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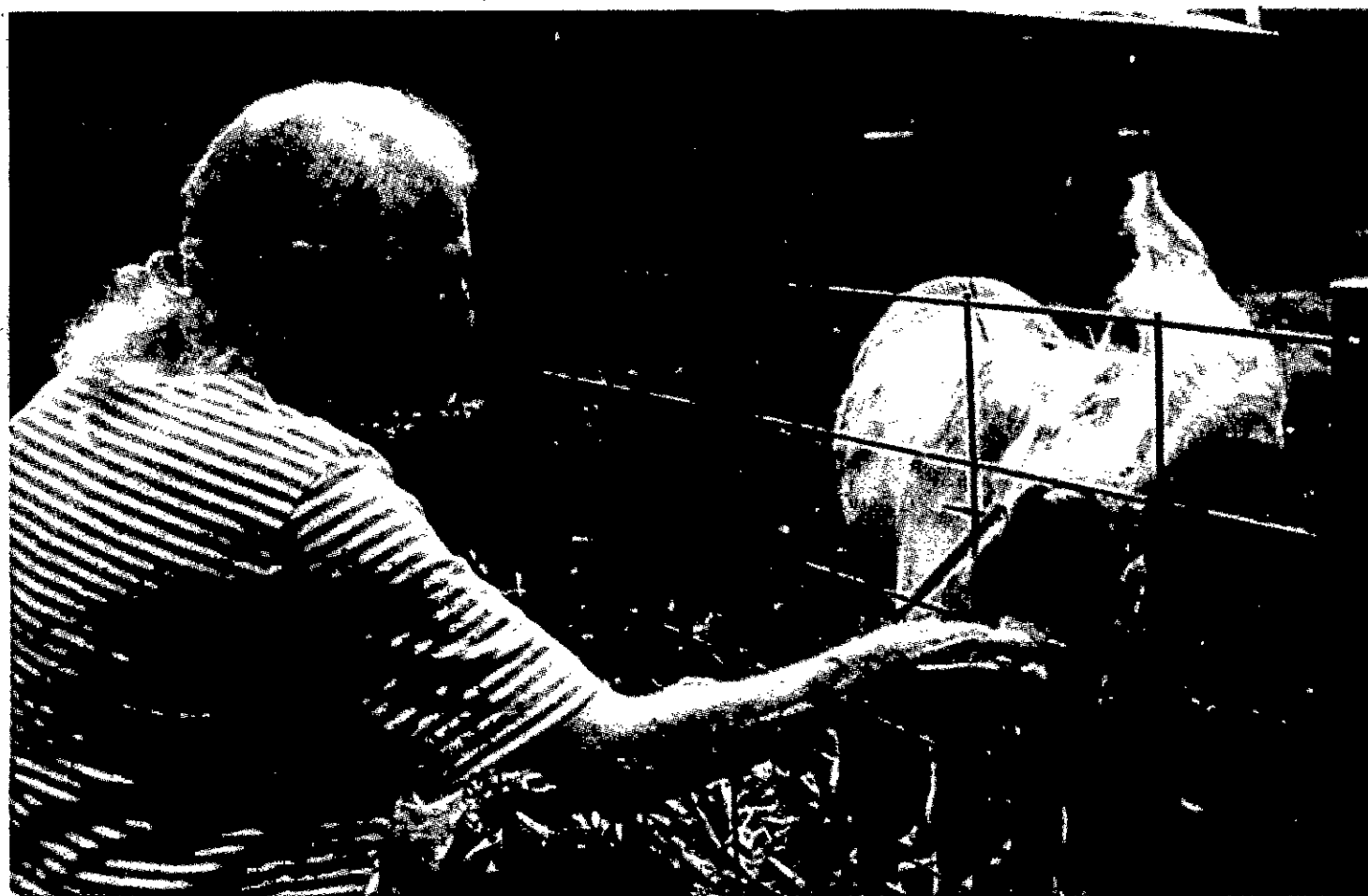
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Jim Franco

Residents give EPA an earful

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Residents who work, live and play near the Hudson River are concerned that they won't be able to continue to do so safely if the Environmental Protection Agency turns a 94-acre lot into a dewatering site for the \$500 million Hudson River dredging project.

About 45 residents turned out for a second informational session Thursday night, nearly doubling the first session's turnout, though many said by a show of hands that they had attended the first session.

The goal of the Superfund project, the largest of its kind, is to remove 30 years' worth, or 1.5 million pounds and 2.65 million cubic yards, of PCB-contaminated soil from the Hudson River bottom for at least six years, beginning in 2006. The project, which will be shut down during the winter months, will eventually make the fish population in the upper and mid-lower Hudson edible.

"The burial of sediment is not happening," EPA Director David King said. "The Hudson is a dynamic river, moving sediment and exposing PCBs."

Steve Wiley lives about a mile from the proposed Bethlehem site.

"My family uses the Hudson River on a weekly basis for swimming, water skiing and boating," Wiley said. "The standards should be the same as they are now because it's fine now for use."

Glenmont resident and Port Welding Service President Cathy Barber said

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V'ville ranking would boost AP weight

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Students who take challenging courses and do well in them may receive a special ranking, if the Voorheesville school board passes a measure it considered at its meeting last week. Board members discussed a wide range of ideas to reward performance that would also encourage students to take challenging courses.

One proposal calls for dual rankings, in which students enrolled in Advanced Placement or university-in-high-school courses would have an honors rank in addition to a regular rank based on his or her grade point average.

To be eligible for an honors ranking, students would need to enroll in and pass eight or more Advanced Placement or university-in-high-school courses. High school students independently enrolled in courses at local colleges would also be

eligible.

Linda Pasquali of the high school's site-based management team explained that the school would send colleges the higher of the two rankings. By adopting the plan, the site-based team hopes to encourage more participation in honors courses.

At an April meeting, concerns had come up that some students avoided these classes because they feared that taking the more challenging courses could lower their academic class standing.

"All this is for is to notify colleges about class ranking," said High School Principal

Mark Diefendorf.

For some parents, the proposal came as good news.

"This is something that would work for all students," said Rosemary Wargo, a mother of two students at Clayton A. Bouton High School. "It will stimulate and challenge them which, after all, is the point of education. It's a good compromise."

Pasquali further outlined a plan requiring future valedictorians, salutatorians and honor graduates to be part of the honors group. While the dual ranking could begin this year, any

changes regarding commencement honors have to wait until the 2007 or 2008 school year.

Since Advanced Placement courses are available to students as early as sophomore year, Diefendorf recommended that incoming freshmen be advised of the new policy in order to plan their academic agenda.

"In the upcoming senior class, the top 41 students have grades of 90 percent or higher," he said. "Of them, 35 have taken the eight higher-level classes. Some of them would not be able to accomplish the eight-class minimum by graduation."

Diefendorf added that Voorheesville's high school offers 22 Advanced Placement courses.

Another proposal calls for awarding honors not only to the top 10 percent of the class, but also to any student with a 95 percent grade point average or higher.

"In the future, we want to honor the most deserving students by taking either the top 10 percent or everyone with grade point averages greater than 95 percent, whatever number is higher," Diefendorf said.

In addition to giving fair recognition for academic achievement, the site-based team also recommended eliminating the perfect attendance award by changing it to the outstanding attendance award. By doing this, the judging criteria consider those with outstanding attendance who, because of other school activities, may have been absent from class.

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Rosemary Wargo

Developer urges board to revise guidelines

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The representative of a developer with a pending subdivision project urged the Bethlehem town board to revise what he insinuated was a self-defeating waiver clause in its moratorium guidelines.

Supervisor Theresa Egan said the board would need time to consider whether the variance standard was too stringent, so as to preclude the board from granting a waiver, even if it so chose.

Still, Egan said, "I feel it's a standard that can be fairly administered across the board."

Peter Lynch, attorney for Steve

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Developer

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Clark, the developer of Hamden Woods, a 32-lot subdivision on a 60-plus acre site on Elm Avenue, called the variance standard "practically incorrect."

"There may come a time when you do want to grant a waiver," Lynch said, "and you won't be in a position to do so."

Lynch also played up the fact that the subdivision has been in the works for five years, and that the developer has worked with the town's boards for a while.

Egan said that considering those kinds of factors in granting variances could pose a problem.

The board pressed Lynch to offer circumstances that make his case unique from any case other developers could make.

Town Attorney Jim Potter deflated Lynch's argument that the state Department of

Environmental Conservation's consideration of instituting a one-acre threshold for freshwater wetland mitigation and a 100-foot buffer zone could significantly alter the Hamden Woods project.

"It's over a 32-lot project, but it may become far less (if these regulations are adopted)," Lynch said, admitting that the pending restrictions are a "bogeyman."

"I don't know how economically viable it would be to build, what we've been promising for some time, a 750-foot stretch of road," Lynch said, referring to a possible connector road to ease traffic infrastructure, a benefit the town could derive from the project.

Potter said the delineation of wetlands by the Army Corps of Engineers has an expiration date that can be extended through an application.

"If he wouldn't get that extension, that would be a very compelling situation, but he

hasn't submitted that information yet," Potter said.

The moratorium, enacted in March, is in place to halt residential construction for a one-year period while the town redrafts outdated zoning codes and develops a comprehensive, town-wide, land-use plan.

If developers can prove they

face an unnecessary hardship as a result of the moratorium guidelines, the board can grant a waiver for that project to continue in spite of the moratorium.

Representatives of another project seeking a waiver, Van Dyke Spinney, are apparently comfortable with their situation, Egan said.

"They have not formally withdrawn their application," Egan said, "but they are not requesting the town pass it through, either."

Van Dyke Spinney is a proposed senior residence district of 222 townhouses on Van Dyke Road.

If the board granted a waiver on a project, a public hearing would be required, Potter said.

Police arrest woman for stolen credit card

After having her picture posted on several local news channels regarding a rape investigation, a woman turned herself into Albany police detectives, at which point she was arrested by the Bethlehem police, with help from Albany police.

Annette McCune, 37, of 573 First St. in Troy, is accused of possessing and using stolen credit cards at the Slingerlands Price Chopper on Monday, July 12. The credit cards belong to an alleged rape victim.

McCune, who was arrested July 15, was taped on a security camera in the store; the segment was shown on different local news broadcasts. Family members informed McCune that her picture was being circulated.

McCune faces charges of criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree and criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, both class E felonies.

McCune was arraigned before Bethlehem Town Judge Paul

Dwyer and sent to Albany County jail without bail.

The investigation continues and additional charges are pending, police said.

In an unrelated case, Stephen Wieland pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a sexual rendezvous he organized over the Internet with a minor.

Wieland, 28, of 9 Weiser St. in Glenmont, plead guilty to two counts of disseminating indecent material to a minor, a D felony, which carries a term of two-and-a-half to five years in state prison to run consecutively. Wieland will be sentenced Sept. 9 in county court.

The guilty plea is "in satisfaction of all charges," police said. Wieland was arrested June 1 on four felony counts of disseminating indecent material to a minor; two misdemeanor counts of failure to register as a sex offender; one count of forcible touching; and one count of endangering the welfare of a minor.

Wieland had also provided nude pictures to the minor and taken suggestive pictures of the minor on another occasion.

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BC students do well on Regents exams

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Bethlehem students performed very well on this year's Regents tests, according to John McGuire, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. McGuire shared the data he collected with the board at its July 7 meeting.

"The results are consistent with last year's, and that is very good," McGuire said. "Tests are a moving target. We never know for sure what is going to be covered on them. We know they will be on the standards, but you never now exactly what it will be. You have to cover the whole (curriculum) landscape."

While the state frequently published testing results by cohort (the number of students who entered grade nine at the same time and could take a given test), McGuire's data was on the actual number of students who took the test.

"In biology, 100 percent of students who took the Regents last year and this year passed," he said. "I like that statistic."

The passing grade at BC is 65 percent.

McGuire credited both professional development and tailoring classes to meet the needs of students for the success.

"We are doing a lot of professional development, and we are working hard," he said. "It is about more than just the tests. We are trying to give students the kind of quality education we'd like them to have and the test results will follow."

Town parks offer free summer events

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The town of Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department has announced a number of free events this summer at Elm Avenue and Henry Hudson parks.

This marks the first year of official events at Henry Hudson Park.

"We have a new gazebo down there we're trying to utilize," said Parks and Recreation Administrator Nan Lanahan. "We're just trying to utilize that area more for special events; it's a beautiful piece of land."

At Elm Avenue Park on Friday, July 23, a drive-in movie takes on a different meaning.

Residents are invited to the annual "Dive-in" to take a late-

"We have a number of classes that go multiple semesters or years to help students pass," McGuire said. "This year, 100 percent of them passed the Math A test, so it shows this approach is working."

There is a big emphasis on English, as well, McGuire said. While the grades on the English Regents look good "in isolation," he said compared to other high performing districts, BC "wasn't where we wanted to be, so we increased the rigor in English."

Last year's physics test, which many educators said was flawed and caused students to do worse than in past years, came into sharp focus when compared with this year's results.

Last year, 84.6 percent of BC students passed, and 31 percent passed at the mastery level (85 percent or above). This year, 94.7 percent of BC physics students passed and 47.7 percent did so at the mastery level.

The complete test results for this year are:

Math A, 95 percent passing, 65 percent at mastery; math B, 90 percent passing, 50 percent at mastery; earth science, 90 percent passing, 55 percent at mastery; biology, 100 percent passing, 55 percent at mastery; chemistry, 92 percent passing, 37 percent at mastery; physics, 95 percent passing, 48 percent at mastery; U.S. history, 97 percent passing, 79 percent at mastery; global history, 97 percent passing, 65 percent at mastery; English, 94 percent passing, 68 percent at mastery level.

night swim and enjoy the movie "Good Boy" from the pool or poolside. Just leave the floats at home.

Admission is free after 8 p.m. The movie will be shown at 8:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 27, Sylvia Markson and The Magic Trunk will entertain the family at Henry Hudson Park. Markson is a professional ventriloquist with a wide array of characters.

The show begins at 7 p.m., and, in case of rain, will be held at Delmar Reformed Church.

The Merry-Go-Round Youth Theater will perform "The Emperor's New Clothes" on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Elm Avenue Park.

In case of rain, the show will be held at Delmar Reformed Church. Admission is free and show time is 7 p.m.

Closing out the summer activities will be a jazz concert at Henry Hudson Park.

Skip Parson and his Clarinet Marmalade Band will perform Dixieland music along the river on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m.

Concertgoers can bring a picnic lunch. In case of rain, the performance will be held at Delmar Reformed Church.

Good Samaritans



Shannon McShane, left, and Karin Beswick raised \$158 for St. Peter's pediatric unit in Albany on Monday. The girls spent the weekend baking for the event held in front of McCarroll's, The Village Butcher, at the Four Corners. The girls said they are grateful to plaza owner John Treffiletti for allowing them to have the sale.

