and seek careers in math, science and technology.

DeBlock has been working with NASA at the Johnson Space Center's Cardiovascular Laboratory since 1990 as a visiting research scientist. Her research takes her frequently to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida and the Dreyden Spaceflight Research Center in California where she works with some of the nation's top space scientists and astronauts.

"I understand what these kids are going through when they do their mission because I sat in mission control," said DeBlock. She added that she knew all of the astronauts aboard the ill-fated Columbia mission in February 2003.

The science program began in 1992 in Washington, D.C. as a living memorial to the crew of the Challenger mission in 1986.

According to Miller, there are 55 such centers in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The new center, to be located on the third floor of the old Carl Company building, adjacent to Proctor's Theatre, will be the third in New York. The other two are located in Rochester and Suffern. The Schenectady center is scheduled to open in 2007.

"Our immediate goal is fund-raising and spreading the excitement," DeBlock said. "We are putting ourselves out there telling people that the Challenger Learning Center is coming and that their children are going to be participating."

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>
> **Tom Collins**

The fund-raising effort, headed by Betty and Harry Apkarian, has brought in slightly more than $1 million of the $2.7 million needed to build the facility.

Funding so far includes a matching grant and additional funds from Metroplex and, state grants from Sen. Hugh Farley, R-Niskayuna, the Wright Foundation, The Schenectady Foundation, Hannay Reels and other donors.

"The new center will bring the same educational advantages to this region that are now benefiting children in the other parts of the country that already have them," Miller said. "Studies continue to show improved science test scores for children in schools that participate in the center's programs."

The center will service 19 counties and approximately 12,000 students each year, Miller said. It will conduct 300 missions in a school year. FRG Architects of Schenectady designed the center.

"Some schools may participate more than others," Miller said. "Older students will prepare for their mission in class at their schools and then spend an afternoon at the center working with a simulated space shuttle, space station and mission control. Afterward, they will prepare press releases and after action reports telling about their mission." Younger students, he added, will tour the facility to familiarize themselves with simulators.

"I think it's a great way to get excited about technology and math," DeBlock said. "When I was in fifth grade my teacher did a science experiment every day. That turned me on to science. I see the challenger program as an opportunity to give children the same chance I had to get excited about math and science."

Miller explained that the center is designed to support the Greater Capital Region's Tech Valley with a future work force that is skilled in math, science and technology. With nearly half of all PhDs in science and engineering now awarded in the United States to foreign students, and with Europe already surpassing the US in producing graduates with these type of degrees, it is increasingly important that greater interest in math, science and technology be generated among American children. Tech Valley's ultimate success will not only require scientists with advanced degrees, but perhaps equally as important will also require a large, technically adept local work force.

The new center's educational programs are structured to make the study of math and science fun for elementary and middle school students, leading toward a work force with the education and ability to fill technical jobs throughout Tech Valley's industries.

"When we look at math and science education in the U.S., we really need to do some work," DeBlock said. "If we can get these kids in this region excited about these subjects we can benefit society. Believe me, the benefits run deep."

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Bellevue opens expanded breast-care center

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By MARTY BANNAN

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The news couldn't be better for women in the Capital District. Right in their own backyard is a modern, comfortable facility for breast cancer care in a hospital dedicated entirely to them.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, Bellevue Women's Hospital opened its newly expanded breast cancer care center.

The Neil and Jane Golub Breast Care Center offers a range of screening, diagnostic and surgical services, including digital mammography, breast MRI, 4-D ultrasound, vacuum needle biopsy, core needle biopsy, and sentinel node dissection. Approximately 17,000 women are patients of the breast care center each year.

"Neil Golub, chairman of Bellevue's board of directors and his wife Jane, have been steadfast supporters of the hospital, and particularly the breast care center," said Anne Saile, president and CEO of the hospital. "Their most recent gift of $250,000 will allow for even greater expansion and state-of-the-art equipment."

On hand for the ribbon cutting, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, R-Brunswick, praised Golub for his philanthropy.

"The generosity of Neil and Jane Golub is an inspiration to us all, and I am honored to take part in opening the newly expanded breast cancer center at Bellevue Woman's Hospital," Bruno said in a press release. "We are truly fortunate to have the most advanced diagnostic breast care center in eastern New York right in our backyard. As a cancer survivor, I know how important it is for patients to have access to top-notch screening and treatment services. This center has touched so many lives already, and will grow to be an even greater asset to the Capital Region."

When asked about his involvement with Bellevue, Golub said, "We always want to try to help people where we can really make a difference. The breast care center at Bellevue seemed like the perfect opportunity to help this hospital. The center offers a warm and comfortable atmosphere where women and their families can feel as relaxed as possible during a difficult time."

State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, from left, Bellevue Woman's Hospital President and CEO Anne Saile, Hospital Benefactors Jane and Neil Golub cut the ribbon officially opening the newly expanded breast cancer center at Bellevue Woman's Hospital in Niskayuna.

Golub added that the center would also have a mobile mammogram unit to offer care to women in outlying areas who cannot easily travel to the hospital.

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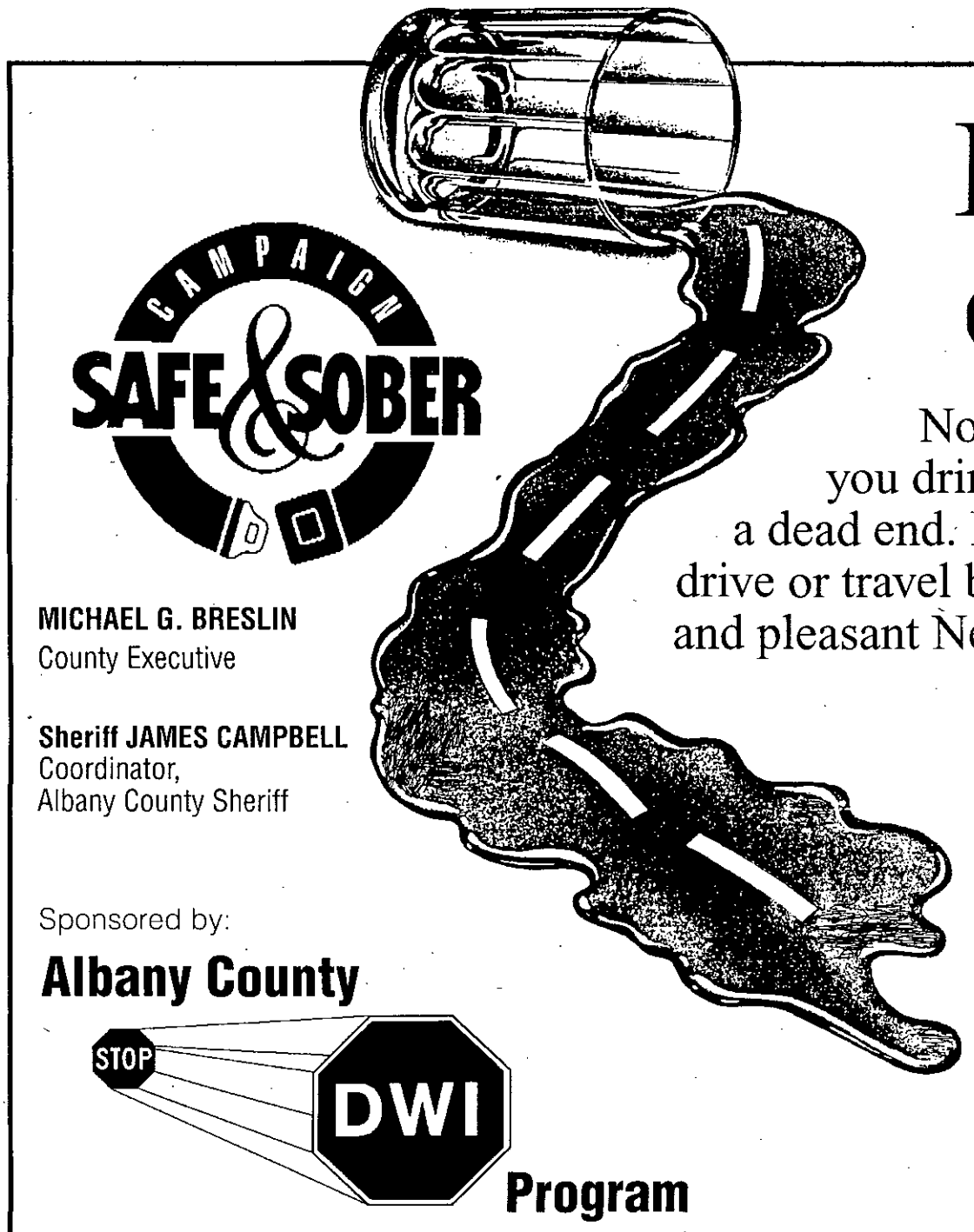

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Ambulance services get costly for towns

By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

As the cost of ambulance services rise, some towns are charging insurance companies to take the burden off taxpayers.

Clifton Park is one of those towns. This is intended to end the current method of placing the burden on taxpayers to fund these expenses.

