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## SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS

National 4-H Week was celebrated October 2-8, and the festivities began early this year in Somerset County.

The Just Kidding 4-H goat club was presented with national awards in the Junior American Citizens contest at the Somerset County 4-H Association meeting on September 21. The club placed first in the nation with their community service project. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the awards at the Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County in Bridgewater.

"We are very proud of these young people and all that they managed to accomplish even with the pandemic," said New Jersey DAR 4-H Liaison Holly Jean Dunbar. The club collected 192 books that were donated to members of the military, at home and abroad, via Operation Paperback.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR sponsored the 4-H club in the contest. Chapter members presented the 4-H'ers with their awards that included ribbons, certificates and a medal that represented the four judging levels of the competition, local, state, division and national. As a special treat, DAR member and 4-H alumna Dorothea Borkowski presented each child with home-baked goat-shaped cookies. DAR members



(above) Representatives of the Just Kidding goat club and Leader Beth Kavanaugh display their national awards.

assisting in the awards presentation were Vice Regent Marti Kalko, a 4-H volunteer, and Librarian Susan Dobrinsky, a 4-H alumna, both of Green Brook, along with Chaplain Karen Miller and Historian Lynda Pasko from Dunellen.

4-H club leaders Beth Kavanaugh and Nicole Perry had expressed their gratitude for the help provided by Marion McGlyn of Operation Paperback. Every 4-H club is asked to complete an annual service project. Studies have shown that as adults, 4-H alumni are twice as likely to be civically engaged and four times more likely to participate in community service.

Along with congratulating the 4-H club, Dunbar, who is a 4-H alumna and volunteer, also thanked the members of the 4-H Association and 4-H Agent Lisa Rothenburger and staff. "This is the fifth Somerset County 4-H club that has received a national DAR award for service since 1993," said Dunbar. "This is just a phenomenal record. And it proves that you must be doing something right."

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can trace their descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. For more than a century, the DAR has promoted historical preservation, education, and patriotic endeavor. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, based in Green Brook, sponsors local students in a variety of annual DAR contests. Membership inquiries are welcome. Contact [ESCREgent@yahoo.com](mailto:ESCREgent@yahoo.com) or learn more at [DAR.org](http://DAR.org).

The 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills that they need to succeed in life. Kids and teens complete hands-on projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture and civic engagement. 4-H programs are open to young people in grades K to 13 (one year out of high school). To learn more about Somerset County 4-H, visit [4HisTops.org](http://4HisTops.org).



(above) Members of the DAR presented Junior American Citizen awards to the Just Kidding 4-H club at the 4-H Center.

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## SCLSNJ AWARDED DISABILITY ADVOCATES AWARD

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The Disability Advocates Awards acknowledge individuals, organizations, and/or businesses that go above and beyond to ensure that people with disabilities in Somerset County are fully included in the life of the community.

"The Somerset County Library System has done a fantastic job ensuring all Somerset County residents are fully able to access books, digital materials, and programming of its libraries," said Commissioner Sara Sooy. "Our latest addition was the 2022 Disability Job Fair. This program helps ensure that everyone in Somerset County

has job opportunities right in their backyard. "

"The return of SCLSNJ's Job and Volunteer Fair for Persons with Disabilities, after a two-year hiatus, was a remarkable success on April 7, 2022," said Christopher Korenowsky, director of public service. "Many attendees and participating organizations expressed gratitude for the opportunities the fair provided and shared an interest in returning when SCLSNJ holds the event in 2023. It was my pleasure to nominate all members of the SCLSNJ Disabilities Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the 2022 Disabilities Job Fair was a success."

To learn more about the Library System, call 908-458-8400. To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.



(above, l-r) Pictured are SCLSNJ staffers Jungwon DeVone, Naomi Furrier Boudodimos, and Nanette Peterson; alongside County Commissioner Sara Sooy.