New Scotland takes care of business

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Town board members discussed new roads, grants and a planning board vacancy at last week's meeting.

After being cut off from the main road, nine New Scotland residents have a new temporary route to and from their homes on Miller Road.

On June 21, the entrance to that thoroughfare, located off New Scotland's South Road — County Route 308 — was closed after Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan inspected a bridge over a small stream and deemed it unsafe. The bridge had begun to give way after a gravel truck had crossed it that morning.

Until the new route opened on July 2, Frank Tate agreed to let residents use his private driveway to reach a portion of Miller Road that connected to a dirt road

leading from his barn. Town officials commended Tate's generosity and cooperation.

According to Duncan, the new route is a temporary solution located on leased private property on Miller Road across from the stream. Ideas for a permanent solution, he said, are still being explored.

In other news, town officials announced the award of two grants, one to automate records management and the other to help needy citizens.

Town Clerk Diane Deschenes announced that the state Education Department awarded a \$33,000 grant to buy hardware and software to scan and electronically store 20 years worth of town records.

She said she would need to hire some part-time temporary help to do the work. She also reported that this is the fourth year she has received grants.

Town senior outreach liaison Susan Weisz said her office received a \$2,500 grant from Capital District Physicians Health Plan for the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program. This program provides assistance so needy residents can meet household expenses.

According to Weisz, each case is carefully considered based on need, and no recipient is eligible for more than \$500. Weisz said much of the credit for obtaining these funds goes to former town board member Cathy Connors.

Town Supervisor Ed Clark said planning board member David Cardona resigned June 30. Clark, along with Councilwoman Andrea Gleason and planning board member Doug LaGrange, expressed an urgent need to fill this spot. Clark asked anyone interested to send a letter of interest and résumé to him by July 28.

IDA sets public hearing on Y project

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency will hold a public hearing regarding the financial assistance it will offer to turn the former BIG Arena on Delaware Avenue into a YMCA.

The Y, a nonprofit corporation, is seeking about \$5 million in bonds to finance its transition and renovations.

Expansion plans for the arena would make the Bethlehem YMCA the largest facility in the Capital District organization, at 95,000 square feet.

Any project asking to borrow more than \$100,000 requires a public hearing, said Brian Hannafin, executive director of the IDA.

Hannafin said the new facility is mostly a favored concept around town.

The YMCA named Scott Lewis executive director of the new facility on July 3.

The Bethlehem Y will include an ice rink, a pool, a fitness center and a field house. It will incorporate soccer and lacrosse programs for kids around town and will still offer more traditional

YMCA programs, like summer camp and child care programs.

The Bethlehem YMCA is slated to open in September.

The public hearing will be held Monday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. at town hall. The regular IDA meeting is scheduled to follow.

Police investigate burglaries

Police are investigating a series of daytime burglaries of change collections from homes.

The number of burglaries has risen lately, said Albany County Sheriff's Lt. Mike Monteleone, leading police to release information on the investigation that began several weeks ago.

Monteleone said the Sheriff's Department and the State Police in New Scotland are investigating about 14 burglaries in the towns of New Scotland, Berne, Westerlo and Coeymans.

"They are choosing houses that are set back a bit from the road, so they can go in with a car

and not be seen from the road, houses with driveways secluded by trees," Monteleone said.

All of the burglaries have occurred during the day, with many valuable pieces of property being bypassed for loose change.

"Some of the amounts reported have been relatively small, but at least one was in excess of \$1,000," Monteleone said.

Police encourage anyone with information regarding the burglaries to contact either the Sheriff's Department at 765-2351 or the State Police barracks in New Scotland at 768-8161.

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Hoping the happy hugs of childhood return some day

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Watch a parent with a baby, and try and count how many times he or she kisses the fuzzy top of his or her child's head.

It's a reflexive action, one parents might not even realize they are doing. It's just that the head is right there, fresh and new and so sweet-smelling. Who can resist?

When our children are babies,

it feels like we'll hold them just in head-kissing reach forever. The time goes so quickly, though; it's almost like all those kisses are a magic growing potion.

In my New York City playgroup days, our edgy, sometimes sharp-speaking, cigarette-smoking friend Betsy put it exactly right as we all gathered for some mommy/child time in one member's apartment.

Our kids ranged from babies who could sit in our laps to

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toddlers who rode Fisher Price tricycles up and down the small hallways of our apartments.

These afternoons kept us sane, as we alternately kvetched about our husbands, shared teething tips, and discussed whether or not the Mop N Glo that took up spilled juice and sticky yogurt residue would wreck our hardwood floors.

Justin sat comfortably snuggled in Betsy's lap, and she kissed the top of his blond head without thinking about it.

"Did you ever stop and think how many times a day we do that?" she asked.

Like the stars, that number would be uncountable. Watch parents with babies who still need a lot of carrying and conveying.

As they get picked up from the stroller, they get a kiss on the head. As they get put into their car seat, they get a kiss. A mother standing in conversation and holding her baby will kiss the top of his head to soothe him if gets fussy.

Christopher was a very kissable baby — a first child whose every need was met before he could express it, he was calm and still. You could hold him for a long time, and he was happy to be encompassed in a parental bear hug.

Like most parents, we thought our next child would be the same, but Cormac was always more interested in moving than sitting still — even for a hug. The claustrophobia that makes him fussy about where he sits in a movie theater, the car and any number of places started when he was an infant.

"I want to cuddle this baby," Chris said sadly in Cormac's first month, "but he just doesn't really like it."

"I know," I said. "You have to

hold him lightly, and give him a little bit of room."

The trade-off for cuddly was that our round-faced child was interactive and expressive from a very young age. He was quick to smile and kick his legs and arms and grinned and cooed if you ever cast a glance in his direction. He was free with kisses. Eventually, we learned to love the way he bounced in our arms, and he hugged back when we hugged him.

When my brother Tom was little, he and I had a game we played. There are 10 years between us, and for a while, I thought of him as a gift my mother had brought home from the hospital for me alone. When he was about 5, we somehow heard that a human being needed seven hugs daily to survive. We delighted in checking to see if we'd gotten our seven yet that day — and making sure we did if we hadn't.

There are hugs that stand out in a lifetime, and most of them probably have to do with our parents or children. When Christopher used to come home on the kindergarten bus, I liked to be kneeling in the driveway with my arms open. His flight into them and my wrapping myself around him was so rewarding it stung.

When he was in sixth grade, I let him go to his former grade-school's playground unsupervised to meet friends. The first time I did this, I walked over with him, to pick up his still-in-elementary-school brother, and was shocked when Christopher gave me a kiss good-bye in front of the other adults gathered to pick up their kids.

He's about to start high school now, and we have an acknowledged greeting that saves face for him and reminds me that this man-boy who stands head and shoulders above me was once small enough to sit in my lap. When Christopher sees me from a distance, he acknowledges me with an outward thrust of his chin. In the privacy of our home, he will still hug me. Now, it is he who is tall enough to plant a kiss on the top of my head. I imprint that feeling on my heart, for fear that my days of huge hugs are limited with my young teen-ager.

Cormac is still claustrophobic, but liked to be in physical contact with the people in his life. He's still good for a hand-slap if I meet

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him after school in public; and a hug if he comes in the door of our house to greet me.

Cormac seeks contact in other ways, and watching TV with him is a full body sport, as he tries to turn fellow viewers into human cushions. Walking, sometimes, he'll put his arm around me, and give me the little tight-lipped grin that's his signature.

We try to afford our boys the dignity of not expressing affection in public, perhaps beyond a hearty backslap. My own father once put his hand on my shoulder as we walked home from the corner store. I was 15, and if he had decided to run naked down the street, it could not have been more embarrassing.

A few years ago, Christopher got a little awkward about hugging older family relatives. Upon meeting my mother — who he sees regularly — when he was about 11, he looked confused about whether to hug her or shake her hand. When he bowed, we all laughed and my mother threw her arms around him.

Both boys will unabashedly hug their dog and dissolve into silly baby talk with her. It's the best reason in the world to have a dog — they can be loving and playful with her, even if the rest of the world sees only a cool teenager.

I try not to get envious of her, and I appreciate every hug my kids give me as they head towards the dark side of the moon in terms of publicly hugging their dad and me. I was there once, too, and I'm reasonably confident they'll be back. In the meantime, I kissed the top of their heads enough to fuel their long journey through the teen years.

Local students earn college awards

Bethany G. Harren of Delmar is the first-place recipient of the Dodge Prize from Colgate University.

The prizes are awarded to first year students who have the highest academic record during their first semester.

Delmar resident John Hanley has been initiated into the Beta of Texas chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Rice University in Houston.

Hanley majored in French studies and political science.

David Woodworth of Delmar, a senior at Hobart College, was named a Durfee Scholar for his outstanding academic achievement during the college's annual Charter Day ceremony.

He is the son of Neil and Holly Woodworth.

Peter Bird, son of Richard and Elaine Bird of Delmar, and a sophomore studying technical communications at Clarkson University, was honored last month with the Thomas M. Sawyer Technical Communications Sophomore Award.

James Case of Voorheesville, a senior retailing and consumer studies major in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University, was named a Visual and Performing Arts Scholar at the college's awards convocation held May 8.

Christy Baluff of Slingerlands, a recent music performance graduate of the University of Richmond, was awarded the Bobby Chandler Award, presented to an outstanding music major.

Two local students earn science awards

Richard Bonventre of Glenmont, a 2004 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and Eileen Tucker of Delmar, a rising senior at Albany Academy for Girls, received honors in the 52nd annual New York State Science Congress in June at SUNY New Paltz.

Bonventre received high honors for his research on setting a lower limit for nucleon decay.

Tucker received honors for her mathematical analysis of "U.S.

Supreme Court Voting Patterns Suggesting Excess Justices and Non-Divergent Courts."

At the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Intel Science Fair, Tucker finished third and Bonventre finished fourth. They also received monetary awards from two professional science societies and qualified to compete at the state Science Congress.

Tucker also received the Combined Military Award for Best Project at the Fair.

BCHS graduate receives award

Patricia Eames, a sophomore at Connecticut College, was honored with an award from the college at a ceremony held in April. Eames received the Connecticut College Bookshop Prize, awarded to a sophomore who has combined outstanding

qualities of leadership, good citizenship and service to the college.

Eames, a 2002 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the daughter of Frederick and Barbara Eames of Delmar.

Bonventre was advised by Bethlehem Central science teacher Paul O'Reilly. He will attend Union College in Schenectady.

Tucker was advised by Albany Academy for Girls Standish Chair of Science teacher Lynda Blankenship.

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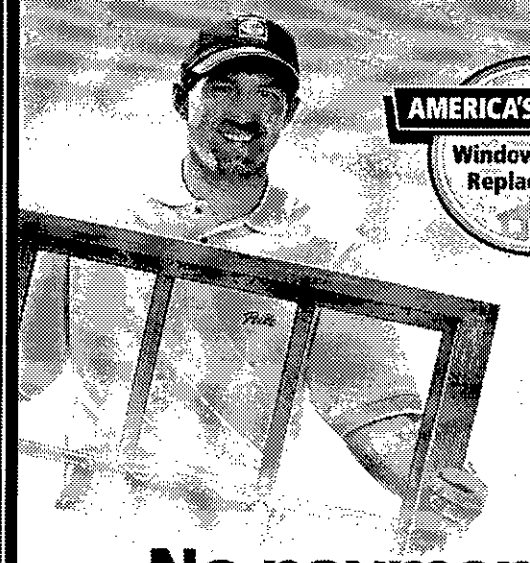
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Matters of Opinion

Take the plunge

Here we are near the tail end of July, with mostly nice weather, and here many of us sit in stuffy offices grumbling about having to work in the one really nice season we enjoy in the great Northeast.

It would be a real shame not to take advantage of at least some time off for some personal R&R.

Employers will reap a good return for encouraging employees to have the opportunity to leave the office for rejuvenation and return to work with a clear head, ready to get back to the grind.

Editorial

Why not do something different, something you've never done before? One of our editors has planned a two-week bike tour of southwest France, and is spending his days off training to build endurance, doing 20- to 35-mile jaunts to prepare for the trip.

Now that's a very different itinerary, but not feasible for many of us.

On a much smaller scale, how about tackling a book of substance, rather than the popular beach reads, that we often settle for in the summer?

Local libraries have shelves full of important books, more challenging but also more rewarding than the forgettable reads we sometimes choose.

Take that challenge and head for a park to enjoy the book outdoors in a serene environment.

Or how about a family project, where the TV goes off and the family volunteers together? Nursing home residents are often lonely and would very much enjoy seeing happy faces and a kind word.

It would be a good reminder to children that there are people who have precious little contact with the outside world.

Then there are countless summer offerings of concerts, theater and dance. Why not splurge and choose a venue the whole family will enjoy? It may become an important event in the family lore.

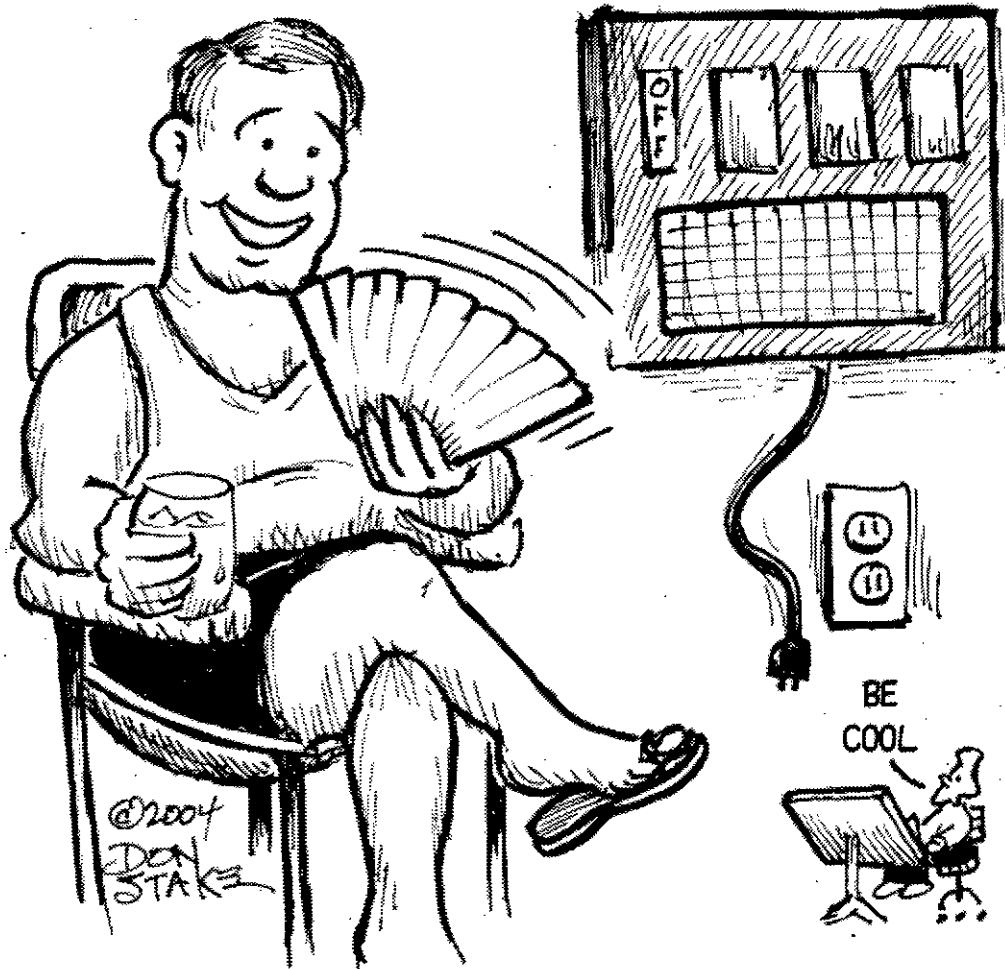
There are many opportunities to consider to clear your head and take advantage of a getaway, even if it's only for a day or two.