"These changes are to be implemented starting at the beginning of the New Year, and as a result there will be no increase in those taxes supporting ambulance services in the fiscal year 2006, with the possibility of decreases in 2007," said Supervisor Phil Barrett in a letter sent to Clifton Park residents.

Over the years, there has been a steady increase in calls and transports for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon ambulance services and Ballston Lake Emergency Services, and it is projected to continuously climb.

In the letter Barrett said that almost half of the calls received are not from residents and that 25 percent of the patients are non-residential.

"The increase to taxpayers in 2005 was approximately 20 percent. The increase to taxpayers in 2006 would be approximately 30 percent," said the letter.

"Many of the calls aren't residents of Clifton Park-Halfmoon," said Sandy Roth, town board councilman. "What happens is taxpayers in Clifton Park pay for that service."

> ***"The costs for medical services have been skyrocketing and we can take steps to protect taxpayers as much as possible. We decided we could no longer pass on these increases."***
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> **Phil Barrett**

A top percentage of calls come from physicians' offices and health care residential facilities.

The town does not intend to charge the users of the service for anything more than the cost of the ambulance responding to the call and assistance upon arrival.

"The town fronts the money to have the ambulances ready and staffed," said Brian Glick, chairman of the board of Clifton Park-Halfmoon ambulance services. "It will not go to the insurance company."

This new method aims to see a reduction in cost to residents in 2007.

"Most ambulance services in the state now bill for services rather than have municipalities pay for services," said Roth.

Roth also assured that those without insurance will still not be denied services.

"The costs for medical services have been skyrocketing, and we can take steps to protect taxpayers as much as possible," said Barrett. "We decided we could no longer pass on these increases."

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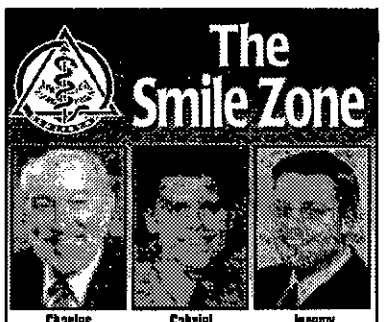

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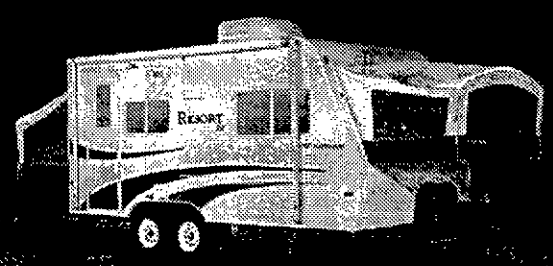
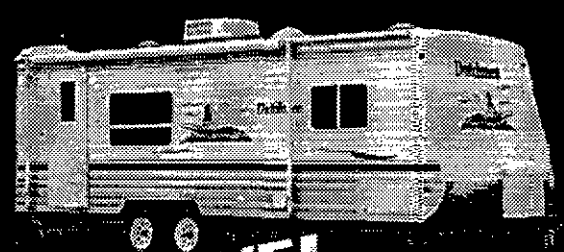

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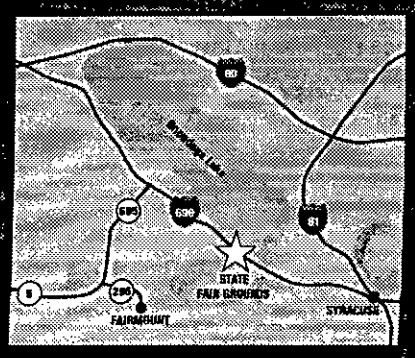

Interment coverage for the impoverished rises

Saratoga County board increases funeral allowance for indigents

BY DAMIAN PAGANO

If someone dies in the Capital District and does not have the money to pay for their own burial or cremation, the county government provides a small measure to ensure a dignified end.

The money buys a pine casket, a suit of burial clothes if needed, and two calling hours at a funeral home. It provides an honorarium for a eulogist. It pays for transportation to a cemetery. It pays for the grave and it pays for a concrete grave liner.

For the poor who are cremated, the government pays for the service and for interment of ashes in a concrete vault.

County governments occasionally increase the financial allowance for funerals for indigent people. On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors raised its funeral allowance from $1,850 to $1,950. The amount will go up another $100 again in 2007.

Years ago in this area, the poor were buried in government plots that were known as the potter's fields. They were wrapped in shrouds and put in the ground. Most did not get grave markers. The price for stone memorials was considered an unnecessary drain on the public coffers, according to Ruth Bergeron, a board trustee of Vale Cemetery in Schenectady.

> ***"The days of an inexpensive funeral are gone, at least in the sense of a traditional funeral."***
> **Michael Durant**

In the Ballston Spa Village Cemetery, which has been a burying ground since 1796, the potter's field also contains an unknown number of paupers' graves. Most of them are not marked with headstones and no records remain to tell who is buried there, according to cemetery superintendent Richard Fox.

"They were truly, back then, more destitute than people are today," Bergeron said.

In our more affluent society, the cost of a funeral averages about $6,500. What the government spends to bury or cremate the poor does not equal that. Funeral director Michael Durant of Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont said the $300 government coffin allowance does not cover the full bill for a low-end pine box. The going rate on a basic coffin is $325.

"The days of an inexpensive funeral are gone, at least in the sense of a traditional funeral," Durant said. Driving the price increase are general costs of doing the funeral directors' business: the mortgage on a funeral parlor, the cost of embalming equipment and the price of a hearse, which alone can cost $85,000.

Durant said he accepts indigent clients and performs services for about three or four per year at his business, but knows of many funeral directors who do not.

"The money just isn't there for them," he said.

People who are on county welfare rolls automatically qualify for the funeral allowance. If somebody is poor, but does not receive social services, then their family members have to contact the department of social services and demonstrate that their dead relative has no insurance or assets to pay for a funeral.

Albany County government pays for about 300 indigent funerals every year. Schenectady County pays for about 100, and Saratoga County has paid for about 60 this year. The governments provide between $1,600 and $1,800, depending on where people live, and they are reimbursed with state money for part of the cost. The amount of state reimbursement to county government for the cost of indigent funerals is due to increase from $450 to $900, according to published reports.

The poor get headstones now, and they are no longer segregated in burial from people who could afford mausoleums or grand monuments. Ballston Spa Village Cemetery opens two or three graves per year, on average, for indigent people.

"They're buried right with everyone else," Fox said.

At Vale Cemetery, Bergeron said county government has purchased sections of land in which to bury the indigent. The graves are integrated with the historic cemetery and maintained like any others.

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Run, jog, walk into 2006 in Saratoga

By DAMIAN PAGANO

There will quite literally be a run-up to the area's largest New Year's Eve Party. The First Night celebration in Saratoga Springs will begin again this Dec. 31 with a 5-kilometer run.

For the fourth year in a row, 1,000 people have registered for the foot race through the Skidmore College Campus. The people who signed up for the run can pick up their registration information between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. near the campus athletic center.

Non-runners will have to wait until sundown to get the party started. The rest of the First Night Festivities start at 5:30 p.m.

Saratoga Springs' event became the largest New Year's eve celebration in New York state – with the exception of the New Year's Eve celebration in Manhattan's Times Square – five years ago.

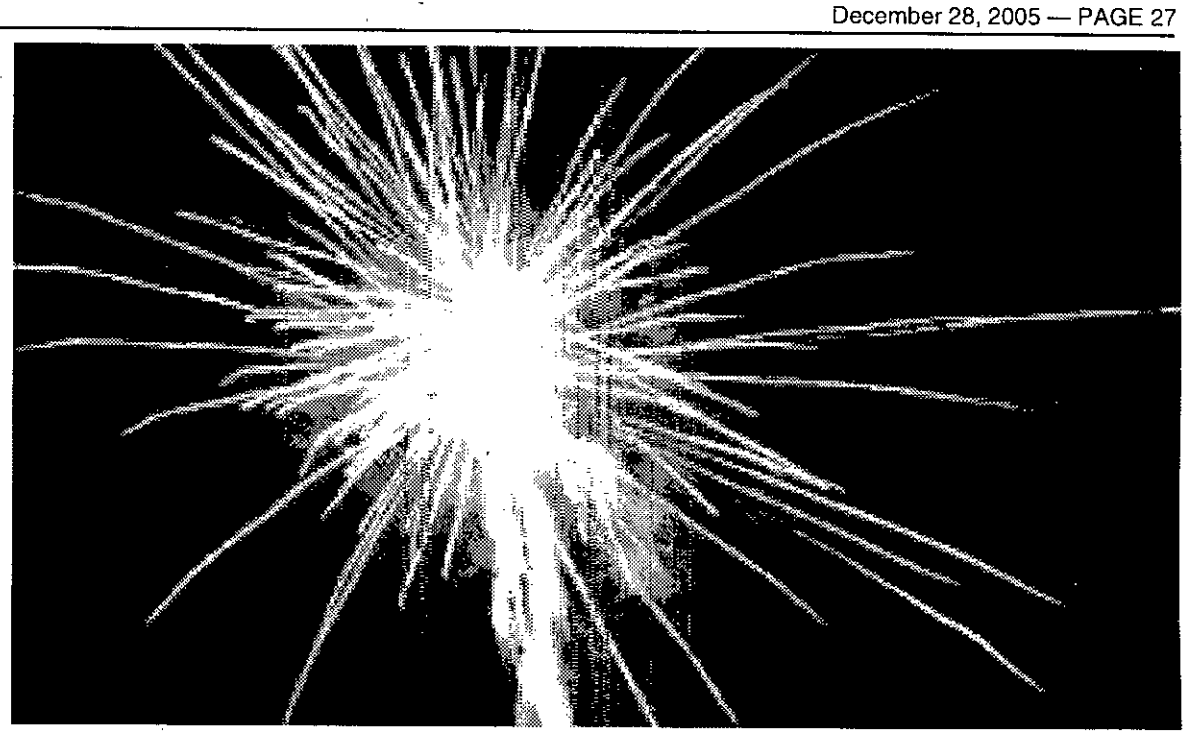
This year, officials with the YMCA in Saratoga, which sponsors the festival, hope to sell 15,000 admission buttons.