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## SCOUTS GIVE TO THE NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

On October 25, Green Brook Pack 129 Webelos Den concluded their coat collection and dropped off bags of coats collected over 2 weeks from the community to be donated to the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN). Most donations came from families of students at IEF elementary school in Green Brook and from other Scout families. The Scouts went to Union to drop off the coats and get a glimpse of the operation they were helping.

Mike Boll, President of NJVN, did a good job of explaining the reason for collecting items like this and gave them a brief tour of the NJVN collection. He explained that they collect items like dress suits and nice attire to help veterans feel good and be more presentable when applying for jobs or going to their jobs. In addition, they collect mobility devices like various types of walkers, women's clothing (because many do not realize the ever-growing amount of female veterans with needs), and coats to help homeless and in-need veterans keep themselves and their families warm.

The Pack leaders are very proud of the boys for taking on such an endeavor to help those who sacrificed so much for our freedom and security.



(above) The Scouts visited with Michael Boll of New Jersey Veterans Network to give their coat donations and learn more about the organization.


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## “OUR CITY” PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOW

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The show is hosted by Elizabeth Mayor Christopher Bollwage. During a lengthy conversation, Bollwage and Ford discussed the significance of National Disability Employment Month, which falls each year in October. Ford emphasized the importance for individuals with disabilities to be able to find gainful employment.

According to Ford, “We need employers to be more diverse and inclusive. That’s always going to be the issue, there are plenty of us around who are doing the service work, but we really need the partnership with employers.” As the interview continued, Ford outlined the numerous benefits both the employer and the employee with a disability gain from each other.

With over 35 years of experience, Ford has made a tremendous impact on the lives of employees and participants in the Inroads to Opportunities program. Demonstrating selflessness and compassion, Ford has dedicated her life to support individuals with disabilities.

Within the last year, Ford has been recognized as a ‘2022 NJBIZ ICON’ by NJBIZ, given the Shero Award by the Union County Board of Commissioners, as well as received the ‘Inventive Leader in Adult Services, Courage and Compassion Award’ presented by the NJ Association of Mental Health & Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA).

To listen to the interview visit:  
[youtu.be/bsuQUgDpX9E](https://youtu.be/bsuQUgDpX9E)



(above) Long-time Green Brook resident Michele Ford was a recent guest on ‘Our City’ – an Elizabeth, NJ based television show hosted by the Mayor.

### ABOUT MICHELE FORD:

For over 35 years, Michele has dedicated her life to serving the needs of individuals with disabilities. A life-long advocate, Michele has been a champion for this most vulnerable population by serving on the Union County Nonprofit Consortium, Union County Crisis Consortium and most recently addressing members of the US Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness of choice in defense of employment options for individuals with disabilities.

### ABOUT INROADS TO OPPORTUNITIES:

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# INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

The NJ Photography Forum opened its 28th Annual Photography Exhibit on November 1, 2022. Seventy-five works by 44 artists were chosen for this year's show from hundreds of entries that came from across the U.S and around the globe. The show will remain available online until January 15, 2023. The in-person exhibit will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center in Watchung, NJ from November 2 through December 10, 2022.

The link to access the exhibit can be found on [njphotoforum.com](http://njphotoforum.com).

Nancy Ori, Director of the Photography Forum and the Curator of the exhibit was very enthusiastic about the response to the call for submissions and says, "the emotional impact of the pieces range from mysterious and thought-provoking, to stunning black and whites and digitally enhanced pieces, to traditional and beautiful color works. The variety of creative ideas and processing techniques has produced an interesting show with many more pieces which we can accommodate because of the format of the show."

The public is invited to attend an online conference via Zoom moderated by the Curator to review the exhibit and hear from some of the artists on November 12, 2022, from 3-5 p.m. eastern time. Contact Nancy Ori to get the link.