Don't just let the summer slip by without missing a beat in the day-to-day rat race. Visitors come to our region and marvel about our summer greenery. Are you enjoying it or even noticing it?

Our one really "good" season always seems to fly by. Set a goal to make a date with summer and keep it.

Let your creative juices flow and go with it. Relax, reflect, enjoy.

Summertime Economy



Keep kids safe during the summer

By WILLIAM A. GRATTAN, M.D., and RUTH E. KELLEHER, P.N.P.

Kelleher has had extensive academic and public health experience in child health. She is a graduate of the master's program in pediatrics of Syracuse University. Dr. Grattan is clinical professor of pediatrics at Albany Medical College. They have a practice in Cohoes.

Summer is a time for increased activity, outdoor fun, and, unfortunately, more opportunities for childhood injuries. Here are some tips to keep your children safe and healthy during the summer.

Sun protection: Babies and young children burn easily, and should be kept out of direct

sunlight as much as possible.

An umbrella over a stroller or baby carriage and a lightweight hat with a brim can provide protection.

For the older child, try to find shaded outdoor play areas and apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) to exposed areas of children over 6 months of age. Avoid sunbathing.

Prevent heat injury: On very hot days, provide plenty of fluids and insist on frequent rest periods. Active, older children are at risk of heat injury, especially in competitive sports.

Wearing heavy gear, being overweight, and taking certain medications increase risk. Games or practices should be held during cooler times of day, with frequent breaks to rest and drink water.

Early symptoms of trouble include muscle cramps, headaches, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting. If these occur, the child should be made to rest in a cool place, be given electrolyte fluids, be given medical attention, and not return to action.

Infants and children confined in automobiles without ventilation in hot weather are at risk of fatal heat stroke, often within a very few minutes. Young children should never be left unattended in automobiles.

Weather matters: Thunderstorms can appear suddenly. Educate your children on how to be lightning-safe. Ball games, swimming and outdoor gatherings should be suspended at the first sign of lightning, and everyone should go indoors until the storm passes.

Water safety: Very young children can drown in as little as two inches of water. Pails or other

containers should be emptied of water. Never leave your young child outside or in the bath unsupervised.

Pools or ponds should be fenced, but it's not safe to assume that they always are, so don't let your child wander. Enroll your child in swimming classes when old enough, usually 3 years and over. Parent-Tot classes are often available and are a good way to start.

Until your child becomes a competent swimmer, he/she should wear Coast Guard-approved swim vests when swimming or when even near water (especially important for adventurous toddlers). Older children should not swim without an adult present and avoid swimming in rivers, canals or unlifeguarded bodies of water.

Bicycle safety: To prevent head injury, children should wear properly fitted helmets approved by Snell or ANSI testing organizations. (Required by law for riders under age 14, but a good idea for riders of all ages.) Parents should check bicycles for properly functioning brakes, tires, and steering as well as reflectors.

Children should be taught rules of the road, where bicycles are permitted, and where to avoid. They should avoid riding at dusk or after dark.

Pedestrian safety: Pedestrian injuries of children increase in summer as school vacations, longer days and good weather combine to bring playing kids close to moving automobiles. Children should learn how to identify hazards and to observe safety rules, particularly how to cross streets safely and to avoid play which overflows into the street. They should wear reflective clothing if walking near roads at dusk or when visibility is poor.

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Your Opinion Matters

Bethlehem is no place for PCB dewatering site

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the July 14 issue of *The Spotlight*, a second public hearing was announced regarding the town of Bethlehem as a dewatering location for the PCB removal project in the Hudson River. Supervisor Theresa Egan was reported to have said that she had received little response from town residents regarding this issue.

I have a very strong opinion that the town of Bethlehem is not a wise choice for a dewatering location. Decisions such as this one should be made following the principle of prudence.

David Carpenter wrote in a 1998 issue of the "International Journal of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health" that "PCBs interfere with many biological functions, including the immune system, the nervous system and several endocrine systems, and the fetus appears to be particularly vulnerable to these actions. PCBs cause certain cancers in animals."

It seems that it is prudent to remove PCBs from the Hudson River and to treat them with great care. This is particularly true since it has been shown that PCBs have been shown to volatilize from the river itself and from exposed mud flats, which are common in the Hudson River with tidal movement.

Many people are unaware that in this way PCBs enter the atmosphere and can move hundreds of miles. Inhalation of PCBs is likely an avenue of exposure, particularly to residents living near contaminated areas. It must also be acknowledged that we do not have complete knowledge of the possible harm PCBs might do to humans.

We also do not have complete knowledge of the best and safest way to remove PCBs from the river or how dewatering stations should be engineered.

While I believe that the federal Environmental Protection Agency and state Department of Environmental Conservation act on their best knowledge and have good intentions, it does not seem prudent to establish a dewatering station where atmospheric volatilization of PCBs is possible in the densest human population area.

The experts have been eliminating a number of areas

with lower population densities for other economic and pragmatic considerations. Prudence dictates that human health and safety should be the main criteria for these decisions.

Since it is clear that we do not have full and perfect knowledge of the best way to carry out this project, it should be carried out in locations where the human population density is the lowest, not where about a quarter of a million people live in close proximity to the proposed dewatering location, as in the town of Bethlehem.

The possible evaporative loss of PCBs into the atmosphere mandates a dewatering site as far from populated centers as possible. It should not be in a valley on the doorstep of a city and densely populated suburbs.

Ed McAllister
Delmar

More should fly the American flag

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to bring to everyone's attention the lack of red, white and blue flags in Delmar.

Sure, you plaster yellow ribbons around and you talk of patriotism, but very few take the time to display an American flag.

Drive around and check the individual flags that people are flying. Most houses display a pictorial banner of some sort.

It doesn't cost much to buy the flag of our country, and it really moves the heartbeat faster when you are in a neighborhood where many of our American flags are waving in the breeze.

I am ashamed of the people in our neighborhood, but proud of the few neighbors who continually show their colors.

Valerie Mosley
Elsmere

Ex-V'ville principal is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the people and organizations who were so gracious in recognizing my recent retirement as principal of Voorheesville Elementary School.

The Voorheesville Community and School Foundation held a gala in my honor; the staff and students at the school surprised me with Diegel Day; the elementary staff had a lovely dinner and great skits for the elementary school retirees; the Voorheesville PTA arranged a cook-out for me that was attended by 600 people; and the Voorheesville High School class of 2004 asked

me to be their commencement speaker.

The outpouring of warmth and good wishes has been staggering.

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21. Admission is free. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair. Refreshments are provided courtesy of our library friends. The concert will move indoors in case of rain.

New board members

The board of trustees welcomed two members at its July 12 meeting. Rachel Baum was elected in May to take the seat of retiring trustee Rena Button. Aaron Baldwin, first runner-up in that election, was appointed to

finish the term of John Cody, who resigned in May. Baldwin's seat will be up for election again in May 2005. The board will elect officers at its Aug. 9 meeting.

Summer reading events

- Children's Writing Workshop (for youngsters entering grade 3 and up) — Friday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m.

- Books Before Bed (for ages 3-6 with adult) — Monday, July 26, at 7 p.m.

- Mother-Daughter Book Group (for girls entering grade five and up, with their moms or caregivers) — Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. Richard Peck's *A Year Down Yonder* is the book. Copies are available at youth services.

Registration is required for all programs except Books Before Bed. Call 439-3314 for information.

Louise Grieco

Skip Parsons to perform

The library has registered with "The Great American Bake Sale," a nationally-sponsored bake sale to raise funds for one of the leading national anti-hunger, anti-poverty organizations, Share Our Strength.

On Thursday, July 29, at 7 p.m., the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York will present a family program at the library with live animals called Backyard Birds and Beasts.



We are asking families to sign up to contribute a homebaked item to be sold at the wildlife program to benefit Share Our Strength. Drinks for the evening will be provided by the library, and patrons can purchase baked goods for on-the-spot consumption or to take home. Please sign up to participate.

Together at Twilight features the hot sounds of Clarinet Marmalade with Skip Parsons. The show is set for Wednesday, July 28, on the library lawn beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Remember to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and a sweater.

Concerts conclude at dusk, or when the mosquitoes take over.

If it rains, the concert will be at the Performing Arts Center at the high school. There is lots of room there and comfortable seating, so don't let rain keep you away. The show will go on. Invite neighbors, friends and relatives — it's all free thanks to the Library Friends.

The Friends will be selling soda and snacks at the outdoor concerts to help raise money for these performances.

It's Magic Tree House Day with the magical librarian at Summer Reading Club on



Skip Parsons

Monday, July 26, at 2 p.m. for kids in grades one through three.

On Wednesday, July 28, grades four through six will be making a 3-D apple shape book with a pop-up worm.

Summer Reading Club prize packages are on display in the showcase. Kids receive chances to win their favorite prize package by reading lots of books.

Check out the case and decide which prize you will try for.

Teens will be cooking and sharing great Chinese food on Monday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Sign up for good eating.

The Thursday Volunteer Club meets on July 22 at 10 a.m. and the Thursday Night Poets

at 7 p.m.

Summer storytimes will meet at the library on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Joyce Laiosa will be telling stories at Village Park on Thursdays at 11 a.m. There is no sign-up required for either program.

Some very unusual mixed media work by Gail Nadeau is hanging in the hall gallery this month. Don't miss it.

Nimblefingers and The Thursday Poets continue to meet through the summer.

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"We want to allow some leeway for students with legitimate reasons for their absence," Diefendorf said.

Other proposed policy changes regard dealing with discipline and safety concerns.

In cases involving students using drugs or alcohol, school administrators may waive disciplinary action if the student and parents agree to have school psychologists make an assessment and determine if the child has an alcohol or drug problem. The student would then have the option for treatment as opposed to suspension.

"Instead of throwing them out of school we would rather get the parents involved so they understand the problem," said Superintendent Alan McCartney. "By keeping the kids connected to school, we keep them here instead of at home thinking about where they will get their next drink."

Trustee Richard Brackett voiced concerns about the policy, as it might overburden counseling staff already struggling with an increased workload.

McCartney responded that the staff does not provide long-term intervention. Their job, he said, would only be to identify and make recommendations.

Another policy change would restrict school dances only to kids who live in the district. This measure is in response to a disturbance at a recent dance caused by a guest visiting from another district. In the past, guests were allowed provided they had a guest pass. The new policy would still allow kids who

live in the district but attend private school to go to the dances.

All of these proposals will come up for a vote at the next school board meeting, scheduled for Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

In other business, PTA members John Powell and Heather McMaster presented preliminary plans to build a new gazebo on the playground behind the elementary school. The gazebo would provide shelter for outside activities and recess. The plan calls for a 12-by-16 foot structure to be designed by Dave Hopper, the architect who designed the gazebo in village park. Powell said he would like the gazebo to be big enough to accommodate an entire class.

Powell said that volunteers could help build the structure, or they could try to buy a prefabricated model.

"Either way," he said, "we will try for the best construction for our available money."

McCartney informed Powell that the structure would have to

be anchored, have handicapped access and could not be built using treated wood even if the lumber dealer claimed it wasn't treated with arsenic.

Wargo reminded the board that the school district installed a drainage system in the playing fields after flooding in 1996. She cautioned that a large structure could collapse the system. Brackett, on the other hand, voiced concerns that the plans have the gazebo located too close to the ball fields.

Although the board responded favorably to having a gazebo at the elementary school, board president Robert Baron advised Powell to prepare a more comprehensive plan as well as funding information, for the August meeting. Powell added that much of the funding would come from the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation.

Finally, newly elected board member Paige Macdonald and re-elected board member C. James Coffin were sworn in, and Baron was elected to serve again as president of the board.

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V'ville Learn to Swim program begins Monday

The Voorheesville Learn to Swim Program at the high school has openings for the last session, which begins on July 26 and runs through Aug. 6.

The cost is \$85 for the first child, \$75 for a second child and \$65 for a third child. A parent and toddler program is also available for \$45.

Registration forms are avail-

able at SuperValu and the Voorheesville Public Library.

For information or to register, contact Barbara McKenna at 765-4846 or 765-3314, ext. 712.

You can also register by mail, by sending in the form and check to: Voorheesville CSD Learn to Swim Program, 432 New Salem Road, PO Box 498, Voorheesville 12186.

New Scotland Seniors to host picnic

The New Scotland Seniors are planning their annual summer picnic for today, July 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the New Scotland town park. The picnic will be catered, but bring your own beverages.

For information, call Aggie Tucker at 765-4427.

Kiwanis plan golf outing

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold a golf outing at Orchard Creek Golf Course in Altamont on Friday, Aug. 6, to benefit the pediatric unit and other community groups.

The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The tee off time is 10 a.m. The day will include a buffet luncheon, dinner, awards presentations and a raffle drawing.

Donations toward raffle prizes or tee sponsorships are welcome. The registration fee of \$110 per person (or \$420 per foursome) includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.

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Luczak, event coordinator at 765-3678 or 446-0550.

Water restrictions in effect for village

The village of Voorheesville will enforce watering restrictions through Sept. 15.

Homes with even street numbers can water lawns on Mondays and Wednesdays between 7 and 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Homes with odd street numbers can water Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Plum Fest set for Sept. 25

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its annual Plum Fest in the village of Voorheesville on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The purpose of the Plum Fest is to highlight and celebrate the history and community assets of

a hamlet or village in the town of New Scotland.

This all-day event will feature many activities including food, concerts, an antique car show, craft fair and a raffle drawing.

The village of Voorheesville is also taking orders for commemorative bricks to be added to the Hotaling Park Walk of the Century, established in 1999.

Order forms are available in the village office.

For information or to help plan this event, call Carole Stevens at 765-4350.

Thacher offers summer events

Thacher Park Nature Center will have another easy nature walk on Thursday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Meet with Thom Engel Saturday, July 24, at 9 a.m. at the Carrick Road parking area for a three-hour geology walk.