"Saratoga is so much easier to get into than Albany," said Cathy Frauhauf of Clifton Park, who has volunteered at Saratoga's First Night for the past nine years.

Events are scheduled at locations up and down Broadway and include a variety of music and dramatic performaces. Entertainment for children; including face painting, musical performances and plays will take place at the Lake Avenue Elementary School.

People who want to attend First Night festivities need to purchase admission buttons. People can do that on the Internet at www.firstnightsaratoga.org. A list of button vendors can also be found on the Web site or can be had by visiting the YMCA Development office at 262 Broadway. Buttons will be available for pick-up on Dec. 31 at the Cyber Café, located near the YMCA's Broadway Branch at 262 Broadway.

It is recommended that people dress in warm clothing and plan ahead for events. Seating in some venues is on a first-come, first served basis and may quickly fill to capacity.



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Obituaries in the Spotlight

William Sharkey

William A. Sharkey, 84, of Albany died Thursday, Dec. 1.

Born in Kingston, he was valedictorian of the class of 1939 at Kingston High School.

Mr. Sharkey was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady and the graduate program at Union College and Syracuse University. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His 40 year career was in the employment of various agencies of state government including: the research department of Taxation and Finance, the program staff of the late Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Comptroller of the Public Works Department, the assistant commissioner for management and finance of the Department of Transportation and the executive director of the Dormitory Authority.

Having been raised in the Depression of the 1930s, he was devoted to a life of service as a professional public administrator.

He enjoyed traveling and prided himself on completing The New York Times daily crossword puzzle.

Mr. Sharkey was a member of the University Club, a board member of the Visiting Nurses Association and the Alzheimer's Association. He was a communicant of St. Margaret Mary's Church.

He was the husband of the late Kathleen Young Sharkey.

Survivors include five daughters, Nancy S. Applebee and Mary Beth S. Sharkey, both of Delmar, Kathleen S. Ferranti, of New York City and Lord's Valley, Pa., Patricia S. Kringas of Sleepy Hollow and Jean M. Sharkey of Albany; a son William R. Sharkey of Guilderland; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from St. Margaret Mary's Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Teresian House Foundation, 200 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany 12203.

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Ronald Coplon

Ronald H. Coplon, 70, of Voorheesville, and a longtime resident of Gloversville died Thursday, Dec. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Troy, he lived in Gloversville for many years. He was a graduate of Troy High School and the University of Rochester.

Mr. Coplon worked for Macy's department store for 17 years and later had operated the Rubin Glove Manufacturing Co. in Gloversville.

He was a member and past president of the Knesseth Israel Synagogue in Gloversville. He was a former member of the Pinebrook Golf Club in Gloversville and had also been on the board of directors at Mt. Valley Hospice in Gloversville.

He was husband of the late Amy Rubin Coplon.

Survivors include a son, Michael J. Coplon of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Edward Coplon of New York City; a sister, Faith Coplon of Syracuse; two grandchildren; and his best friend, Elinor Naigles of Voorheesville.

Services were from Knesseth Israel Synagogue in Gloversville

Burial was in Knesseth Israel Cemetery in Gloversville.

Local arrangements were by Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Mt. Valley Hospice, 73 N. Main St., Gloversville 12078.

Patricia Reihl

Patricia A. Reihl, 75, of Feura Bush and formerly of South Bethlehem, died Sunday, Dec. 18.

She was the widow of Carl Reihl. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by three daughters, Cathleen McCul-lough, Caroline Brate and Caseyann Michalski; a son, Carl William Reihl; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush 12054 or the Albany City Mission.

Thomas Osborne

Thomas D'Arcy Osborne Jr., 84, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Dec. 19, at the Diamond Ridge Retirement Community in Troy.

Born in Rockford, Ill., he was a Marine Corps veteran serving in the South Pacific Campaign during World War II.

Mr. Osborne retired from the State University of New York where he was employed as an interior designer.

Previously, he was manager of Mayfair Furniture in Albany and owner of Workrooms, Inc.

He had been a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar and, most recently, St. Augustine's Church while residing in Troy.

He was the husband of the late Madelyn Brennan Osborne. Survivors include a daughter, Lyn E. LeMaitre of Gloversville; a son, Mark J. Osborne of Glenmont; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, 113 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

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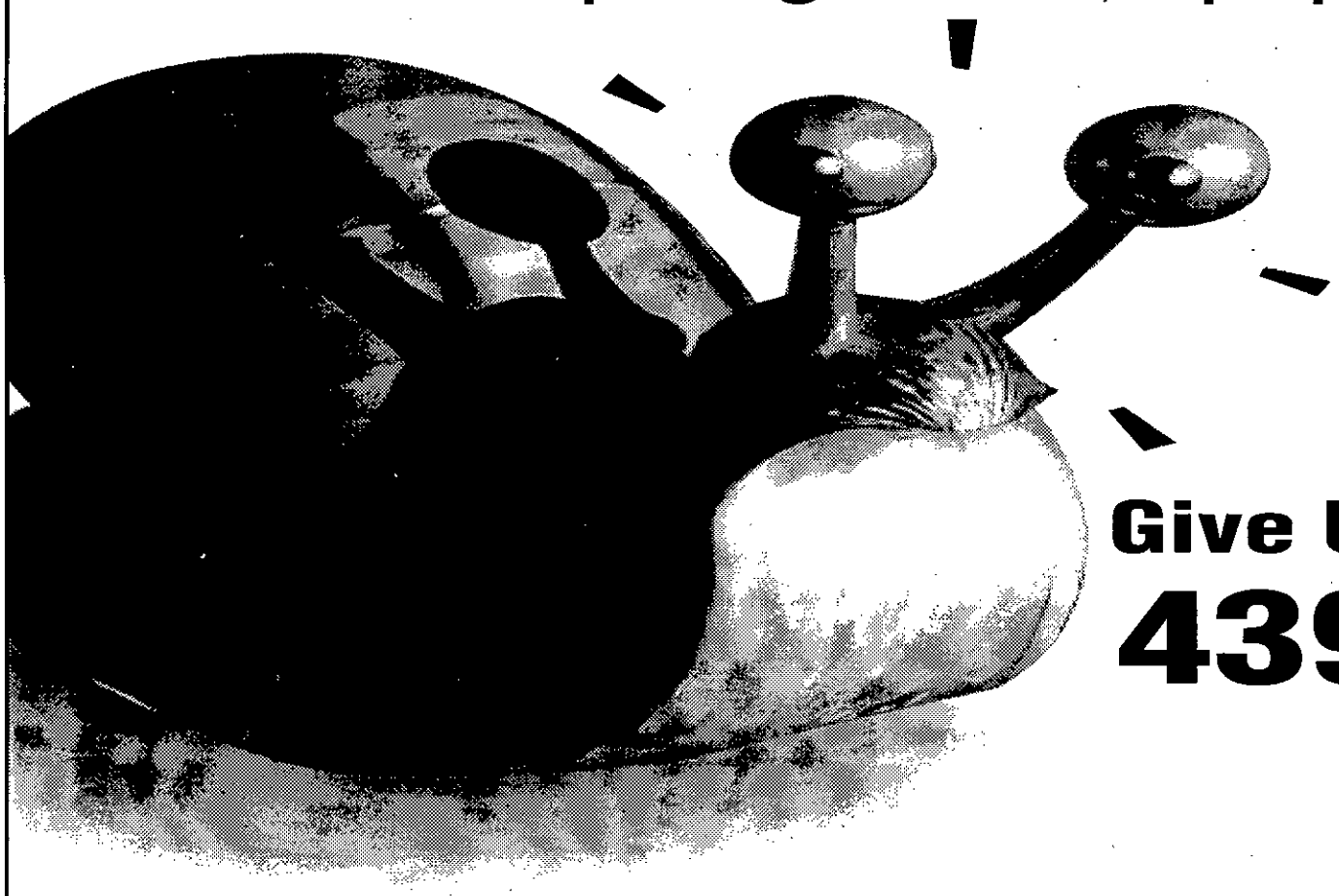
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Milestones in the Spotlight

Payeurs celebrate 60 years of marriage

Doris and Arthur Payeur recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on Sept. 17, 1945.