At the same time as the Our Best exhibit is in

the Main Gallery of the Watchung Art Center, the New Jersey Photography Forum will also be showing The Best One, works by the members of the Forum's Exhibit Committee in the more intimate downstairs gallery. Both exhibits can be viewed during regular gallery hours. Visit the Watchung Arts Center website at [watchungarts.org](http://watchungarts.org) for visitation requirements and times. Entrance is free at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung, NJ on the circle.

All of the images will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Watchung Arts Center.

## ABOUT THE NJ PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM

Three years ago, The New Jersey Photography Forum celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding. The group is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious photographers living or working in the Metro area. Under the direction of Nancy Ori, the NJPF has grown to be the largest and most recognized group of fine art exhibiting photographers in the state.

The monthly meetings are currently held virtually using Zoom and will return to their regular in-person sessions at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit when possible. Meeting attendees are encouraged to share expertise and advance their skills. At each meeting, members and guest photographers have

an opportunity to share their work as well as have access to a wide variety of current creative and technical information through informal presentations and demonstrations. Exhibition possibilities within the fine art community are constantly being explored with the group producing as many as a dozen group exhibits each year at various venues. These opportunities have become an invaluable resource for Metro area photographers interested in becoming fine art exhibitors.

The Watchung Arts Center offers new art exhibitions each month, performances of music, comedy, improv and classes for children and adults in art, photography, dance, yoga, and more. Visit their website at [watchungarts.org](http://watchungarts.org).

You can learn more about the New Jersey Photography Forum by visiting their website at [njphotoforum.com](http://njphotoforum.com) or by contacting Nancy Ori at [nancyori@comcast.net](mailto:nancyori@comcast.net).

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## WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Warrenbrook Senior Center located at 500 Warrentown Road is one of the six county operated Senior Center. Somerset County residents who are 60 years and older are welcome to participate in any of the programs at Warrenbrook Senior Center. They also provide a choice of 4 different meal choices during lunch that seniors can take advantage of during the weekdays. All the programs are FREE for the registered members. Please (908) 753-9440 for more information on how to become member of the Warrenbrook Senior Community.

### **Brain Games & Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard**

**December 2 & 16, 11 a.m.**

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

### **Fun, Fit, and Fabulous: Stretch and Strength with Brandywine Living**

**December 5, 11 a.m.**

Brandywine Living and Powerback Rehabilitation present Fun, Fit, and Fabulous: Stretch and Strength. Join us for this interactive program taught by a licensed physical therapist to improve flexibility and mobility. A great way to age without injury is to stretch and strengthen muscles, so lace up those sneakers and let's get moving.

### **Healthy Eating During the Holidays by Jennifer Korneski, Program Coordinator, Rutgers Cooperative Extension**

**December 7, 11 a.m.**

Join the discussion around healthy eating during the holidays. It's actually possible. Jennifer will share some great tips on how to watch your waistline during these festive times

### **Santa Claus Craft with Debbie Perez, Local Artist. Join us and learn how to turn trash into a treasure**

**December 9, 11 a.m.**

Using a used-up light bulb, some paint, felt, and the magic touch you will create an heirloom you will want to keep forever. All supplies will be provided. Please call (908) 753-9440 for more information.

### **Heads Up Seniors by Anna Busler, Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey**

**December 12, 11 a.m.**

The purpose of this workshop is to increase independence and decrease falls, along with discussing driving and pedestrian safety tips.

This is an interactive workshop that is designated to educate seniors on ways to be safe at home and in the community.

### **Warrenbrook Holiday Celebration with Entertainment by Clifford Seay**

**December 19, 11 a.m.**

Join us for our Annual Holiday Party featuring Clifford Seay. Clifford will be playing your favorite festive songs. Come sing along and join the holiday celebration.

## DAR DAY OF SERVICE BENEFITS VETS AND PETS

Members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) observed the annual DAR Day of Service with projects for hospitalized veterans and for homeless pets.

For decades, the chapter has collected donations of clothing, books, games and other items to be distributed as holiday gifts for the hospitalized veterans at Lyons V.A. Medical Center. In addition, the chapter continued a more recent tradition of collecting pet food, cleaning supplies and gift cards for the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter in Plainfield.