The group will explore the characteristics of limestone and how they cause the formation of features such as caves, sinkholes and underground streams.

Astronomer Ken Dubois will teach participants about the objects in the night sky on Saturday, July 24, at 8:30 p.m. at Thacher Park. Cloudy skies will cancel this program, so call before 5 p.m. to confirm or for information.

Learn about forest insects and diseases in the woods and what can be done to help save the forests at Thacher Nature Center on Sunday, July 25, at 10 a.m.

For information about any of the programs, call 872-0800.

Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Five Rivers slates family walks

A family-oriented walk through Nature's Backyard Trail and the Woodlot Trail will be offered on Saturday, July 31, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

This guided program will encompass two of Five Rivers' areas: Nature's Backyard Trail and Woodlot Trail. Easily accessible for families with strollers and toddlers, this walk will encourage touching flowers and leaves, tree trunks and bark, among other pleasures of a garden and forest.

A craft that parents and children make together is included in the program.

Families who wish to attend this program must pre-register by Thursday, July 29. There is a materials fee of \$5 per family (\$3 per family for Friends of Five Rivers members). Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information or to pre-register, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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she is still concerned that Bethlehem residents are not grasping "the enormity of this project."

"I really don't think very many people have any idea of what's going on," Barber said. "For a 50-mile span, they are going to have barges carrying that rotten-egg stench up and down the Hudson rather than doing the dewatering in Fort Edward, where the PCBs are. I don't care if they say they are going to blanket it; it's going to stink."

About 60 percent of the PCBs are in Fort Edward.

The public comment period regarding the project ends July 31. Residents are urged to put their comments in writing and

submit them to King, either by e-mail or mail.

After surveys of the OG Real Estate site, the EPA has determined that the benefits of the site outweigh the possible limitations, making it one of three recommended sites for a dewatering facility.

Barber said she is concerned for the safety of her employees and customers.

"The Hudson River is very big to our town, a school is close and to subject us to this level of PCBs so someday we might be able to eat fish from the river doesn't do it for me," Barber said.

EPA representatives have touted the agency's standards to assure residents that the project will not compromise various quality of life standards, including air, noise and odor.

Some dewatering facilities have been totally enclosed in attempts to control odor from similar work.

According to an EPA pamphlet, "Various cleanup activities such as sediment handling and processing could result in the release of pollutants to the air."

The pamphlet also says the project's "most likely odor" is from hydrogen sulfide. King equated that smell to "rotten eggs."

A hotline will be manned 24 hours a day if residents need to lodge complaints regarding any activities at the site.

"I want to know that if I have a legitimate complaint, it will be fixed," Wiley said Thursday.

The EPA has not decided whether all three sites will have

dewatering facilities. The Bethlehem site could be a transport site because of its proximity to two railways and the channel's depth is appropriate for ocean-going barges, King said.

The EPA is considering using ocean-going barges because the loads they can carry — up to 1,000 tons — are significantly larger than anything else, making them more cost-effective, he said.

"You won't see a lot of those, though," King said, referring to the larger barges. "The smaller ones carry 400 to 700 tons. You'll probably see about six barges a day."

King ruled out the possibility of the town entering into impact fee agreements because of the project's Superfund status.

Victor Gush of OG Real Estate has plans for a multi-million dollar

commercial and residential project at the site. If the EPA chooses the site for dewatering, those plans would fall by the wayside.

Upon the project's completion, the EPA would decontaminate the site and hand it over to the town, which would decide its fate for future commercial or industrial use, King said.

Site selection will be finalized in the fall. After the public comment period ends, more detailed designs will be completed.

King's address for public comment regarding the project is Hudson River Field Office, 421 Lower Main St., Hudson Falls 12839. His e-mail address is king.david@epa.gov.

All comments must be postmarked by July 31.

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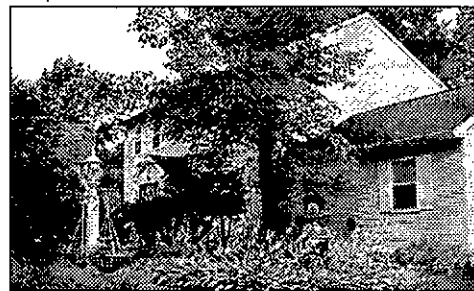
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Sports

Michalskis triple team opponents

By ROB JONAS

At first glance, it's hard to tell the difference between the Michalski triplets.

A second glance reveals subtle differences. Adrian is slightly taller than Austin or Ian, and Austin's head has a different shape than either of his brothers.

"We don't think we look alike because we've grown up with each other," Adrian said. "Other people tell us we look alike, but we don't think we look alike."

On the volleyball court, though, the Michalski triplets often cause opposing teams to do triple takes. The brothers' strong play has sparked a resurgence in the sport at Voorheesville, and they're hoping to lead the Adirondack region scholastic men's team to a medal at the Empire State Games next week in Binghamton.

"We feel really privileged to play with a really talented group of players (on the Adirondack region team)," Ian said. "It's a great group of kids, and we should do really well."

Each Michalski has his own specialty on the court, Adiron-

dack region coach Haven Brown said.

"Ian is a setter, but we may move him to opposite (hitter) at some points of a match. Adrian and Austin are both great hitters, but Adrian is especially good as an outside hitter," Brown said.

Still, that doesn't help Brown when he has to talk to a specific Michalski on the court. "It's still confusing because until you can pick up what they're wearing differently, I find it hard to tell them apart," he said. "Once you talk to them, you can tell they're three different individuals."

Three different individuals who tend to finish each other's sentences. A typical exchange during an interview had one of

them starting a thought and then at least another one, if not both brothers, completing it.

"I think we've been doing it for the longest time," Adrian said.

Their ability to pick up where one of them trails off extends to the volleyball court.

"They play together so well, which is especially important because volleyball is such a team sport," Brown said. "One (brother) can make up for another's mistake."

Ian and Adrian are already Empire State Games veterans, having played for Adirondack last year. This is Austin's first trip to the state's largest amateur sports

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Both clinics run Monday through Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The sessions are geared for lacrosse players with intermediate to advanced skills.

The cost for each clinic is \$55 per person. The registration deadline is July 23.

For information, contact Bethlehem Youth Lacrosse coordinator David Rounds at 505-5372.

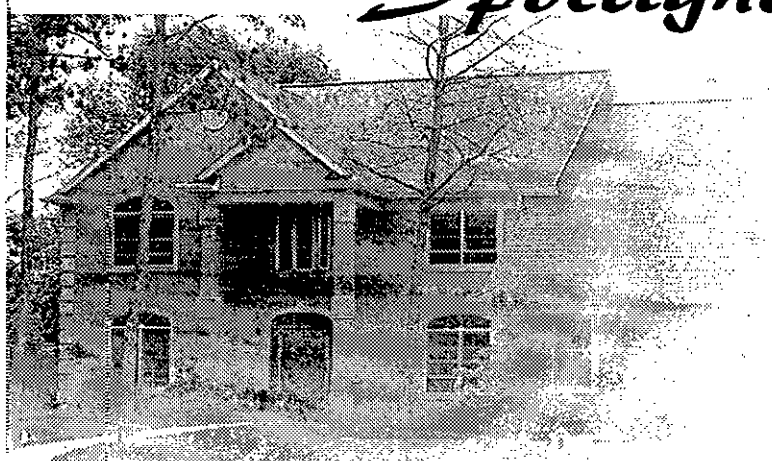
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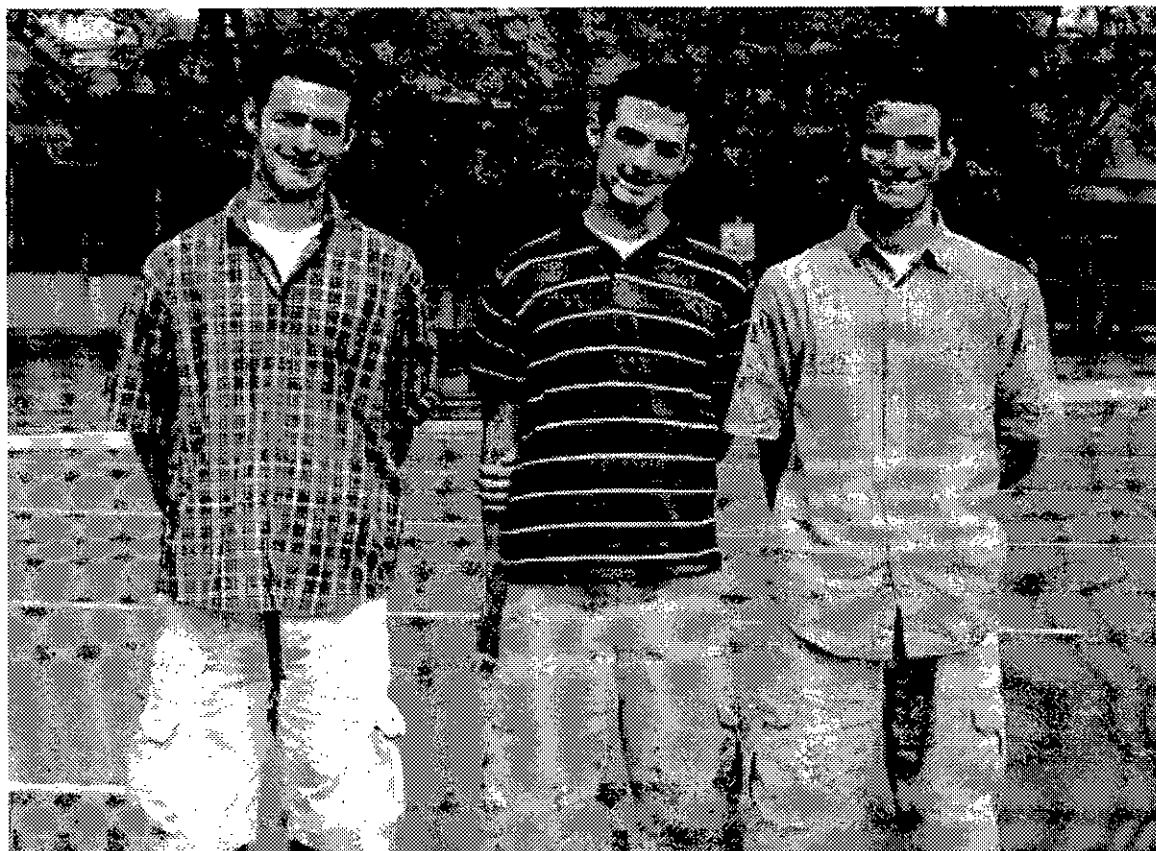
"I'm really excited because I went last year and watched them," Austin said. "You see people winning medals, and that's something you want to do."

Following the Empire State Games, the Michalskis will focus on helping Voorheesville get back to the Section II finals after losing in last year's Class B champion-

ship match.

"We think it's great because we were in the program when it wasn't so good (as eighth graders), and we witnessed the disrespect for volleyball in Voorheesville," Adrian said.

"We saw we could play at a really high level (last year), and we could see people in the school starting to take notice," Austin added.



Adrian (left), Austin (center) and Ian Michalski give the Adirondack region scholastic men's volleyball team a triple threat at this year's Empire State Games in Buffalo. Rob Jonas



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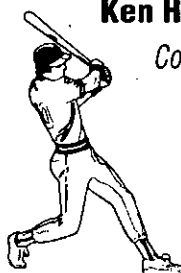
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Tri-Village reaches district finals

The Tri-Village Little League 12-year-old All-Stars advanced to the finals of the District 13 tournament with a 4-1 victory over Colonie Saturday at Whitehall Little League in Albany.

Tri-Village is the only undefeated team left in the tournament. The Delmar-based team began the tournament with an 11-1 victory over Albany American July 10 and edged West Albany 2-1 July 12.

The championship round was scheduled to begin Monday with Colonie playing Tri-Village. Colonie earned its way into the finals by beating Pine Bush American of Guilderland 9-2 in Sunday's consolation bracket championship.

Two more Tri-Village all-star teams reached the finals of district tournaments over the weekend.

In the International tournament, Tri-Village downed American 16-1 last Tuesday and Pine Bush 12-2 last Thursday to advance to the best-of-three championship series against Colonie. Tri-Village lost the opener to Colonie 6-1 Sunday but was scheduled for a rematch Monday at Pine Bush Little League.

At the 9-year-old district tournament at Tri-Village, the host team earned a spot in the championship series against Hudson Valley of Ravena after both squads swept through the second round of pool play.

Tri-Village American defeated Pine Bush American 6-3 last Tuesday and downed West Albany 12-2 last Wednesday to finish the second round with a 2-0 record. Hudson Valley edged West Albany 2-0 last Tuesday and shut out Pine Bush American 7-0 last Wednesday.

The best-of-three championship series between Tri-Village American and Hudson Valley was scheduled to begin Monday after Sunday's contest was rained out at Magee Park.

Dolphins swim to medals at Colgate University

The Delmar Dolphins swim team turned in a strong performance at the Colgate Classic Invitational held over the July 4 weekend at Colgate University.

Alex Lednev led the team with first-place finishes in the 200-meter individual medley, 50-meter butterfly, 100-meter backstroke, 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter breaststroke, 50-meter backstroke and 100-meter butterfly in the 10-and-under boys age group.

Competing in the 10-and-under girls category, Lexi Zerillo finished second in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, third in the 50 backstroke, fourth in the 200 I.M. and 50 breaststroke, fifth in the 200 freestyle and sixth in the 50 freestyle.

Sydney Walsh and Rachelle Kredentser also posted personal best times in this age group.

Kevin Burns finished first in the 11-12 boys 50 freestyle and 50 breaststroke, second in the 400 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 50 breast, and third in the 200 I.M., 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

Amber Jenkins posted a third-place finish in the 11-12 girls 50 breaststroke and a seventh-place finish in the 200 I.M., while Lily Powell completed the 100 butterfly in fourth place. The team of Jenkins, Powell, Melanie Melewski and Allison Walsh finished third in the 200 medley relay.

Molly Howland led a large 13-14 age group contingent by posting first-place finishes in the 200 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 200 I.M., 50 freestyle and 400 I.M. She also took second place in the 100 butterfly and fifth place in the 100

breaststroke.

Ashley Burns won the 400 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke, and took second place in the 200 freestyle, 400 I.M., 100 freestyle and 200 I.M. Kristen Gloeckler finished fourth in the 200 and 400 I.M. and fifth in the 400 freestyle, 200 breaststroke and 100 butterfly.

The quartet of Burns, Howland, Gloeckler and Rachel Garbo won the 400 medley and 800 freestyle relays.

Representing the boys, Vadim Yafayev posted first-place times in the 200 and 100 breaststroke, a

third-place finish in the 200 backstroke, fourth-place finishes in the 400 I.M., 200 freestyle and 200 I.M., a fifth-place finish in the 400 freestyle and a sixth-place finish in the 200 butterfly.