The former Doris Mae DeLong worked for the Fuller Brush Company, and was a teller at the OTB Teletheater in Albany for 25 years. Her hobbies include swimming, bridge and pinochle.

Arthur Joseph Payeur worked for A & P Market and was the head bartender at the Americana for 20 years. His hobbies include bridge and pinochle at the Senior Citizen Center in Colonie.

Their three children are Barbara Pregant, Michael Payeur and Arthur Payeur. They also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arthur and Doris Payeur, 1945

Doris and Arthur Payeur

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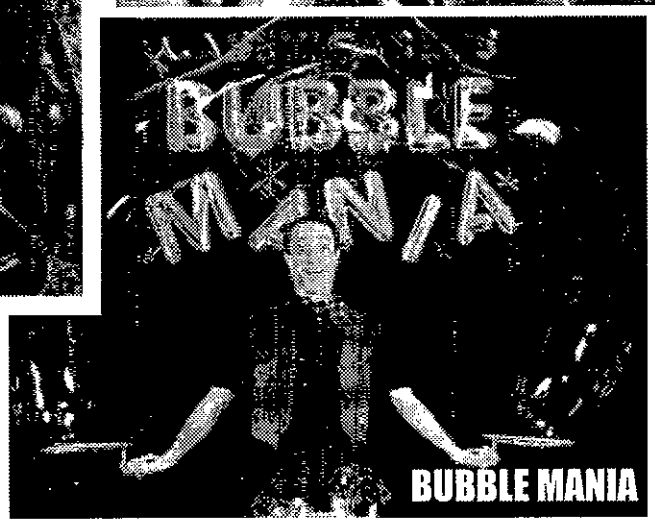

BUBBLE MANIA

ABBA GOLD

First Night Albany

By STEPHEN PAUSE

Albany's 19th annual First Night celebration offers something for everyone. This year, the New Year's celebration features over 190 performances at 36 different downtown venues.

The events will kick off at 2 p.m. on Dec. 31 with the Jingle Jog, a fun run for kids between 5 and 11 years old. This year's course is new, on State Street between the Capitol and the Empire State Plaza, and will include a post-race party at the Masonic Temple.

Following the Jingle Jog will be three hours of entertainment for children, including face painting by Agostino Arts, multi-cultural story telling, eba dance workshops, puppeteers, stilt walkers, and a planetarium show.

The "Midway to Midnight" celebration will kick off at 6 p.m. in front of City Hall. It will feature a costumed and choreographed production with songs from "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin."

At 6 p.m. in Academy Park there will be free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, while supplies last.

Following the ice cream and performance will be an early fireworks show from the steps of the Capitol Building.

After the fireworks is the ninth annual 5K Last Run at 6:30 p.m. The course, which this year is certified by the US Track and Field Association, will take runners through the Capitol Lights in the Park display in Washington Park. Also new to this year's run is a windbreaker jacket for all runners who registered before Dec. 24.

One of the highlights of the evening will be ABBA Gold, the featured performance at the Palace Theater, which recreates a 1970's ABBA concert.

Besides the Swedish delight of ABBA, there will also be Irish, Peruvian, hip-hop, jazz, and hard rock music for ears of all nationalities. Band of Gold and Gelvis, a tribute to Elvis, will perform at the Ten Eyck Building on Pearl Street at 8, 9, and 10 p.m.

The night will culminate with a conga line that begins at 11:30 p.m. in front of City Hall and will carry the party down across the pedestrian bridge to the riverfront amphitheater. There the audience will be treated to the staple of New Year's celebrations – a fireworks extravaganza by Alonzo. This year the fireworks will be fired over the river from the Rensselaer side.

Sue Cleary at the city's Office of Special Events explained why she was looking forward to the night.

"What's nice about our celebration is that we start early in the afternoon, and it's on a Saturday, so families can get involved," she said. "The structure of the event stays the same, so it keeps a comfort level for attendees."

Cleary was also glad that the event will show off downtown's government, church, bank and theater buildings.

One of the appeals of the celebration is that most of the events are held within a five-block radius that stretches from City Hall to Broadway and from State Street North to the Palace Theater. It is also done on a schedule so people can plot out their night. There will also be a shuttle bus to transport people to the different events.

Mayor Jerry Jennings encouraged people to come out and celebrate.

"It promises to be an evening of family fun, great entertainment and a fantastic finale of fireworks at midnight," he said. "Albany is proud of this popular New Year's tradition and I invite everyone to join us at First Night Albany 2006."

Buttons are still available at City Hall, Price Chopper, and various other locations throughout the city. The cost is $12. For a list of events and more information, visit the First Night Web site, www.albanyevents.org, or call the Office of Special Events, 434-2032.

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Holiday comedy by Ray Cooney, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Jan. 14, Wednesdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., $18. Information, 877-7529.c

Music

FOLDING SKY

Local blues band, Dec. 30, Positively Fourth Street, 46 Fourth St., Troy. Information, 687-0064.

THE MACHINE

Pink Floyd tribute band brings classic progressive rock band's light and sound show to Albany, with Jim Weider's Project Percolator featuring Tony Levin, Dec. 31, Washington Avenue Armory, corner of Washington Avenue and Lark Street, Albany. Information, 694-7160.

BLACKCAT ELLIOTT

Capital District rock band, Dec. 31, Positively Fourth Street, 46 Fourth St., Troy. Information, 687-0064.

SUPER 400

Power trio headlines New Year's Eve bash, Dec. 31, Red Square, 388 Broadway, Albany. Information, 432-8584.

MICHAEL JERLING

Folk singer/songwriter, Jan. 6, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

LUSTRE KINGS

Capital District rockabily band performs tribute to Elvis Presley on Presley's birthday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, $20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

SKEETER CREEK

Folk/bluegrass band, Jan. 8, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

CURTIS STIGERS

Jazz/pop singer, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, $20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JIMMY WEBB

Songwriter famous for classics such as "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston" and "MacArthur Park," Jan. 21, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, $25. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

Comedy

BILL COSBY

Legendary comedian comes back to region for two shows, Feb. 17, 5 and 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, $41.50 to $51.50. Information, 476-1000.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Mammals Revealed: Discovery and Documentation of Secretive Creatures," through Dec. 31; "Sports: Breaking Barriers and Breaking Records," through Jan. 8; "Ann Zane Shanks: Behind the Lens," through Feb. 26; "Miracles: New York's Greatest Sports Moments," through March 26. Plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

THE CLARK

"Pastels," featuring works by late 19th- and early 20th-century artists, through June 18; "The Clark: Celebrating 50 Years of Art in Nature" and "50 Favorites," through May 16, 2006; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Alice Morgan Wright: Sculptor and Activist," through Dec. 31; "Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession — Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," through Jan. 1, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Visions of China," a collection of photographs by Dr. Clinton Millett, through Jan. 8, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Precious Little," through Jan. 8, site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dancing Rebels," an exhibit about the New Dance Group, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME

"Peb: The Art of Humor," featuring horse racing-themed cartoons by Pierre "Peb" Bellocq, through Dec. 31, "Golden Memories: 50 Years of the Racing Hall of Fame," through Dec. 31, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-0400.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"New York's Fighting Zouaves," through October, "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "To the Standard: Civil War Cavalry Flags from the New York State Battle Flag Collection," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Ongoing exhbits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

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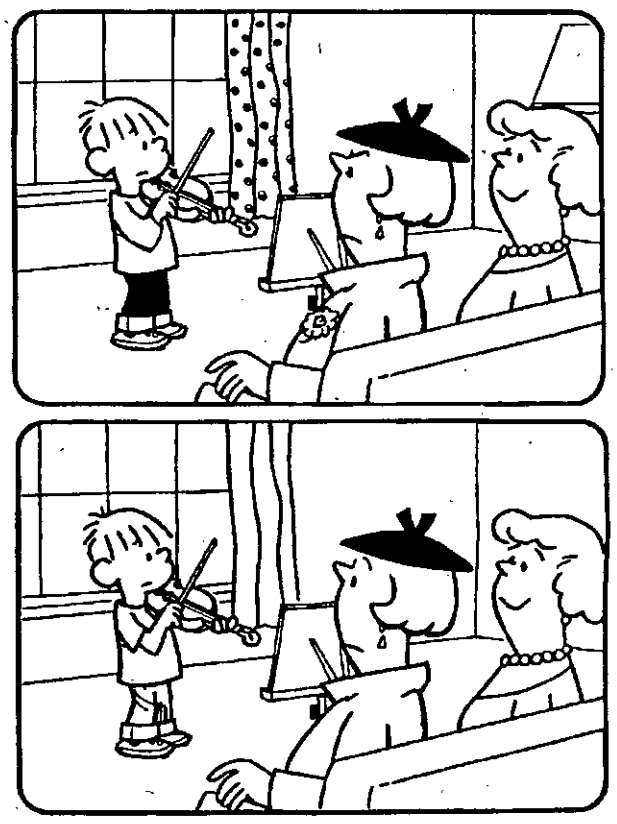