"Providing gifts for veterans sends the message that we thank them for their service and that they are not forgotten," said Chapter Regent Ashley Salsano. "A few years ago, we began another tradition by supporting the local animal shelter. Many of our members are pet owners and

wanted to help."

There is still time for the public to send well wishes to the veterans at Lyons. The DAR will host a table at the Somerset County 4-H Holiday Craft Festival on December 10-11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road in Bridgewater. The chapter will have holiday cards available to the public, free of charge, to write a short note for a veteran; children may draw a picture. The chapter will deliver these items to Lyons. Admission to the festival is free.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can trace their descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, based in Green Brook, serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome. Contact ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com or visit DAR.org.



(above) DAR chapter officers Marti Kalko and Susan Dobrinsky deliver donations of pet supplies to the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter.



(above) Attendees sign cards for veterans at the 2021 4-H Holiday Craft Festival.

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## A BEAUTIFUL BEACON OF LIGHT, HOPE AND PEACE

### Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department

Green Brook Fire Chief Geno Panella confirmed that the annual raising and lighting of the Christmas Star on the Watchung Mountain on Rock Road West will take place on Friday, December 2nd. The Star is typically lit for about a month. Chief Panella said that neighboring Fire Departments have previously helped with the raising of the Star. He also added, "Township DPW worker Al Sprague also assists us with mounting the winch we now use to raise the Star."

The Volunteer Fire Department of Green Brook has continued this tradition since 1948. The original 20-foot-high Star was constructed in 1947 and made of old wooden boards, planks and other salvaged pieces. It was hauled up the mountain by a tractor and attached to a tree. The power to light it was generously provided by a power line from a nearby house. Sometime later, PSE&G installed a pole and meter and the Star has been on that pole at the back of Fire House #2 ever since, shining brightly for viewers to see for miles.

In 1959, a new 20-by-20 foot stainless steel aluminum star was built by the volunteer firemen in the basement of Joseph Van Dzura. It consisted of seven separate sections that were joined together outside Mr. Dzura's residence. The star held 150 100-watt bulbs. The firemen hoped to have the Star reflect the spiritual meaning of the Christmas season, remembering that the special Star from almost 2,000 years ago marked the way for the Wise Men from the East to find Jesus, the

Christ Child.

Interestingly, in 1973, the 500-pound Star was not displayed due to the energy crisis. It would have cost too much to display. It was lit in 1974, but with dimmer light bulbs.

The 50th anniversary of the 1959 star was celebrated on December 5, 2009. Bill Coughlin, President and Firefighter/EMT of Green Brook Fire/EMS mentioned that sheet metal and electric renovations were begun in 2002 and finished in 2009. "We purchase new light bulbs every year. I just picked up 138 bulbs from Home Depot and got a surprised look from the guy in that department!"

Renovations have been made over the years, to reflect the changes in technology. By 2018, the Christmas Star was lit by 130 energy-efficient LED light bulbs.

The long-standing tradition will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year. It has served as a beautiful beacon of light, hope and peace for many years. Take time to gaze up and enjoy it during this special, festive season!

Thanks to the Courier-News for the information gathered from their articles written since 1951.

Many thanks to our volunteer firefighters for their sacrifice and dedication to our community.



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The increase in support services to veterans

and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic is possible thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

To make a referral, please call the referral hotline at 1-855-483-8466 or email [SSVF@communityhope-nj.org](mailto:SSVF@communityhope-nj.org), or email Gema Diaz at [gldiaz@communityhope-nj.org](mailto:gldiaz@communityhope-nj.org).

Community Hope is a nonprofit that helps individuals, including veterans, and their families, overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty.

Learn more at [communityhope-nj.org](http://communityhope-nj.org).

# TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR 24TH ANNUAL PIPES OF CHRISTMAS

The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its 24th joyous season with performances in New Jersey and New York this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 17 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for two performances at 2 and 7PM. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 18 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ also with performances at 2 and 7PM.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as, "Highland Cathedral," "Joy to the World", and "Amazing Grace", all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass and more. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

According to producer Robert Currie, "We are absolutely delighted to be bringing our concert back to full force after two devastating years weathering the Covid pandemic. Supporting our GoFundMe campaign will continue to make these concerts possible."

The 2022 production marks the NYC solo debut of soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. In addition to Ms. Lyons, featured performers include James Robinson from the film "Braveheart," New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, champion harpist Rachel Clemente, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA among many more.

## PROCEEDS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE

Proceeds from the concert support an extensive music scholarship program, which include annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow, Scotland) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and the Carol Hassert Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship at Summit (NJ) High School.

Proceeds also support the annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island celebration and the Society's sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at Scotland's Royal National Mod, and an academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Each year, concert highlights are webcast in hi-definition over the Christmas holiday to a global audience in cooperation with HomeTowne Television. In addition to winning multiple Telly Awards for broadcast production excellence, the 2020 virtual concert was a finalist for the coveted MG Alba Trad Music Award presented annually in Scotland.

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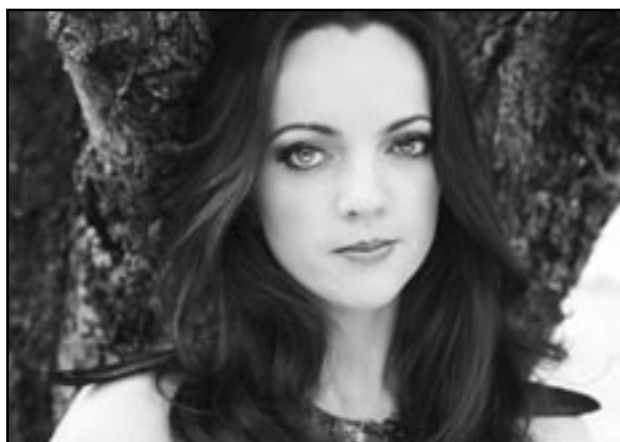
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## ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth. The Westfield Leader described the concert as "a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."



(above) Soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland, will make her NYC solo debut at the 2022 Pipes of Christmas concerts in NY and NJ.



(above) Pipers from the Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band are returning to the East Coast this December to join the company of the 24th annual "Pipes of Christmas" concerts.



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## **Creating Christmas - How a Centuries Old European Celebration Became Something Uniquely American**

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## **Afterlives - Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art Presented by The Jewish Museum**

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### **Where's My Stuff?**

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### **Life in the Last Frontier - Alaska**

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### **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune -**

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he game was a close game until the end, with the Jr. Warriors playing a tight defensive game in front of goalie Nicky Alvin. Warriors defensemen Mike Wilson & Jack Fidacaro played stingy defense throughout the contest to hold the Beacon Hill club to no goals and a 0-0 tie after one period. In the second period, the Warriors had several good opportunities led by Peter Dasilva and Jess Dai, only to be turned away by the Beacon Hill club. Daniel Gallant and Sawyer Flynn led several good rushes of the puck while on defense, which gave the Warriors excellent scoring chances. Beacon Hill was able to capitalize on 2 quick goals in the 2nd period, followed by a Warriors goal by Jack Fidacaro off a feed from Jess Dai and Brendan Dowd, which ended the second period with Beacon Hill leading 2-1.

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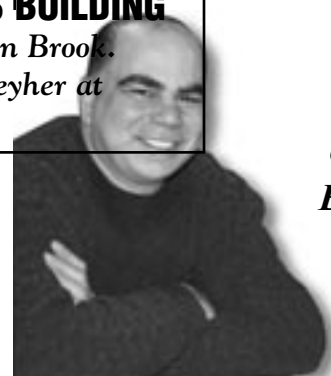
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