Kelly Walsh, Mariah Kennedy, Jenna Melewski, Jennifer Walsh, Ryan Long and Drew Acquaviva also competed in the 13-14 age group.

Becca Stern led the senior girls by winning the 200 I.M., 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Stern placed second in the 100 freestyle and 200 backstroke, fifth in the 100 butterfly and sixth in

the 400 freestyle.

Sarah Story also posted competitive swims in all her events in the senior girls division.

Sean Kennedy placed second in the senior boys 50 freestyle. He took third place in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and fifth place in the 100 freestyle.

Larry Gloeckler was third in the 400 I.M., fourth in the 100

breaststroke and fifth in the 200 and 400 freestyle. Paul Cafiero finished fourth in the 200 backstroke and 200 breaststroke, and he placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

Kennedy, Gloeckler, Cafiero and Yafayev teamed up to take first place in the 800 freestyle relay and second place in the 400 medley relay.

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The entry fee for the cross country races are \$2 for club members and \$4 for non-members. There is a \$1 entry fee for the children's races.

For information, visit the club's Web site at www.hmrrc.com.

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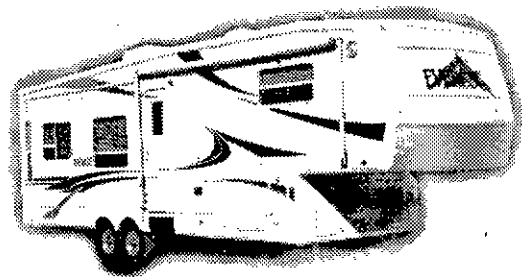
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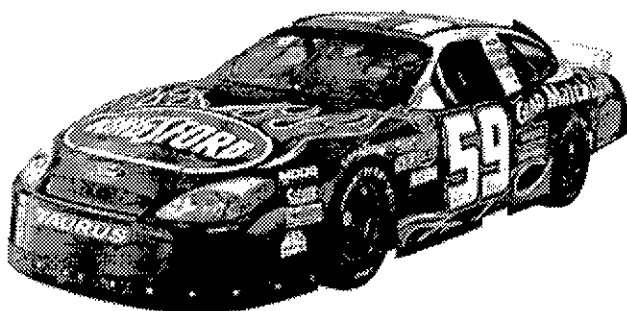
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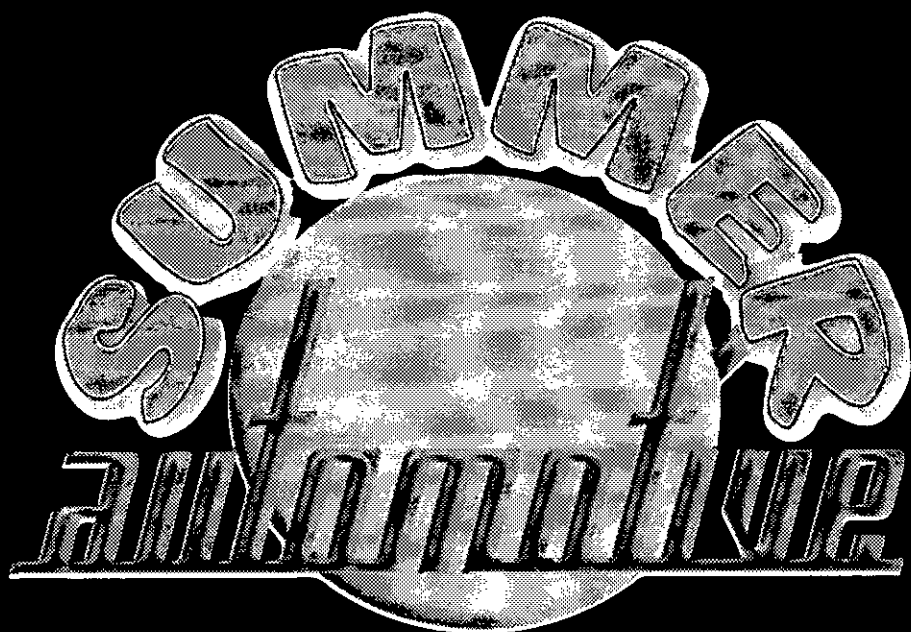
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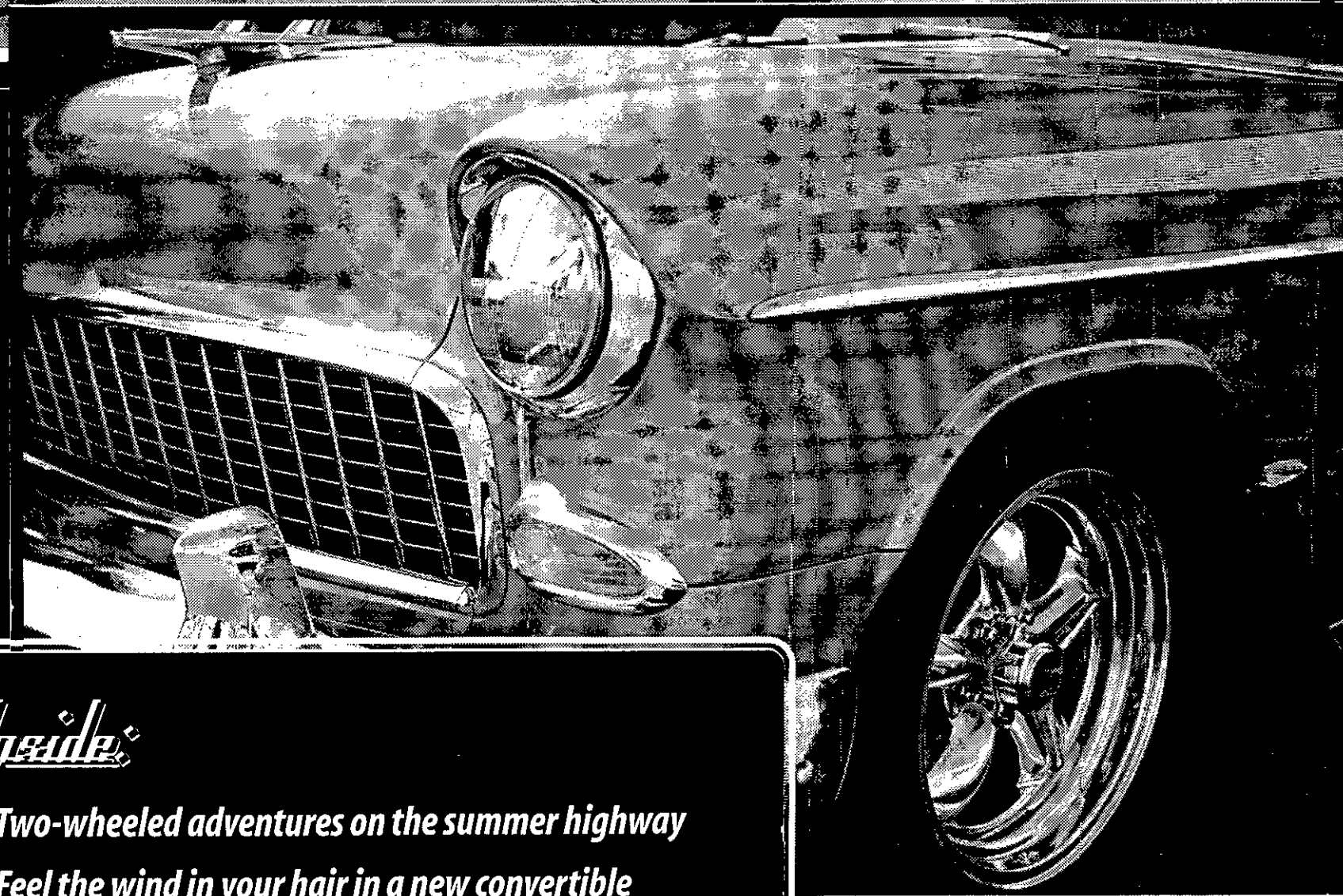
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Summer motorcycling for beginners

As summer heats up, a growing number of people will enjoy the freedom of the open road from behind a pair of motorcycle handlebars.

If you've been considering a two-wheeled adventure of your own but thought it was too difficult or intimidating, think again. Just as U.S. motorcycle sales have risen for 11 straight years, the population of riders has grown more diverse and mainstream. Long perceived as the domain of biker gangs and others on the fringes of society, today's community of riders includes people from virtually every walk of life.

"We're seeing all different types of people getting into motorcycling today, including women, professionals, empty-nesters and others," said Eddie James, road riding director for the American Motorcyclist Association. "It's really all about individuality and freedom. A big part of the thrill is not knowing what you'll find around the next corner."

James said just about anyone can enjoy two-wheeling, with the right approach and preparation.

"Most new riders grow into it gradually, starting with short day trips and then taking longer tours over time," he said. "All you really need is a comfortable bike, good balance and a sense of adventure."

Finding the right bike at the right price is another key part of a rider's initiation to the hobby.

"Buying a motorcycle is an emotional process, but riders can't afford to overlook the financing part of the deal, and the Internet can be a huge help," said Brian Reed of Capital One Auto Finance, which provides consumer motorcycle loans on the Web.

Approximately one-third of all new motorcycle purchases in 2003 were made with a loan.

For those itching to explore the world of motorcycling,

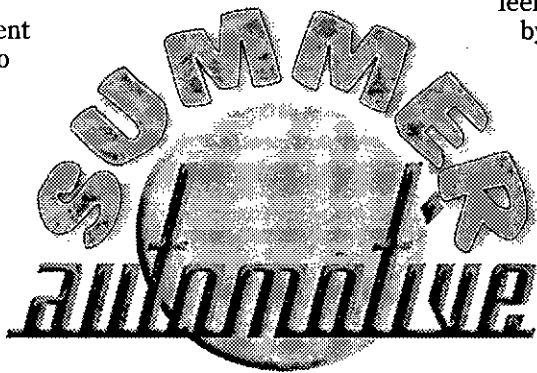
- Decide what type of riding you like most. Motorcycling comes in a wide variety of forms, ranging from dirt bike riding to long-distance touring to sport riding. How you plan to ride will determine what type of bike you select.

- Set a budget. The price you pay for your motorcycle will depend on several factors. For example, a nice reliable touring bike that's a few years old can be found in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range. A new, top-of-the-line model with all the extras can run upwards of \$20,000.

- Find a bike that fits you. Focus on identifying a bike that feels comfortable to you. Start by researching different makes, models and styles on the Internet. Then visit a few dealerships in your area and throw your leg over a few different models to see how they feel. Remember, even the coolest-looking bike in the world will end up collecting dust in your garage if you're not comfortable riding it.

Bring your motorcycle license and riding gear to the dealership so you can take a test drive.

- Get a loan before visiting a showroom. New riders are often revved up when it's time to buy their bike, but few think about the best way to finance their purchase. Take the time to explore all of your financing options, including online lenders.



experts offer the following tips for getting started the smart way:

- Take a training course. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic RiderCourse provides the motorcycle, helmet and 15 hours of classroom and on-bike instruction. Courses for beginning and experienced riders are offered at 1,000 different sites in all 50 states.



Virtually anyone can enjoy the thrill of motorcycling, with the right preparation, experts say.

- Dress for the occasion. Find gear that will protect and feel comfortable. Riders have traditionally worn leather for protection and rain gear for inclement weather. But new textile garments offer more versatility, with their lightweight, abrasion resistance and breathability. Helmets are not required by law in every state, but the AMA strongly

recommends them for all riders. Don't forget the gloves and boots.

"With motorcycling, how you get to your destination is just as important as where you're going," said James. "On a bike, you experience the landscape in a much more exhilarating way than you do in a car, but you can still be safe and comfortable."

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Checklist for safe summer driving

"Are we there yet?" Four familiar words that will be heard by parents in vehicles traveling on roads this summer across the country. But are you taking the necessary precautions to make sure that your family is arriving "there" safely?

While cruising the open road is one of summer's great pleasures, this pleasure can turn tragic. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, (NHTSA) says that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 4 to 14. So what can you do to keep your children as safe as possible?

Being aware of driving hazards and taking precautions before you leave is the first step to preventing motor vehicle dangers. You are transporting your most precious cargo; take the time now to check the condition of your vehicle and make any repairs.

Car safety summer checklist

• Windshield safety

If your windshield has a rock chip or ding at winter's end, that damage needs to be repaired before "thermal shock" causes the minor ding to turn into a major crack. Thermal shock can occur when cold air from the air conditioning blows directly on a windshield that is scalding hot from exposure to the summer sun.

"The windshield is a key element of the structure of the car," said Jon Thomas, senior

design engineer of Novus Auto Glass. "If you let a ding or small break increase it could lead to a larger crack jeopardizing the structural integrity of the vehicle as the windshield is a key component in the rollover safety structure and passenger-side airbag deflection point on modern vehicles."

To attain optimum consumer safety, Thomas recommended repairing a windshield whenever possible, instead of replacing it. Repair not only saves the windshield, it

drive in stop-and-go traffic. Remember to flush your radiator and change your engine coolant every two years.

Summer is extremely hard on a car's cooling system, so inspect your radiator for obvious signs of corrosion or leaking. If in doubt, have your mechanic check the radiator core to ensure it is not plugged or at risk of imminent failure. Make sure you also check and fill to recommended levels other fluids integral to your vehicle's performance. These fluids include: power steering, transmission, brake, radiator and battery. And don't forget to top off windshield washer fluid.

• Batteries and corroded cables

Summer heat can wreak havoc on batteries. The average life of a battery is three and a half years. If your battery is at or near that age, then it may be ready for replacement. Have a qualified technician load test your battery and inspect the cable ends and battery terminals. If any corrosion exists on the terminals and cables, the trained professional should remove it.

• Anything made of rubber

Worn, bald or badly aligned or balanced tires can mean accidents. Be sure to check your owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure. Tire pressure is critical in summer, especially when carrying heavy loads. Under-inflated tires cause heat build up that can lead to sudden tire failure or blowout.

Goodyear Tire Company estimates that Americans waste \$2 billion annually on fuel due to the additional rolling resistance created by under inflated tires. An SUV owner can spend an extra \$700 on gasoline annually if the tires are under inflated according to Goodyear. Tire pressure should be checked and air added when the tires are cold (not driven on for at least one hour).

If traveling in remote areas, it may even be wise to carry a full-



A technician repairs a damaged windshield.

size spare tire instead of a space-saving emergency spare, or donut, as they are sometimes called. Temporary emergency spares usually have a 50-to-100 mile life expectancy, which may be inadequate for long trips. Ensure that the spare is also inflated to the proper pressure.

Rubber parts under your hood need maintenance, too. Radiator, heater and vacuum hoses, among others, should be inspected for cracks and bulges. Take a roll of duct tape with you on your trip; it can be a lifesaver in fixing hoses. Also, inspect all belts for damage and splits.