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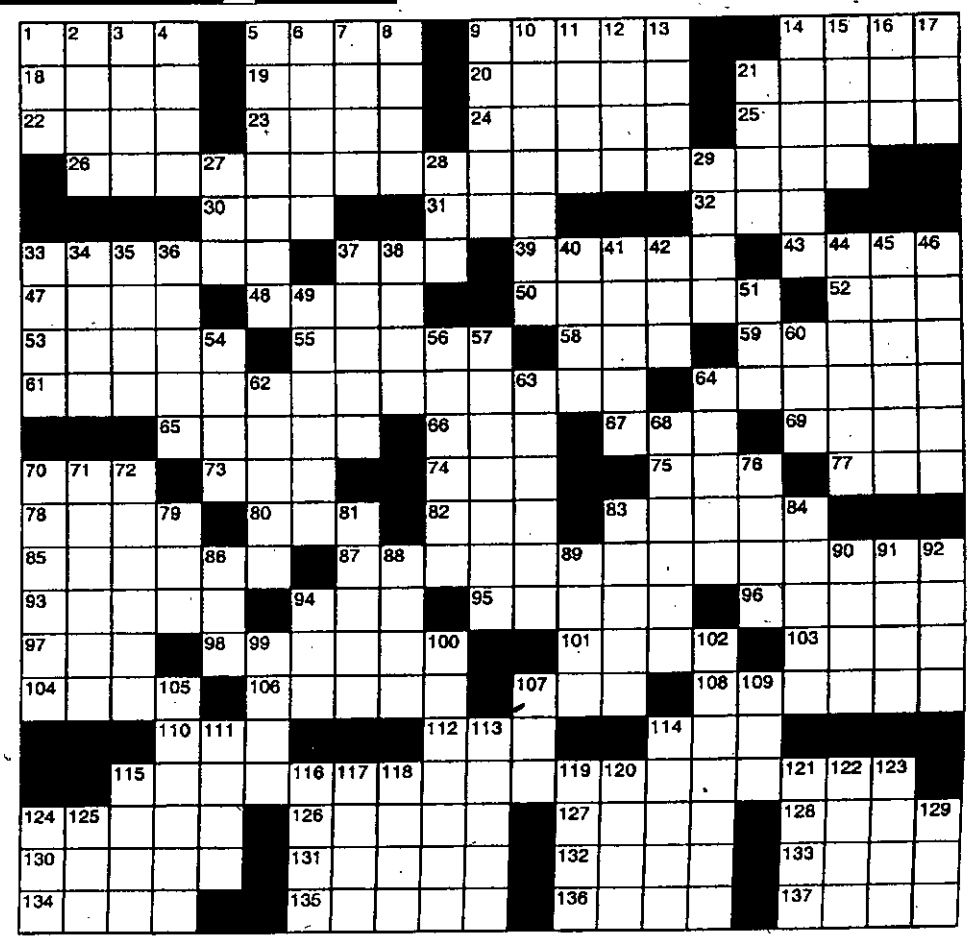
Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Move swiftly
5 Oates' partner
9 Learns fast?
14 Spill the beans
18 Art deco designer
19 Concept
20 Spartan serf
21 "— Train" ('71 hit)
22 Marsh duck
23 Family
24 Cremona craftsman
25 Kickoff
26 Riddle: Part 1
30 Elf
31 "A mouse!"
32 Slippery —
33 Paris, to Helen
37 — -de-lance
39 Take the honey and run
43 — ghanouj
47 On a whale watch
48 Holler
50 Pay up
52 Actor McKellen
53 Wise guy
55 Retreats
58 — standstill
59 Heavyweight Holmes
61 Riddle: Part 2
64 With hands on hips
65 Activist Hoffman
66 Misjudge
67 Went jogging
69 Sew a toe
70 Beaver or boater
73 Figs.
74 By means of
75 Alphabet sequence
77 Duncan's denial
78 Singer Tori
80 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
82 Part of SASE
83 Coral outcrop
85 Cruise
87 Riddle: Part 3
93 Luncheonette lure
94 Every last bit
95 Distort
96 Bryant or Ekberg
97 "Unforgettable" name
98 Socked a shuttlecock
101 Sharp
103 Thicken
104 Sitka's st.
106 Take the reins
107 — diem
108 On the beach
110 Torrid
112 Beame or Burrows
114 Soupy Sales' dessert?
115 Answer to riddle
124 Serengeti group
126 Dunk it!
127 Clinton Cabinet member
128 Deride
130 Seasonal song
131 "— Gay"
132 Riyadh resident
133 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
134 Fret
135 Barrett and Jaffe
136 Spanish surrealist
137 Bog, for short

DOWN

1 Matching pieces
2 Hands
3 Bountiful setting
4 Oscar — Renta
5 Handle wood
6 Improvise
7 Slender
8 Polaroid inventor
9 Rub the wrong way
10 Some movies
11 Be — unto oneself
12 Lorre role
13 Tend the sauce
14 Stupefy
15 Endure
16 Mr. Lucky's card
17 Wager
21 Shooting match?
27 Even if, informally
28 Above, to Arnold
29 Boat bottom
33 Credit alternative
34 "— forgive those . . ."
35 Belfry sound
36 Buccaneers' headquarters
37 Cereal bit
38 Nobelist Wiesel
40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
41 Furry fisherman
42 Child welfare org.
44 Filer
45 Ms. Streisand
46 "Tennis, —?"
49 Plaza Hotel kid
51 Lodge brother
54 Library abbr.
56 Keanu of "Hardball"
57 Short races
60 Lend a hand
62 Porterhouse alternative
63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
64 Composer Bruckner
68 Perceptive
70 Cigar city
71 Lacking principles
72 Honda competitor
76 Skeleton part
79 Snead or Shepard
81 Investigate
83 Capp character
84 "The Elephant Man" director
86 Vapor
88 Nautical adverb
89 Gardener's tool
90 Mideastern dough
91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"
92 Conductor Jeffrey
94 Collectibles, collectively
99 Tivoli's Villa d'—
100 Blood count?
102 "Out of Africa" setting
105 "— of a Doubt" ('43 film)
107 Cello part
109 Wine word
111 Hurler Hershiser
113 Greek consonants
114 Correctional
115 Employ
116 — -Neisse Line
117 Singer Sonny
118 Aware of
119 Gowned figure
120 Blood components
121 Gulf country
122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
123 Philanthropist Cornell
124 Off. equipment
125 Sneaky sort
129 Turn sharply



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Wednesday, Dec. 28

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

PRAYERMEETING
evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 29

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Friday, Dec. 30

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 31

BETHLEHEM

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

Sunday, Jan. 1

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran, Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church; 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany,10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265;
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.
WORSHIP INFORMATION
All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Monday, Jan. 2

BETHLEHEM

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

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT
Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORER POST 157
For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

BLANCHARD LEGION POST
Meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Tuesday, Jan. 3

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

PRAYER MEETING
At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

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

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

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

PLANNING BOARD
New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

BETHLEHEM

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

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OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED
Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. ; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

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

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

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD
Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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

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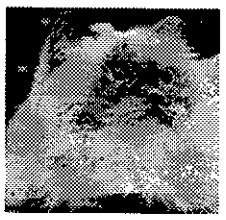

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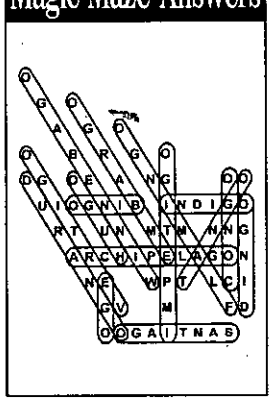

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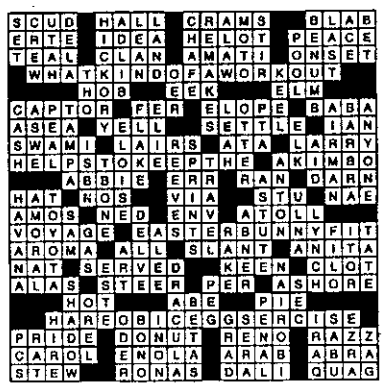

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Employment Classifieds

HELP WANTED

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Qualifications: High School graduate with Associate's or college degree in accounting desirable. Five years or more successful accounting or bookkeeping experience could be substituted for college- degree. An individual or firm offering this service may apply. Position will serve on an hourly basis, approximately four to eight hours per week, at $25.00 per hour. Please send your resume and cover letter to: Mr. Steven O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent, Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar NY 12054, by January 11, 2006.

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC: HS and four (4) yrs of exp in Mechanical maintenance or repair. $44,734- $47,714. Cover letter and resume by 1/4/06 to: Town of Colonie Personnel Officer P.O. Box 508 Newtonville, NY 12128 EEO.

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Real Estate Classifieds

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81 MONTE CARLO, 21K Original. Excellent condition. Asking $4995. 439-1446.

