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Corrections

An article on Dec. 18 about the confirmation of State Senator James J. Lack as a Court of Claims judge in Suffolk County misstated the name of an organization whose coordinator was prevented from testifying at the hearing. It is the Center for Judicial Accountability, not the Center for Judicial Responsibility.

A headline in the Company News column of Business Day on Wednesday about plans by FAO Inc., the toy retailer, to close underperforming stores misstated the number of Zany Brainy outlets affected. It is 55 (70 is the total to be closed).

The "Most Wanted" chart in Business Day yesterday included erroneous figures from Mediaweek for the advertising pages and the percentage change in December for a magazine in the women's service category. Better Homes and Gardens had 152.3 pages, not 122.6. That was a 15.5 percent increase from those in the month a year earlier, not a 7 percent decline.

An article in World Business on Dec. 10 about fading suitor interest in the drug business of Bayer included two products erroneously among those made by the unit. Alka-Seltzer and One-A-Day vitamins are part of the consumer care division. The story also referred incorrectly to the mix of Bayer's other products. While its CropScience division makes pesticides and agricultural chemicals, it does not make fertilizer.

The article also misstated the proportion of employee representatives on the supervisory board. It is 10 out of 20 members, not 9 of 21.

An obituary on Saturday about the film director George Roy Hill misstated the surname of a barnstorming pilot he admired as a young man. The pilot was Speed Holman, not Homan.

A front-page article on Dec. 20 summarizing experts' views on smallpox vaccination plans omitted part of a recommendation by Dr. Thomas Mack, a professor of preventive medicine at the University of Southern California. He says that people exposed to infectious smallpox patients should be vaccinated for their own protection, monitored for symptoms and isolated if they are found to be infectious themselves. He does not say vaccinations alone would be enough to control an outbreak.

The Times welcomes comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be e-mailed to nytnews@nytimes.com or left at this toll-free number: 1-888-NYT-NEWS (1-888-698-6397). For comments on an editorial: letters@nytimes.com (by fax, 212-556-3622). For newspaper delivery questions: 1-800-NYTIMES (1-800-698-4637).