• Spark plugs

Worn or misfiring spark plugs can affect how efficiently a vehicle burns the fuel/air mixture, ultimately affecting engine performance. Worn spark plugs waste gas and increase exhaust emissions, so

have them checked and replaced as needed.

• Brakes

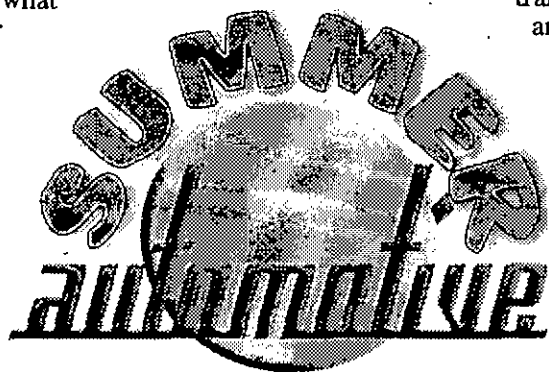
Don't postpone needed brake work. It's dangerous to drive with poorly performing brakes. Postponing brake service also can cause the cost of overhauling your brake system to skyrocket.

• Lights

Check your headlights, taillights and turn signals for safety's sake.

• Be prepared

Before you leave for your drive, be sure to pack extra radiator coolant, several quarts of oil, safety flares and whatever tools you might need. It is better to be prepared than sorry. Always carry a roadside emergency and first aid kit and look into investing in a cellular phone.



preserves the factory's seal of windshield to auto body. Keeping the factory's original adhesive set also helps avoid air and water leaks.

"It is best to repair small dings and breaks right away before they turn into cracks" said Thomas. "If the damage is reported quickly, the odds are much improved that the windshield can be saved."

• Fluids

Checking fluids is the least expensive and most important preventive maintenance you can do. Oil should be changed frequently (every 3,000 to 5,000 miles) if you haul heavy loads or

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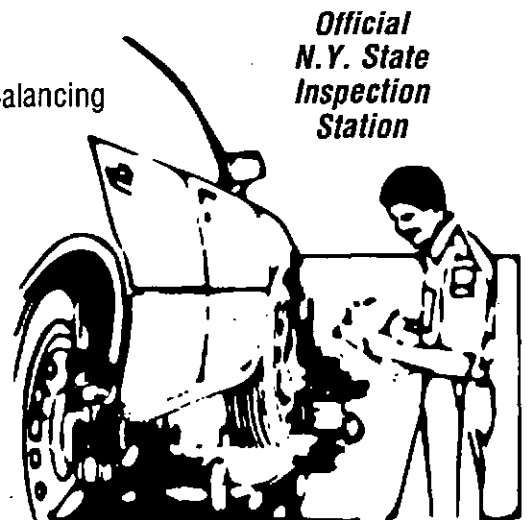
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Hot summer convertibles take to the road

By KYLE P. BELL

If your idea of a perfect summer adventure is riding in a sporty new convertible, with the sun on your shoulders and the wind in your hair, you are in luck. Convertibles are hotter than ever. While some may empty your wallet, there are a few that can even be called affordable.

The 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible may look similar to the original four-door sedan, but it's specially built to be a two-door convertible with more than half of its components unique. Although it shares the same wheelbase and length of the sedan, the

split rear seating to hold large cargo, it still bests the VW New Beetle and the Ford Mustang in rear legroom, while being the

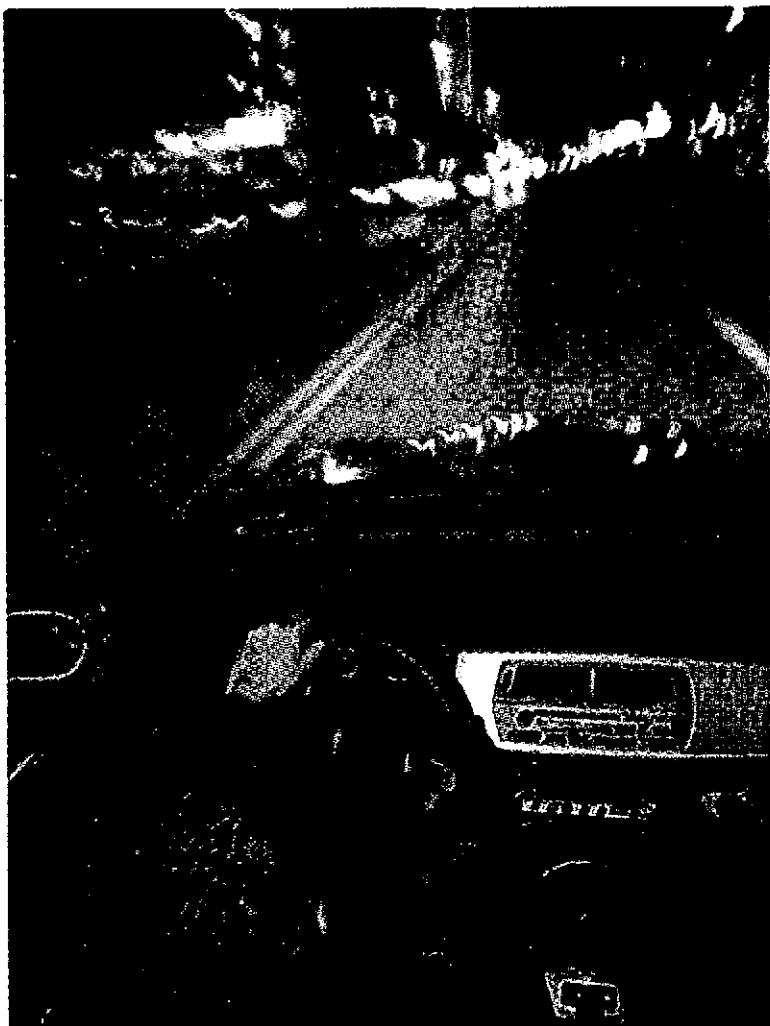
inch wheelbase it has decent legroom but squeezes out only two inches more of headroom than the Solara coupe. The interior is nicely laid out and uses such luxurious materials that you could mistake it for a far pricier Lexus.

BMW recently introduced the 2005 645Ci coupe and they didn't waste any time putting out a convertible version of the car — within months the ragtop was showing up on lots. With a base price of \$78,295, it's more

than \$58,300 than the base PT Cruiser convertible cost. But adding features such as active roll stabilization and active steering can make the cost much higher. However, with a 4.4L 325-hp V-8 it makes 0 to 60 in 5.6 seconds and the 1/4-mile in 14 seconds at 101 mph. Vented, 13.7-inch iron and aluminum brake rotors stop

the two-ton-plus convertible from 60 in 112 feet. So if feel a need for speed the 645Ci convertible is the one to get.

A 2005 Lotus Elise, with its 3-foot 6-inch height, makes a VW Bug look like a Ford Expedition in the rearview mirror. At only 1,979 pounds, the Elise scoots to 60 mph in 5.1 seconds by using a 1.8L 190hp I-4 engine. The



pounds to horsepower ratio is 10-4. Due to the Lotus' tiny dimensions, it can't help but garner attention. If you have your heart set on the tiny roadster you might be

disappointed, currently it's wait-listed in the United States.

Chrysler's new Crossfire Roadster joins the PT Cruiser convertible and the Sebring, No. 1 selling convertible in the country, in its lineup. Chrysler seems to be trying to take over the American convertible market — even though the Crossfire is built in Germany.

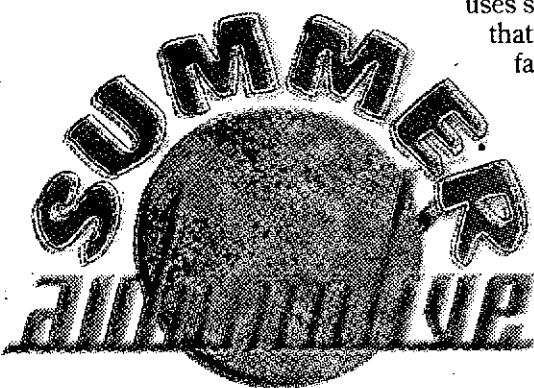
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right behind the coupe version released last year. For 2005, the roadster and coupe are offered in three levels, unlike the one put out last year. The roadster's chassis was strengthened while adding less than 100 pounds to the curb weight.

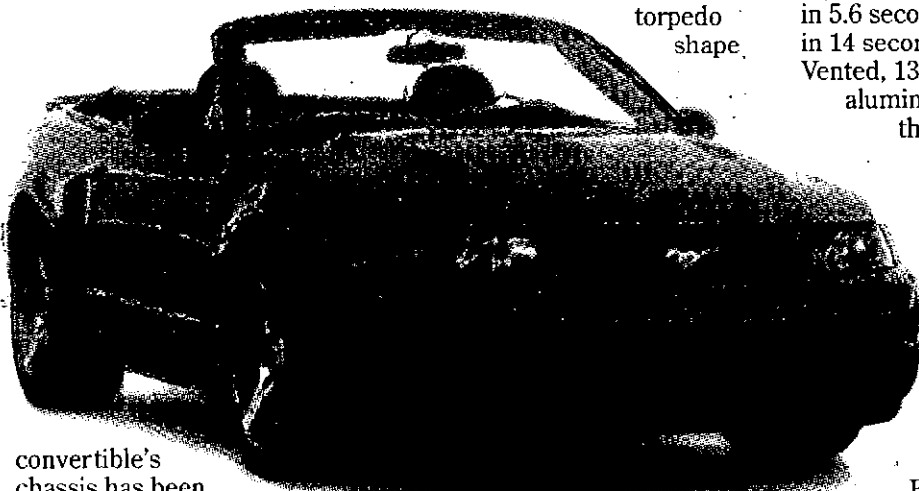
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Get your car ready to get you there

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's not summer if you don't pack the whole family into a car and hit the open road together. While a parent's preparation might have more to do with packing enough juice boxes, coloring books, and books on tape to keep the kids diverted, the car itself could also use a little preparation.

How much you prepare your car depends on your regular maintenance schedule, said Steven Sebert, service director of Marshall's Auto Exchange on Route 9W in Ravena. Ideally, you should have your oil changed every 3,000 miles, and get a tune-up every 30,000 miles, which will better prepare your car for trips long and short.

It's also a good idea to give your vehicle a little extra TLC before heading off on summer vacation, even if you keep it very well maintained.

"You should change the oil and filter," Sebert said. "The oil in a car is like blood in a human body. If you don't change the oil, it gets dirty and affects the car's performance. If you get too low on oil, the engine could seize up."

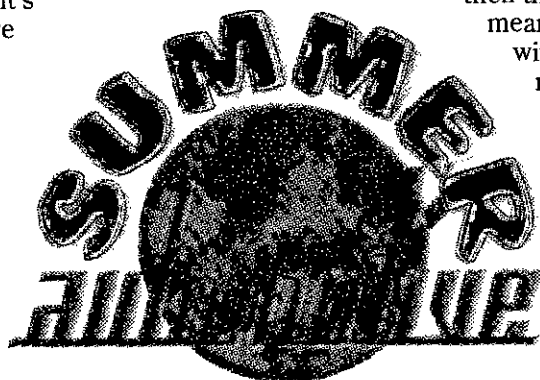
The other liquid to pay a lot of attention to is the coolant in your car.

"Coolant is half the reason you see cars broken down," Sebert said. "When you're low on antifreeze or coolant, it causes the engine to run hotter, and pressure to build, which means you could end up with burst hoses and burst water pumps."

Belts are another part of the car that could make things go bump when you least expect it, especially if you have a newer

car with one serpentine belt that connects everything.

"If your belt breaks, your alternator could stop running, and it's



the alternator that charges the battery," Sebert said. "Most cars today have electric fuel pumps, which would then stop running, and then you're not going anywhere. Look over your belts for 'checking,' which is cracking or glazing."

prices, will also help you get better gas mileage.

"Normal tires need 32 to 35 pounds of air pressure," Sebert said. "If they are under-inflated, then the tire is squatting, which means it has more contact with the road. That means more friction and heat, which means you could have a blow-out."

Some cars now have tire monitoring, which means yet another red light on the dash. This one will light to show you that air pressure is low.

"If you've got a tire that's low on air pressure, it's like you're pushing your car, not rolling it," Sebert said.

Since even the best-laid plans can go awry, Sebert recommended that drivers pack emergency items. Subaru, he said, sells its cars with a severe weather companion, a box of goods that will help you in an emergency. Your own emergency preparedness kit should contain

Keeping your tires in good shape will help you get where you're going, and in this summer of outrageous gas

reflective flares, jumper cables or a booster kit, blankets, a flashlight — and a spare tire with enough air pressure to



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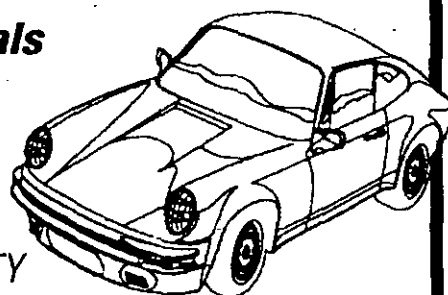
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It's been said that buying a car is the second biggest investment anyone will make in his or her lifetime. But those who try stretching their budget to afford that car can turn the investment into one big headache. Before setting out on the journey for your new ride, it's best to know the limits of what you can afford and stick to them.

Simple research and cost management can help you avoid problems from the get-go.

- Calculate your total monthly expenses and determine the remaining amount available from your monthly income.
 - Estimate and include fuel costs in your expense calculation, especially if the vehicle will be driven to work or school everyday.
 - Check insurance rates. They're normally lower for used cars versus new ones, but will vary based on the individual and specific vehicle.
 - Take into consideration other associated costs like personal property taxes, license and registration fees.
- A good rule to follow is that your monthly loan payment should be no more than 20

percent of your remaining monthly income. Lenders will typically expect a minimum down payment of 10 percent, but if you can afford to put down more, do so. Increasing the down payment will cut down on the principle of your loan and lower your monthly payments.

Buying a new car has its obvious advantages, but when working with a limited budget, price is normally the driving force behind one's decision. On average, the cost of a used car is about half that of a new one.

Given the improved quality of cars over the last decade, there are increasing numbers of reasonably priced used cars available in good to excellent condition. According to the NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association), franchised new-car dealers sell over 19 million used cars per year.

Consumers can utilize numerous Internet sites that provide tools, like Carfax's Hot Listings, to help them find used cars in their price range and location. Hot Listings provides users with a directory of vehicles available at local dealers that match specific search criteria. A free Carfax Vehicle History Report is provided for each vehicle.



Mike Tompkins, who purchased a used car, agrees with the value of services like Carfax. During his search, he

discovered that the car he was buying had been in an accident, though it was eventually cleared through an inspection.

"Twenty dollars could save you a lot of headaches," he said.