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AUTOS WANTED

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of Formation of 770 St. Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12580
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Schraft's, a Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 9/16/05. 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. IL address of LLC: 104 Wilmot Rd., MS #1425, Deerfield, IL 60015. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, 501 S. 2nd St., Rm. 328, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12633
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is 791 NEW SCOTLAND, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 16, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-12461
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is Landing Creek LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on November 9, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri-City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.
LCD-12487
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF CAMELOT ASSOCIATES DEVELOPMENT, LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is : CAMELOT ASSOCIATES DEVELOPMENT, LLC.
SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the corporation is to be located is: the County of Albany.
THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
Camelot Associates Development, LLC
c/o Camelot Associates Corporation
210 Morris Road, Suite A
Schenectady, New York 12303
FOURTH: The limited liability company is to be manager managed.
Dennis A. DeGennaro, Organizer
Camelot Associates Corporation
210 Morris Road
Schenectady, New York 12303
Filed by:
Alexander Powhida, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact
Harvey and Mumford, LLP
20 Corporate Woods Boulevard
Albany, New York 12211
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
OF CAMELOT MASTER HOLDINGS, LP
Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act
FIRST: The name of the limited partnership is: CAMELOT MASTER HOLDINGS, LP
SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited partnership is to be located is: the County of Albany.
THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail copies of process accepted on behalf of the limited partnership is:
Camelot Master Holdings, LP
c/o Camelot Associates Corporation
210 Morris Road, Suite A
Schenectady, New York 12303
FOURTH: The name and business or residence street address of each general partner is:
Dennis A. DeGennaro
Filed by:
Alexander Powhidwa, Esq., Attorney-in-Fact
Harvey and Mumford LLP
20 Corporate Woods Boulevard
Albany, New York 12211
LCD-12498
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

new luck big sky, LLC
Notice of Organization:
new luck big sky, LLC was filed with SSNY 09/29/05. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o the LLC 95 West Saugerties Rd., Woodstock, NY 12498
Purpose: To engage in any legal activity.
LCD-12522
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: Western Garden Apartments, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/4/05. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 436 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
LCD-12539
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is MONROE ST OF ALBANY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 30, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203.
LCD-12554
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Stonecreek Management, LLC
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/29/2005. 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 any such process served to: the LLC, 928 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.
LCD-12555
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The name of the LLC is C.D. Man, Inc. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 23, 2005. Office location: County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served to: William Biers, 340 Biers Road, Coeymans Hollow, NY, 12046. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.
LCD-12620
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Fashion Outlets of Niagara LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12463
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Niagara Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 420, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12464
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
NAME: EL DIVINO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/05. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1801 Chrysler Avenue, Schenectady, New York.
Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-12465
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Twin Oaks Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. Fictitious name in NY State: TOA. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 6/16/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 560 Sylvan Ave., 3rd Fl., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 302 West Washington St., Room E-018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12473
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NyNote Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/05. 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 St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12477
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of New York Ducks, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 160 S. Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12489
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 765175 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12492
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1970 Walton Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12493
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of, Formation of Queens Plaza North Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12494
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 35 North Station LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/18/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 254 Lark Street, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-12512
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OLEN LLC filed with SSNY on 12/31/03. Off. Loc.: Albany. SSNY designated as agt. of the LLC, upon whom process may be served.
SSNY shall mail copy of any process to P.O. Box 66041, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purposes.
LD-12523
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Schuyler of New York, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12524
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Inside Edge Commercial Interior Services, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MN 1/12/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o National Reg. Agts. Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. MN office addr.: 2915 Commers Dr., Ste. 500, Eagan, MN 55121. Art. of Org. on file: SSMN, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-121525
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualificatioin of DCWI Manager LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/06/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MI 9/28/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o National Reg. Agts. Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. MI office addr.: 1700 Stutz Dr., No. 25, Troy, MI 48084. Art. of Org. on file: MI Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth, PO Box 30054, Lansing, MI. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12526
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HWT CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/05 as amended. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12530
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Broker Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY 301 East 79th Street, Ste 24-H, New York, NY 10021 Tuxedo Dr., Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12546
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
NAME: GLENMONT PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2055. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12564
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 164-172 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
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(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 17-25 St. Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12566
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1829 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12567
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1833-1835 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12568
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1987-2001 Coney LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/18/05 Office location: Albany

LEGAL NOTICE

County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12569
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2010 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12570
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 239-253 West 116 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12571
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 345 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12572
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 349 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12573
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 47 Lynbrook LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/10/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12574
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6 Morningside Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12575
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 610-620 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12576
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 617 West 143 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12577
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6th Street Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12578
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 707 St Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12579
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Javis Center Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12581
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Herald Square Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12582
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Manhattan Valley West LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12583
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Long Island City Luxary Lofts LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12583
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Manhattan Valley West LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12584
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SC GP LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15-58 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, NY 11418 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12585
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Esplanade Condominiums LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/9/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 - 5th Ave., 59th Fl., NY, NY 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12586
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 8th Ave Holding LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/9/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 - 5th Ave., 59th Fl., NY, NY 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12587
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OBA Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Clent Rd, Great Neck, NY 11201 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12588
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 565 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/15/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Moline Court, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12589
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 102 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/15/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 236 W. 26th St. Suite 801, NY, NY 10001 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12590
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2097 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, NY 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12591
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SLS Equities LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 60 Pinewood Road, Manhasset, NY 11030 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12592
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Menco Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/18/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 822 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213 Purpose: any lawful activity
LD-12593
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EZ Funding Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Pleasant Ridge Rd, New Hempstead, NY 10977Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12594
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ander Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Sherri Lane, Wesley Hills, NY 10977 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12595
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of River East Development, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 95 Delancey Street, Brooklyn, NY 10002 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12596
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Genius Tools LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 61 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 Purpose: any lawful activity.
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 87 Kent Ave. Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/31/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 87 Kent Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12598
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Gary Barkman for Variance under Article VI, Supplementary Regulations, Section 128-54, Signs of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a free standing sign, which does not meet the requirements at premises 821 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
LD-12599
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Beth-lehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Allen Hicks for Variance under Article XIII, Use & Area Schedules, Section 128-100A, Minimum Rear Yards of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition, which will not meet the minimum rear yard setback requirement at premises 125 Jefferson Road, Glenmont, New York.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Planet Fitness Equipment, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Hampshire (NH) on 5/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NH address of LLC: 113 Crosby Road, Unit 15, Dover, NH 03820. Arts. of Org. filed with NH Secy. of State, 107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-12605
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE DUCK INN AT LAUDERDALE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/02/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2104. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Donald P. Segal, Esq., 1738 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-12609
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF
FIRST CHOICE BUILDERS, LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FIRST CHOICE BUILDERS, LLC
SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany
THIRD: (optional) The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: _____
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
Shannon M. Oeser
41 East Highland Drive
Albany, New York 12203
FIFTH: (optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: _____
SIXTH: (optional) The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, which does not exceed 60 days from the date of filing, is: _____
SEVENTH: (optional) If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized by Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, an affirmative statement must be made. A statement of such effect is made as follows: _____
Shannon M. Oeser, Member
Filed by:
Robert A. Bosman, Esq.
One Executive Centre Drive
Albany, New York 12203
LD-12614
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CityView Commercial LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 5377 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, 11203 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12622
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bush Accounting Service, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 882 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11232 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12626
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bush Terminal Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 3/1/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 882 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11232 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12627
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
At a regular meeting of five commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District held on December 13, 2005, Resolution was adopted permitting and authorizing the expenditure from an existing Capital Reserve Account, established for building and grounds, for the purchase of one acre of vacant real property located at Glenmont Road in Glenmont, New York. Said real property is contiguous to Selkirk Fire Station Number 2 on Glenmont Road in Glenmont, New York. The expenditure shall not exceed Three Hundred and and Twenty Thousand ($320,000.00) Dollars including all the necessary costs, adjustments and expenses. This Resolution shall not take effect until 30 days after the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 13, 2005. This Resolution is subject to a Permissive Referendum.
Dated: December 13, 2005
FRANK WITH, Secretary
SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT
LD-12629
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
NAME: DISCOUNT PARTY LLC.
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/05. 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, c/o Darshan S. Arora, 17 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
LD-12634
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1779 Southern Blvd LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/13/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 1 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12635
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 454 Restaurant, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 99 Tripp Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12636
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2006
The 2006 Organizational Meeting will be held on January 1, 2006 at 1 P.M. at the New Scotland Town Hall, 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands NY
Diane R. Deschenes
New Scotland Town Clerk
LD-12640
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Amedore Quantum, LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 2, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 1900 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.
LD-12646
(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Hearing
The Town of New Scotland Planning Board
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of Town of New Scotland, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Article II, Section 190-52 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition:
A Public Hearing for Site Plan # 70
Site Plan Application # 70: Application submittal by Chester Boehlke to allow for the erection of two pole type buildings on a parcel owned by Chester and Sharon Boehlke. The 24.8 acre site which is located within the Industrial district at 312 New Scotland South Road is identified as new Scotland tax parcel id# 84.-4-1.21. The parcel currently houses four commercial structures and is actively used for several commercial activities. This request is for permission to allow for the expansion of the allowed uses of the property by the erection of two, 44' by 60' structures. The structures will be used for storage of building materials, personal property and other goods as described in Article II, Section 190-18(10) of the Zoning Law. This application is made pursuant to Article V, Section 190-52 of the Zoning Law.
Said hearing will take place on January 3,-2006 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Year

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in the regionals, the Silver Warriors traveled to Hofstra University June 2 and stunned Long Island power West Islip by jumping out to a 7-1 halftime lead. Niskayuna held on for an 11-6 victory to advance to the state finals, where it lost to Section III power West Genesee 15-2.