Once you've settled on the pre-owned vehicle of your choice, it is strongly recommended to have the car inspected by a qualified and trustworthy mechanic. Make sure to check the vehicle's history, with a service like Carfax.

Any problems that either the report or mechanic may uncover can either be used as bargaining tools to help lower the cost of the vehicle or as proof to avoid the deal altogether.

Be careful what you touch

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The Shadow may know what evil lurks in the heart of men, but it's anybody's guess what that stuff is that's adhered to the armrest in the five-year-old minivan. It's green, hard, and repugnant enough that little girls cry "eewwww" when forced to sit next to it.

Today's family vehicles are rife with the possibility of discovery — which can be both a good and bad thing.

As we scurry from place to place, mostly our cars are full of food and food detritus. "Go see what's in the car," is one mother's flip answer to her children's ill-timed complaints that they're hungry.

On a good day in our car, you might find still-wrapped candy bars, midget Tootsie Rolls, or a package of Tic-Tacs. It's possible that they're in the glove compartment; the secret, lockable compartment under the front passenger seat; or the cargo net between the two front seats. Most likely, though, they're wedged between seats or melted into the seat, waiting for an unsuspecting passenger to sit on them and carry their remains indiscreetly around for the rest of the day.

While hunting for the still-wrapped goodies, though, there are treasures that the squeamish wouldn't want to find. Loose Junior Mints are a tactile treasure — if you like chocolate and mint stuck to your fingers. There seems to always be a minimum of five petrified McDonald's French fries

with tangled ribbons, an empty box of Altoids, a flashlight shaped like a fish, AAA batteries that might or might not still work, the ear bud to the cell phone we owned two contracts ago, maps with the necessary parts ripped off and a roll of duct tape.

Toys migrate to the car, either from home or after being newly purchased. There are always Lego pieces floating around the car, swords to miniature military figures and a shark with light-up teeth. Some toys go to the car to keep kids company on long car trips, and the car seems to take them as some sort of sacrifice to the petrol gods. There's still a grudge that's nursed in our house from a trip to the Martin van Buren National Historic Site in Kinderhook, the last time that a helmet — as big as the tip of your forefinger — to a particular Gundam Wing toy was seen.

Oh, well, it's bound to show up. Take a look under the car seats — there's bound to be something to capture your interest. Beach umbrella? Happy Meal box? A travel edition of Boggle? A map of the Ben & Jerry's factory? The miner's hat that you had to have at Howe Caverns, and was only worn on the way home? Keep looking; call us if you ever hit bottom.



wedged between the back and the flat part of a car seat. We've also learned that Skittles lose their candy coatings after languishing between car seats for a couple of days. They are, to the delight of the younger child and disgust of the older in our family, still edible without that coating.

There's more than food stuck in that there car. The aforementioned cargo net is actually too small to transport goods of any major value, but it is home to scissors, audio tapes

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Tips for surviving construction delays

Chances are you've heard the old joke "there are two seasons — around here — winter and road construction."

It seems like no matter where you live, or where you drive during the summer months, you can't avoid construction zones. While driving delays can be frustrating, it's important not to lose sight of the fact that safety comes first in a construction zone.

"Highway construction is necessary to eliminate unsafe road conditions, relieve congestion and to help with the free flow of goods and services that generates more than \$64 billion in economic growth each year," noted Dennis Day, executive director for public affairs for Associated General Contractors of America (AGC).

But work zones are increasingly dangerous. Work

zone fatalities increased nationwide by 53 percent between 1998 and 2002, according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data. And surprisingly, four out of five people killed were either drivers or passengers.

"We want motorists to protect themselves as well as those working in highway construction zones," said Day.

"Every effort is made to minimize the impact of construction activities on motorists," he added.

However, that doesn't mean that motorists can drive through a work zone as if it is the same as the open road.

"Slow down, be alert and the road will be

safer for both you as a driver, and the workers who are there to make your future ride better," Day said.

The Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration offers the following tips for work



Federal Highway Administration administrator Mary Peters recently demonstrated what it would be like to have your office in a Highway Work Zone. Peter's commented, "Give our highway workers a brake. Slow down in construction work zones."

zone safety.

- Stay alert and pay attention to the roadway, signs and work zone flaggers

- Turn on headlights so workers and other drivers can see you

- Don't tailgate or speed, and always slow to the posted limits, even if workers are not immediately visible

- Never change lanes in work zones

- Minimize distractions in

vehicles such as cellular phones and onboard navigation systems

- Always expect the unexpected in a roadway work zone

- Be patient and stay calm.

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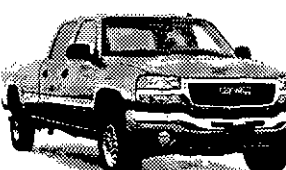


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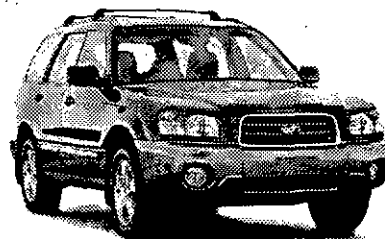


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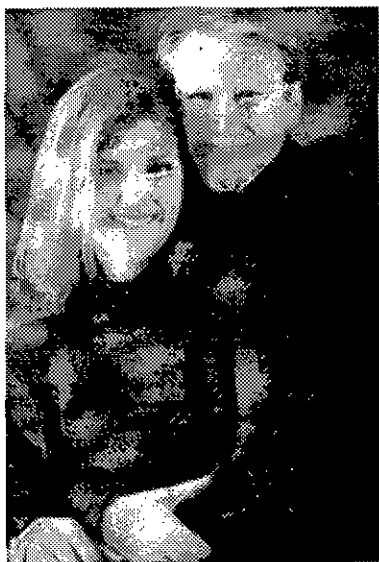
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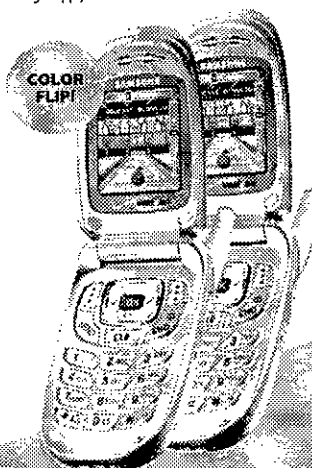


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Julia Jarvais

Julia Kemshie Zackest Jarvais, 84, of Selkirk, died Friday, July 16, at her home.

Born and educated in Cohoes, she lived in the Capital District all of her life.

Mrs. Jarvais worked in production for Sterling Winthrop

in Rensselaer for many years.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

She was the widow of Joseph A. Jarvais.

Survivors include four daughters, Penny Roney, Diana Wickham, Debbie Bressette and Linda Albright; three sisters,

Leona Grimland, Vera Ferry and Veia Guerin; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Brinley Breen

Brinley M. "Harp" Breen, 80, of Delmar, died Tuesday, July 13, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Maesteg, Great Britain, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Central Europe, Rhineland and Ardennes campaigns.

Mr. Breen retired as office manager after 50 years with Capital Staple Co. in Albany.

He was a member of the Albany Elks Lodge and the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post. He was a life member of the Polish Community Center.

Survivors include his companion, Irene Roman of Delmar; a son, Thomas Breen of Latham; a sister, Patricia Mottolese of Albany; and two

grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and St. Pius X Church in Loudonville.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

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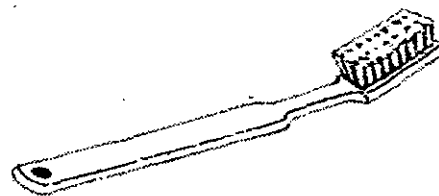
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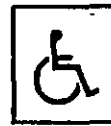
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To Life's capital campaign co-chaired by Mary Ann McGinn and Lauren Iselin, seeks to raise \$650,000 for the Kenwood Avenue building's purchase and renovations and to seed an endowment for breast cancer education programs and support services.

As "Building Hope" enters its public phase, Iselin said, "This extraordinary project and undertaking will help To Life build on its reputation of providing informative education programs facilitated by respected members of the medical community for breast cancer patients and support services for family members."

"'Building Hope' demonstrates To Life's commitment to meeting the Capital District's growing breast cancer detection, treatment and overall education needs," McGinn added.

To Life has many people to thank on this momentous occasion — the countless volunteers, breast cancer survivors, their families and elected officials.

To Life's new home downpayment of \$75,000 from the Community Capital Assistance Program was made possible by state Assemblymen Ron Canestrari, John McEneny, and Paul Tonko. To Life appreciates their generous and diligent efforts to make 410 Kenwood Ave. a reality.

Marcia Preusser of Selkirk said it best: "When I left the doctor's office, I knew I had breast cancer. When I left To Life, I knew I had a future."

She and hundreds of other women have found at To Life valuable information, needed support, and wig and prosthetic services they could find nowhere else.

Thousands more have attended education forums, breast self-examination training and unique support services offered throughout the Capital District for the past nearly six years.

The new address enhances staff and volunteers' ability to plan and execute services provided throughout the area.

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How to maintain a good credit rating

By TIMOTHY P. MINAHAN,
Vice President, KeyBank N.A.

Seven years — that's how long information remains on your credit report.

An erroneous credit report is a long-term problem, so maintaining a good credit rating by avoiding or correcting such problems is very important.

How important?

A credit report is the first place that potential lenders, insurance agents, employers or landlords look in deciding whether to lend to, insure, employ or rent to you.

In a perfect world, such important information would be perfectly correct, but problems are common in credit reports. Approximately 25 percent of participants in a *Wall Street Journal* survey who had requested a credit report

challenged the information they received, and a recent U.S. Public Interest Research Group survey found that 79 percent of the credit reports on 200 adults surveyed had mistakes. Of those, 54 percent had obsolete information or information on the wrong people, and 30 percent had information on accounts that were closed but were still being reported as open.

The Fair Credit Reporting



Timothy P. Minahan

the list at the end of this article). They collect information from banks and other lenders and credit card companies for information on debts, and from

Act requires obsolete information be deleted from credit reports and gives us access to our credit reports and the right to have mistakes corrected. However, we must protect our own credit ratings.

Three national private, for-profit businesses provide credit reports (see

public records for information on bankruptcies, tax liens and court judgments. Whenever you borrow money or make a payment on a loan or credit card balance, the lender informs the credit bureaus, so the report constantly evolves. It is also highly detailed, with notations of late payments and even how long payments are delayed.

You can access and review your own report, but only authorized individuals such as potential lenders, employers, insurance underwriters or landlords may access your report, and only if they intend to do business with you.

Anyone who refuses you credit must notify you in writing of the decision and the reason, and must also tell you what credit bureau issued the report used in making that decision.

If you find that the decision was based on a flawed credit report, the credit bureau must help you make corrections. First, you're entitled to add a written statement (100 words or less) explaining your view of the mistake. Also, the credit bureau must send that explanation to anyone who requested your credit report within the past six months if the request was for credit purposes and within the past two years if the request was for employment purposes.

Be persistent and precise in making challenges. Record dates when you contacted the credit bureau, names and phone numbers of those you contacted, and ask for an amended report after receiving assurances that corrections have been made.

The stakes are high for credit report errors. Any credit reporting agency or user of reported credit information who violates the Fair Credit Reporting Act can be sued, and anyone who obtains a credit report under false pretenses can be fined \$5,000, imprisoned for one year, or both.

However, the credit bureaus merely collect and pass along information from creditors. If that information is incorrect, it becomes part of a person's credit report. The possibilities for error are almost limitless but the most common are: a charge for something you did not buy, a charge on your account by an unauthorized person, a charge that is not properly identified, a charge for an amount different from the purchase price, math errors, failure to reflect a payment or other credit or failure to mail a statement to a person's current address.

To correct these errors by creditors, contact the creditor within 60 days after the erroneous bill was mailed to you, but pay any part of the bill that is not in error. You deserve a reply within 30 days, will not have to pay any finance charges on the disputed amount until a final resolution, and your credit rating cannot be threatened while the matter is being decided. Even if no error is found, the creditor must explain that in writing. You can withhold payment for any damaged or unsatisfactory good or services purchased with your credit card.

Using credit can be very

useful, especially when traveling or spreading out payments for high-ticket purchases. But it's important to protect yourself by maintaining your credit rating with these Top 10 precautions:

Credit Self-Defense

1. Check your credit report at least once a year. This costs very little, gives you the chance to spot inaccuracies and report them immediately, and informs you who has requested your information.

2. Avoid credit-repair services. Only you can challenge your credit report. Consult nonprofit consumer credit counseling services for problems with your credit.

3. Do not write your credit card number or Social Security number on your checks or anywhere else they can be copied. (Merchants cannot charge your credit card account if the check bounces.)

4. Keep purchase receipts and compare them against credit card charges for purchases.

5. Keep credit card balances within limits, always pay on time, and pay at least the minimum required.

6. Shred financial documents, including unsolicited, preapproved credit card offers.

7. Be careful about the mail, for example, notify all creditors of changes of address; when ordering checks, have them delivered to a lockable mailbox; and make sure you receive monthly bank and credit card statements. (If these do not arrive, it may mean someone else is accessing your accounts.)

8. Never lend a credit card to anyone.

9. Use preauthorized account debits to make routine monthly payments and avoid having to mail checks.

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Check Your Credit File — Or Fix It!

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Obituaries

Bernard Wilt

Bernard M. "Barney" Wilt, 82, of Glenmont Road in Glenmont, died Friday, July 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Buskirk, he lived in Glenmont for the past 26 years.

Mr. Wilt was employed as a maintenance supervisor for Atlantic Cement in Ravena for more than 20 years.

He was Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He was a ham radio operator with the handle of KB2LNH and was a member of the Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He enjoyed working and repairing small engines and playing pool at the Ravena Senior Center and on the computer

playing against people worldwide.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia E. Seitz Wilt; two sons, John Wilt of New Jersey and Robert Wilt of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Martha Harvey of Greenville, Margaret Wilt of Rensselaer, Hester Segar of New Bern, N.C., and Bernadette Ferriere of Cossackie; two step-daughters, Leona Teator of

Glenmont and Diane Moore of San Pedro, Calif.; two brothers, Daniel Wilt of Carlisle, Pa., Charles Wilt of Cambridge; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the W.J. Lyons Jr. Funeral Home in Rensselaer.

Burial was in Bloomingrove Cemetery in Defreestville.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Upstate New York Chapter, 6 Automation Lane, Albany 12206, or the Kidney Foundation of Northeastern New York, 23 Computer Drive East, Colonie 12205.

Mary Vagele

Mary L. Vagele, 85, of Glenmont, died Friday, July 16, 2004 at Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She worked for more than 20 years at the Friendly Corner Grocery store in Albany.

Mrs. Vagele was a founding member and past president of the Selkirk No. 2 Fire Company Auxiliary.

She was also a volunteer with the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and past president of the Glenmont Elementary School PTA.