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team reached the Division I state finals for the second time in three years. Unfortunately for the Lady Eagles, they came up short in their title bid again when defending champion Fayetteville-Manlius pulled away for a 16-7 victory.

The Shenendehowa softball team repeated as Section II, Class AA champions and won the regional title over Cicero-North Syracuse, but the Plainswomen fell short of the finals when Long Island champion Bay Shore beat them in the semifinals.

The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake baseball team defied long odds by winning the Sectional Class A championship. The Spartans had to petition their way into the playoffs after finishing below the .500 mark in the Suburban Council, which they needed to automatically qualify. But they beat top-seeded Ichabod Crane and fifth-seeded Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk before knocking off Scotia-Glenville in the finals.

The outdoor track and field season produced several thrilling performances. Saratoga's Lindsey Ferguson continued to set national records in the girls 2,000-meter steeplechase, including her victory at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in North Carolina. Her teammate, Hannah Davidson, was never far behind, though. Davidson placed second to Ferguson at the state meet and the Nike Outdoor Nationals, setting her own national high school record time for freshmen in the process.

The Colonie girls 1,600-meter relay team of Marisa Poleto, Alicia Williams, Nanditha Badami and Stacy Gregory edged Suffern by .42 seconds to win the state title. Gregory added a second-place finish in the100-meter dash and a third-place performance in the Federation 100 to wrap up a successful high school career.

Other top track performances included Guilderland's Brian Rhodes-Devey, who set Section II records in the 3,200 and the 800, and the Bethlehem boys 3,200 relay team, which stunned the field by finishing second to national record-setter Syosset at the state meet.

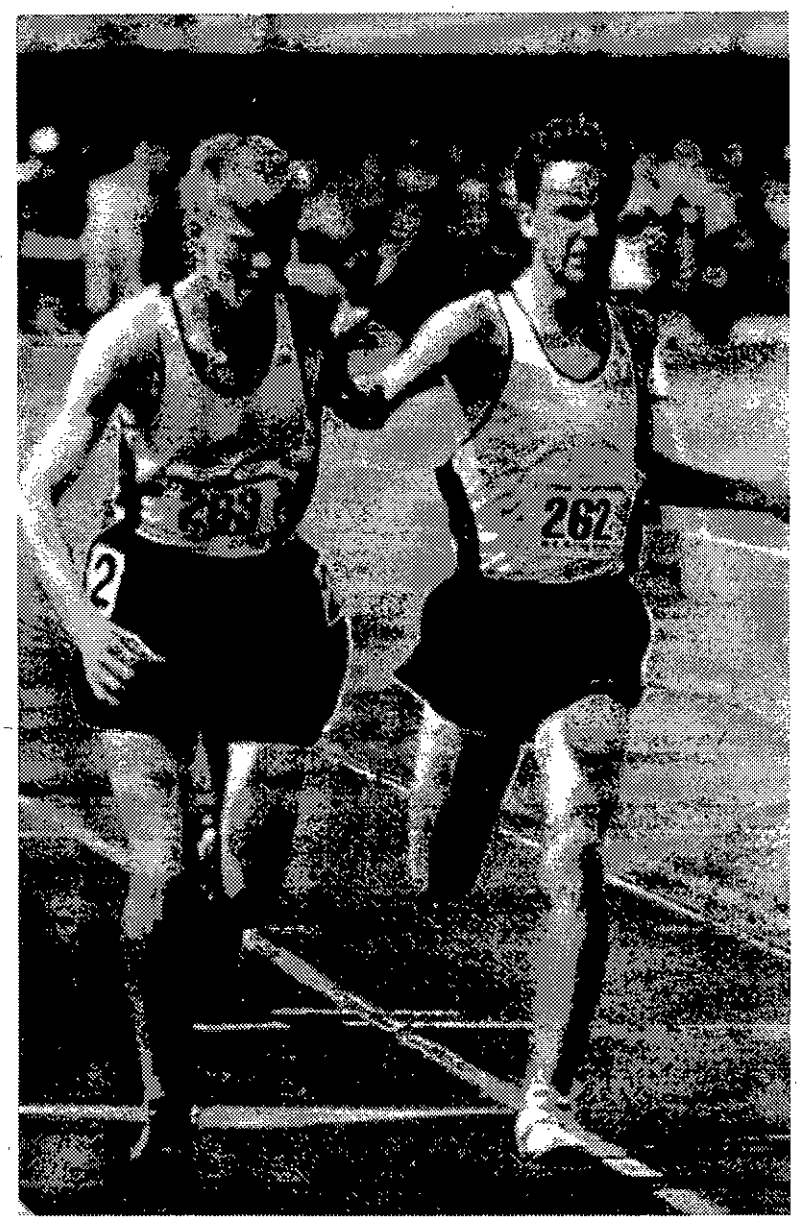
Summer

Not much happens on the high school front during the summer months. But a number of area athletes had strong performances at the Empire State Games. Among the highlights:

• Four track athletes with Albany County ties — Rhodes-Devey, Matt Shaffer (Bethlehem), Gered Burns (Guilderland) and Clare O'Connell (Guilderland) — won gold medals in Poughkeepsie. Rhodes-Devey took first place in the scholastic mens 5,000, while Shaffer won the scholastic mens 10,000. Burns (mens 800) and O'Connell (womens shot put) earned open division gold medals. Several more athletes won silver medals including Niskayuna's John Reilly (scholastic mens 400), Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Liz Montgomery (open womens 5,000) and Brittany Dexter (scholastic womens high jump) and Bethlehem's Kristin Kenney (scholastic womens 5,000).

• Adirondack region rowers excelled in sculling and canoe/kayak events. The Adirondack girls rowers swept all the available gold medals, while the canoe/kayak crew from the Hilltop Hoppers club brought home several medals.

• The Adirondack region softball, open womens soccer and scholastic mens tennis teams all won gold medals, while the baseball, scholastic womens soccer and scholastic womens hockey



Bethlehem's Adam Hill, right, hands off to Conor Murphy to start the final leg of the boys 3,200-meter relay race at the state outdoor track and field championships. The Eagles pulled off their best finish of the season by placing second to national record-holders Syosset. *Rob Jonas*

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(December 28, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Hearing
The Town of New Scotland
Planning Board
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of Town of New Scotland, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Article II, Section 190-52 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition:
A Public Hearing for Site Plan # 71
Site Plan # 71. Preliminary Planning Board discussion regarding a Site Plan review of a parcel with a listed current use as a restaurant. The site is known as the "Auberge Suisse" restaurant, lies within the "Comm" district at 4903 New Scotland Road and is identified as tax parcel # 73.-4-13. The site was recently purchased by James Jeffers and he plans to continue the current uses of the site and to renovate a former banquet room by turning the use into a bar. No records are available to substantiate that there has ever been a review of this site, by the Planning Board, for the current uses.
Said hearing will take place on January 3, 2006 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Robert Stapf
Chairman, Planning Board
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LD-12648
(December 28, 2005)

squads earned silver medals. Bronze medals went to the scholastic mens soccer, open mens volleyball, scholastic mens volleyball and scholastic womens basketball teams.

Fall

Section II continued its tradition of excellence in soccer, cross country and girls volleyball.

The Shenendehowa boys soccer team ended a 12-year state title drought by edging Section V champion McQuaid 1-0 in the class AA finals. As they had done for most of their playoff run, the Plainsmen parlayed an early goal (a Matt Pentkowski tally 12 minutes into the first half) into a victory with strong defense and solid goaltending from Ryan Gregory.

The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake girls soccer team reached the state class A finals, only to be turned away by the team it defeated for the state title two years ago, Long Island champion South Side. The Shenendehowa girls soccer team defended its Sectional championship, but the Plainswomen were upset by Cicero-North Syracuse in the class AA regionals. At the time, Shen was the No. 1 ranked team in a national high school poll.

The Saratoga girls cross country team's run as the top-ranked squad in the nation also came to an end when Hilton defeated the Streaks at the Nike Team Nationals. However, the Saratoga boys staked their claim as the best team in the United States when they won the national race in Portland, Ore.

Saratoga's victory at the Nike Team Nationals shouldn't have come as a surprise to people in New York state. The Blue Streaks defeated defending champion Fayetteville-Manlius a month earlier at the state cross country meet in Queensbury and finished second to the Hornets at the Federation meet the following weekend.

Besides the Saratoga boys, state cross country team titles were won by the Saratoga girls, the Queensbury boys, the Fonda-Fultonville boys and the Academy of the Holy Names girls squads. Rhodes-Devey added an individual victory in the boys class AA race at states by nipping Saratoga's Steve Murdock at the finish line, and then sealed the title of New York's best male cross country runner by winning the Federation meet.

Meanwhile, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake girls volleyball team cemented its standing as a statewide powerhouse by claiming its third public high school championship in four years. The Lady Spartans survived a five-set thriller against Canandaigua Academy in the finals to complete an undefeated season and set a school record for most victories in a season (29).

The Schalmont girls volleyball team also had a strong season. The Sabres tied Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk for the Colonial Council title and won the class AA Sectional title.

The high school football story of the year was in Amsterdam, where the Rugged Rams won their first state title in 10 years. Locally, both Saratoga and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had opportunities to repeat as Sectional champions, but they lost in the finals.

Try as they might, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians couldn't slow down Lansingburgh's offense in the Section II, Class B football championship game last month in Amsterdam. The Knights defeated the Indians 35-28 to end a three-game losing streak to RCS that dated back to the 2004 season. *Rob Jonas*

Sports briefs

Raiders run past Eagles

The Bethlehem boys basketball team suffered its second consecutive loss last Thursday with a 59-45 setback against Colonie in a Suburban Council Gold Division game at the Junior College of Albany.

The Garnet Raiders jumped out to a 30-17 halftime lead and never looked back in dropping the Eagles to 2-3 in the league (2-5 overall).

Kevin Stempsey scored 17 points, and Craig Orner added 15 points to lead Bethlehem. Andre Latimer's 13 points paced a balanced Colonie attack.

The Eagles returned to action Tuesday when they played Guilderland in the opening round of the Dutchmen Holiday Classic. Colonie and Troy met in the other opening round game.

Kennedy leads BC past G'ville

Sean Kennedy won two individual events and was part of a victorious relay team to help the Bethlehem boys swim team defeat Guilderland-Voorheesville 106-73 last Thursday.

Kennedy won the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 23.39 seconds and took first place in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.02. He also teamed up with Tim DeGroff, Nate Foley and Bruce Wemple to win the 200 freestyle relay.

Larry Gloeckler won the 200 and 500 freestyles for the Eagles. DeGroff took first place in the 100 freestyle, Paul Cafiero won the 200 individual medley and Drew Acquaviva added a victory in the 100 backstroke.

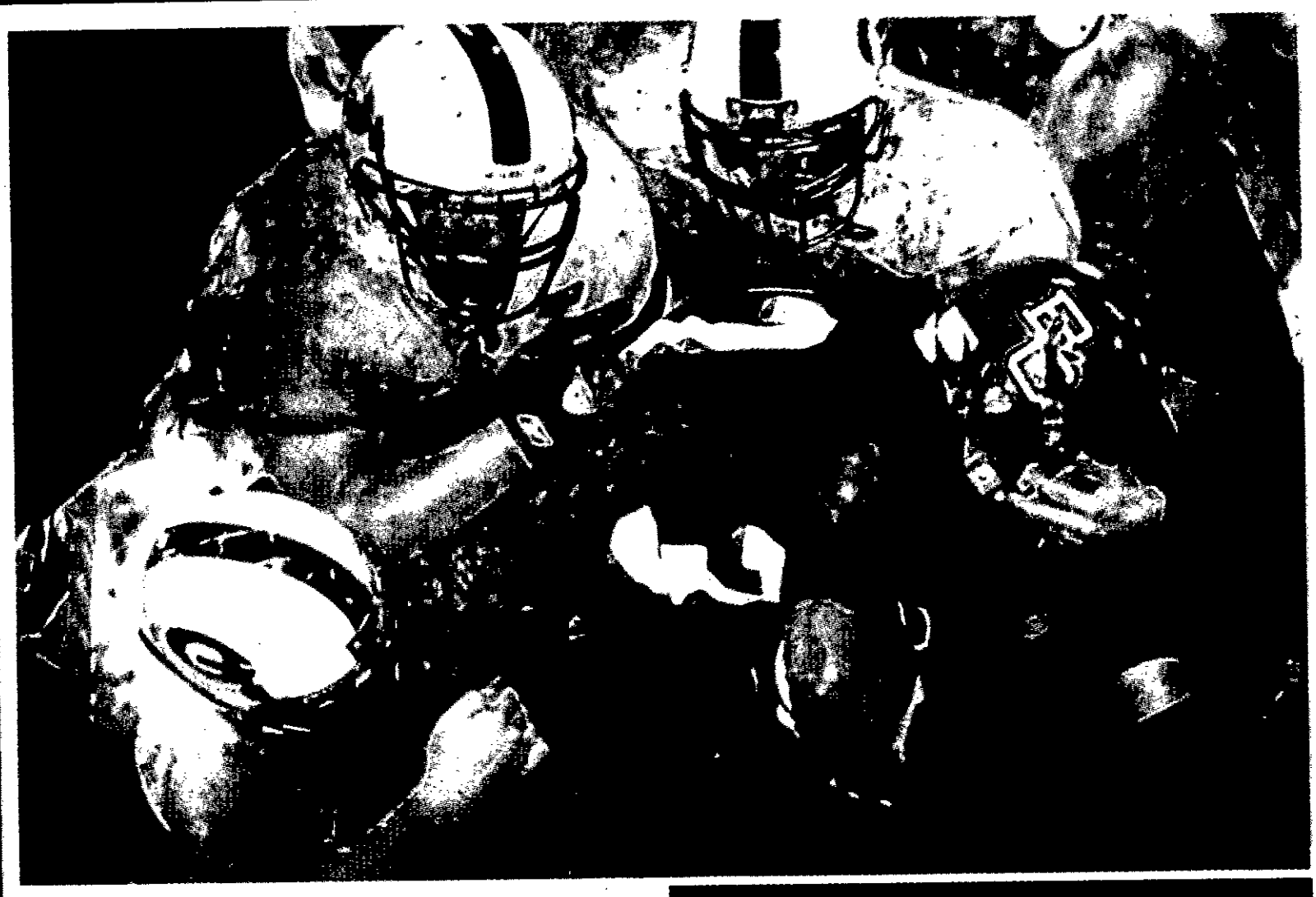
Sean Molloy (diving) and Colin Masterson (100 breaststroke) had individual victories for Guilderville.

Indians advance to tourney finals

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team opened its annual Gold Medal Tournament with an impressive 80-47 victory over Galway last Thursday.

The Indians outscored the Eagles 29-11 in the second quarter to break the game open.

Corwin Hendy had 15 points, Ron Vincent contributed 14 points and Jared Fortier added 12 points for RCS.



The year in sports

BC girls lacrosse, V'ville boys hoops reach state playoffs

By ROB JONAS

It was another eventful high school sports year in 2005.

From a national championship boys cross country team to several impressive individual performances, there was plenty to keep area fans riveted.

Here's a condensed season-by-season look at the past 12 months:

Winter

Boys high school basketball was taken to another level in 2005 with the Schenectady-Christian Brothers Academy rivalry. Fan interest in the two teams became so big that two of the three meetings between the Big 10 powers were held at Albany's Pepsi Arena, including the Section II, Class AA championship game. Ultimately, CBA gained the upper hand by beating Schenectady 57-44 in the Feb. 28 title game in front of 7,069 fans.

Other area basketball teams claimed Sectional titles. Both the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake boys and girls squads won class A crowns, while the Colonie girls earned their first class AA title in three years by beating Guilderland 44-36. The Voorheesville boys ended a longer title drought by defeating Schuylerville 41-39 for the class B championship.

Only two area teams got beyond the regional round of the state playoffs — the Voorheesville boys and the Burnt Hills girls. Voorheesville made it as far as the state semifinals before losing an overtime thriller to Section V champion Palmyra-Macedon, while the Burnt Hills girls got to the state finals before falling to another Section V power, Honeoye Falls-Lima.

Section II hosted more than the state basketball tournaments this year. It also played host to the New York State Wrestling Championships and the state bowling tournament the first weekend of March.

Section II athletes did their best to impress the hometown fans at both events. Four area wrestlers, including Shen's Austin Meys and LaSalle's Paul Florio (a Rotterdam Junction native), won titles at the state tournament, which made its area debut at the Pepsi Arena.

At the state bowling tournament, the Colonie girls set a record in winning the team title, while the Section II boys and girls squads claimed state titles at Latham's Bowlers Club.

The Niskayuna boys swim team also won a state championship of sorts. With strong individual performances from Rob Manor, Spencer Booth and David Rudolf, the Silver Warriors accumulated 188 points at the state swim meet on Long Island, 15 more than Penfield of Section V. There was no plaque for Niskayuna's accomplishment, but it could leave the state meet with the knowledge that no other team did as well as it did.

In hockey, Shenendehowa defended its Section II, Division I title by beating Shaker/Colonie in the finals. Both teams advanced to the state playoffs, with Shen reaching the semifinal round before losing to McQuaid of Rochester.

Finally, Shen's Dan McManamon passed Liverpool's Ben White on the final lap to win the boys one-mile race at the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships in New York City. Fellow Plainsman Ryan Gregory added a third-place finish in the pole vault.

Spring

No area teams won state titles, but one came historically close.

The Niskayuna boys lacrosse team became the first Section II squad to reach the state finals. After disposing of Guilderland in the Sectional finals and Yorktown

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Above: The Bethlehem girls basketball team got its 2005-06 season off to a good start when it edged last year's Section II, Class AA runners-up, Guilderland, 53-52 in triple overtime at last month's tip-off tournament at the Washington Avenue Armory. Top: Bethlehem running back Brian Nicholson requires three Guilderland defenders to tackle him during a regular-season game. The Eagles made the playoffs for the second consecutive year.

Above photo: Rob Jonas
Top photo: Jim Franco