She was the widow of Charles E. Vagele.

Survivors include four daughters, Joan Austin of Selkirk, Mary Lou Riccardo and Carole Van Apeldoorn, both of Glenmont, and Charlene Markham of Watervliet; three brothers, Francis Ernst, Robert Gaddor and Charles Simon; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. John's St Ann's Church in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Grace Bensinger

Grace L. Bensinger, 87, of Guilderland and formerly of Lyons Avenue in Delmar, died Monday, July 12, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School and Mildred Elley business school.

Mrs. Bensinger was a legal secretary for the former Albany County District Attorney John T. Garry II.

She later worked for the state Legislature and then as a medical receptionist in Albany.

She was a member of the Onesquethaw Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Delmar Reformed Church.

She was the widow of William Bensinger.

Survivors include two daughters, Denise Boyne of Canton, Conn., and Diane Ruszczyk of Glenville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Interment will be in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.



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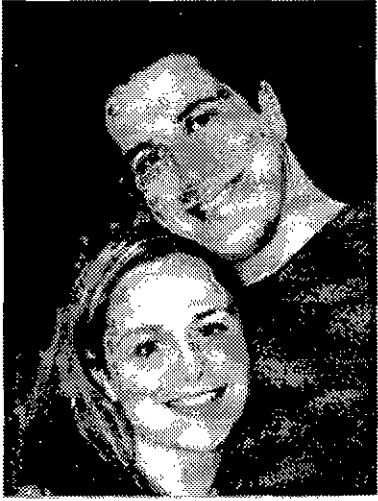
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Finkel, Grossman engaged



Melanie Finkel and Kevin Grossman

Melanie G. Finkel, daughter of Amy and Stan Solomon of Delmar and Sanford Finkel of East Greenbush, and Kevin Grossman, son of Bruce and Lynda Grossman of Coram, Long Island, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rhode Island. She attends the University at Buffalo Law School.

The future groom is a graduate of the University at Albany and University at Buffalo Law School of Law.

The couple plans a Nov. 5 wedding.

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Nicholas Vamvas of Delmar (bachelor's in civil engineering), Calvin Brown of Glenmont (bachelor's in economics), Daniel Cocozza of Selkirk (bachelor's in civil engineering), Charles Kreuter (bachelor's in English and master's in business administration) and Nathaniel Sherman (bachelor's in English), both of Slingerlands; and Raebeth Ruede of Voorheesville (bachelor's in history).

University of Michigan

Kelly Cheeseman of Selkirk

(bachelor's in English).

United States Military Academy

Patrick Davis of Delmar (bachelor's in electrical engineering, with honors).

University of New England

David Bagg of Delmar (bachelor's in medical biology, magna cum laude).

University of New Hampshire

Eileen Dunn of Delmar (bachelor's in kinesiology).

Range, Goldenberg marry

Marisa Elena Range, daughter of Dr. Michael and Alexandria Range of Niskayuna and formerly of Delmar, and Glenn Elliot Goldenberg, son of Dr. Robert and Margaret Goldenberg of Lyndhurst, Ohio, were married Aug. 10.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph J. Madera and Rabbi Laurence Aryeh Alpern at Union College Memorial Chapel in Schenectady.

A reception followed at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The maid of honor was Ofelia Range, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Heather Curtin, Alison Ho, Christine Kim and Kiera Magher.

The best man was Neal Goldenberg, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Roberto Range, brother of the bride, and Tim Limbert, Joe Mlakar and Stan Strunk.

The bride is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Princeton University.

She is a strategic planning manager for Dell in Austin, Texas.



Marisa and Michael Goldenberg

She will be a graduate student at the Harvard Business School in software developer for Journee Software in Austin.

The groom is a graduate of Cornell University. He is a senior After a wedding trip to Bora Bora and Tahiti, the couple lives in Austin.

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education: English) and Peter Morgan (bachelor's in geography), all of Glenmont.

SUNY Oswego

Andrew Coker (bachelor's in business administration), Ayndrea Greenfield (bachelor's in business administration) and Sarah Szczech (bachelor's in elementary education, magna cum laude), all of Delmar.

Sandra Drozd, daughter of William and Janice Drozd of Delmar, and Thomas VanVranken, son of Sanford and Beverly VanVranken of Gloversville, were married Oct. 4.

The ceremony was performed by Bethlehem Town Supervisor Theresa Egan and Shannon Woods at Mabee Farm Historic Site in Rotterdam Junction.

A reception followed at Valentino's Restaurant in Amsterdam.

The matron of honor was Karen Ward and the maid of honor was Sharon Woods.

Bridesmaids were Erica Higgins-Webster, Laurie Daves and Kristen Rogers.

The best men were Shaughn Duffy and Brad Johnson.

Groomsmen were Bob Webster and Kasey Meunier.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College.

She is a senior laboratory technician at Health Research in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Gloversville High School and

Drozd, VanVranken marry



Sandra and Thomas VanVranken

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He is the head organic chemist for Norlite Corp. in Cohoes.

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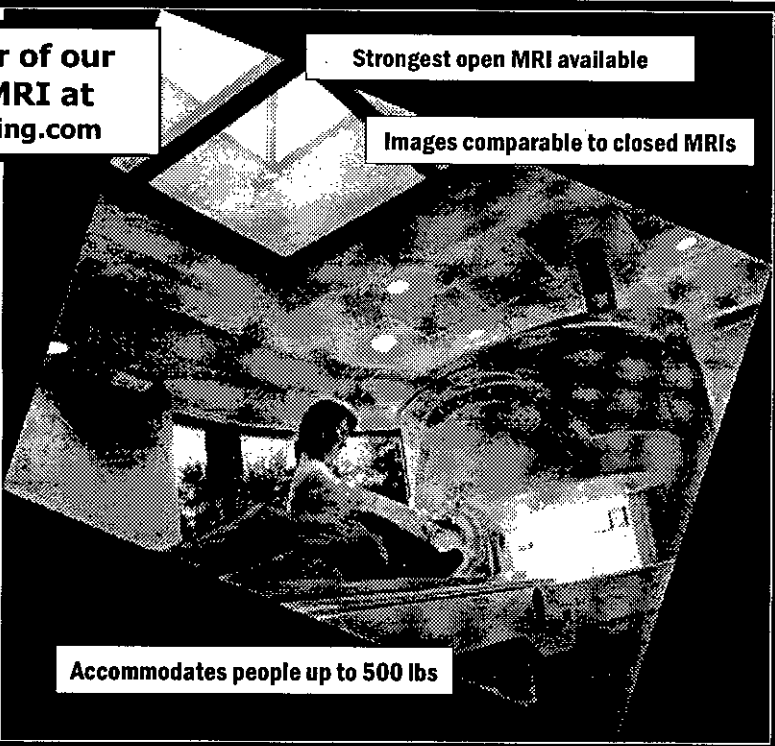
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Born in 1904, July is the 100th anniversary of his birth, and the cast of Cap Rep's "Ain't Misbehavin'" have done Fats proud with an explosion of music and dance.

The show is a true ensemble piece, with every member of the cast showing off a strong voice, along with plenty of energy and vigor. This was true whether they were singing some of the truly stunning ballads in the show, or ripping up the stage in the novelty numbers that kept the audience laughing.

Andi Hopkins, who played the part that won Nell Carter a Tony, shined with a versatile voice that was both smooth and sassy. Her renderings of "I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling" and "Mean to Me" were lyrical and moving.

sinister, sonorous and often hilarious version of "The Vipers Drag" was perfect. It isn't often you find your mama at a reefer club - but, "one never knows, do one?" Hall was so strong that he almost overshadowed his fellow male performer, Kevin Cheatham. While Cheatham did a commendable job on "Your Feet's Too Big," he never fully developed the charisma of the big Fats Waller type he portrayed.

The highlight of the night came late in the second act, with the poetic "Black and Blue," a lament of being



Andi Hopkins and Kevin Neil Cheatham croon and spoon to "Honeysuckle Rose."



A tribute to "Fats"



Beside songs, there are plenty of dance numbers in "Ain't Misbehavin'."

I do wish, however, that director Alan Weeks had reined in Hopkins' mugging during the beautiful and languorous "Jitterbug Waltz." The gorgeous harmonies of the song were lost under the giggles of the audience as Hopkins wandered "inebriated" around the stage.

When she wasn't "trucking and pecking" and kicking her leg over her head, Bonita Hamilton was booming out a raucous laugh. Her take on a not-so-great big band singer was hilarious. Just as easily, in the next act she showed off her sultry side in one of my favorite songs, "Keepin' Out of Mischief Now."

Deanna Greene had the misfortune of singing her big number, "Squeeze Me," early in the show, before the audience had warmed up to her subtle comic turns. However, by the end of the first act she had everyone laughing out loud and she really came to life in "That Ain't Right," which she performed with Darryl Hall.

Hall, the strongest member of the ensemble, was perfectly cast. His

African-American in Harlem in the late 1920s. The cast captured perfectly the simplistic longing and the tight harmonies.

The only problem about the music throughout the show was that while each of the cast's solos and duos were close to perfection, the singers lacked the range to complete the highest and lowest notes of the complex vocal arrangements.

Michael Blaus' set perfectly recreated the smoky atmosphere of a early 20th-century nightclub. A small but brilliant touch was the advertising posters of Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong and other entertainers of the time period scattered on the walls of the set. The "hot spot" effect was heightened by the on stage presence of the musicians, which included brilliant pianist and musical director Darryl Ivey, bass player Michael Wicks and Rob Cenci on drums.

A perfect choice to direct the show was Weeks, a now-local director and choreographer who performed in the original Broadway production of "Ain't Misbehavin'" (in the Andre Shields role). The show ran like a well-oiled machine, following smoothly from song to dance to comedy bit and back again.

"They've got a hit on their hands," was the consensus of the couple behind me at the end of opening night as the cast received a standing ovation.

Kevin Neil Cheatham (left) and Darryl Reuben Hall (right)

And frankly, I agree.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" runs through Aug. 9. There will be discussion nights on July 21, 28 and Aug. 4, where you can chat after the show with Artistic Director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill and the cast.

Regular performance times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$31 to \$39 for regular performances. To reserve tickets, call the Capital Rep box office at 445-SHOW or visit www.capitalrep.org for show information.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Park Playhouse production, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, through Aug. 15, free, \$14 and \$16 for reserved seats. Information, 434-0776.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Fats Waller musical, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 8, \$31 to \$39. Information, 445-7469.

BENCH IN THE SUN

Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Aug. 14, \$18. Information, 877-7529.

ADORABLE ME

Mac-Haydn Theatre, Route 203, Chatham, through July 25, \$20.90 and \$22.90, \$12 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Information, 392-9292.

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

Theater Barn, Route 20, New Lebanon, through July 25, \$19, \$17 for matinees. Information, 794-8989.

Music

CHUCK MANGIONE

Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 21, 7 p.m., free. Information, 473-0559.

ROOMFUL OF BLUES

Alive at Five concert, Albany Riverfront Park, July 22, 5 p.m., free. Information, 434-5412.

PAPA GROWS FUNK

Music Haven, Central Park, Schenectady, July 22, 7 p.m., free. Information, 1-866-333-8191.

CELTIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

featuring the Prodigals, Solas and Flynn, Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 23, noon to 10 p.m., free. Information, 473-0559.

JOHN SEBASTIAN

New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 23, 7:30 p.m., \$18 and \$22. Information, 408-1033.

DAVID BENOIT/RUSS FREEMAN

EXPERIENCE

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 23, 8 p.m., \$28. Information, 473-1845.

BRAVE COMBO

Music Haven, Central Park, Schenectady, July 25, 4 p.m., free. Information, 1-866-333-8191.

CATHIE RYAN

Washington Park, Albany, July 26, 7:30 p.m., free. Information, 1-866-333-8191.

THE NEVILLE BROTHERS

Alive at Five concert, Albany Riverfront Park, July 29, 5 p.m., free. Information, 434-5412.

Dance

NEW YORK CITY BALLET

Saratoga Performing Arts Center; 8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted; July 21 — Divertimento No. 15, Interplay and New Eifman Ballet; July 22 — Interplay, Fancy Free and Stars and Stripes at 2 p.m., Who Cares?, New Martins Ballet

and I'm Old Fashioned; July 23 — The Four Temperaments, Fancy Free and New Eifman Ballet; July 24 — Fancy Free, New Martins Ballet and Stars and Stripes at 2 p.m., Who Cares?, I'm Old Fashioned and Stars and Stripes; \$8 to \$57.50. Information, 587-3330.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

French Painters of Nature: Barbizon School Landscapes from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, through Aug. 22; Lost Cases, Recovered Lives: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic, through Sept. 19; plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Don Nic's Hudson River paintings, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Factory Bands to Funk: Music in the Capital Region, 1900 to the Present, through Sept. 12; plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Artists in the Studio: 30 Years at the Millay Colony for the Arts, through Aug. 1, half-hour free parking. Information, 242-2241.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, Shades of Summer exhibit of original paintings by member of the Colonie Art League, through Aug. 31. Information, 786-6557.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

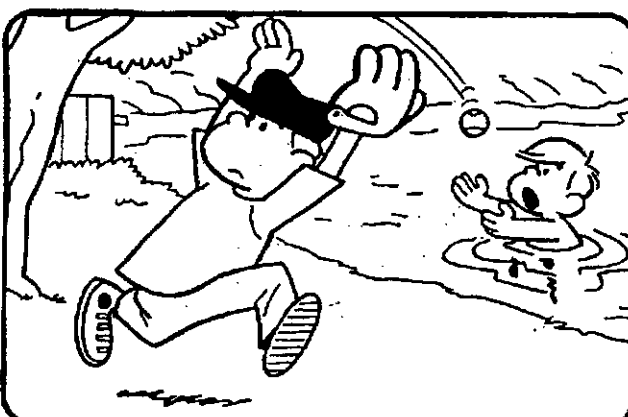
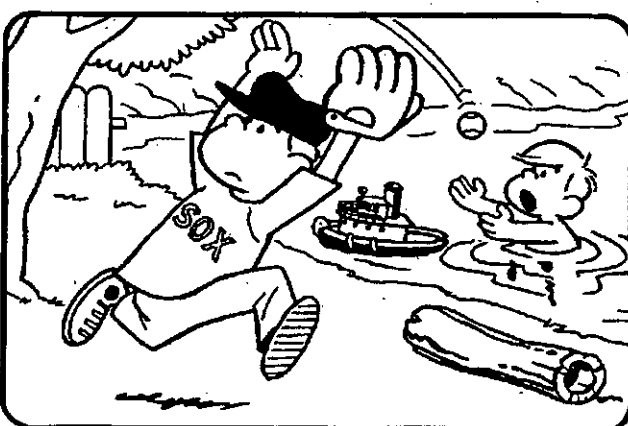
rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

ARTISTS WANTED

exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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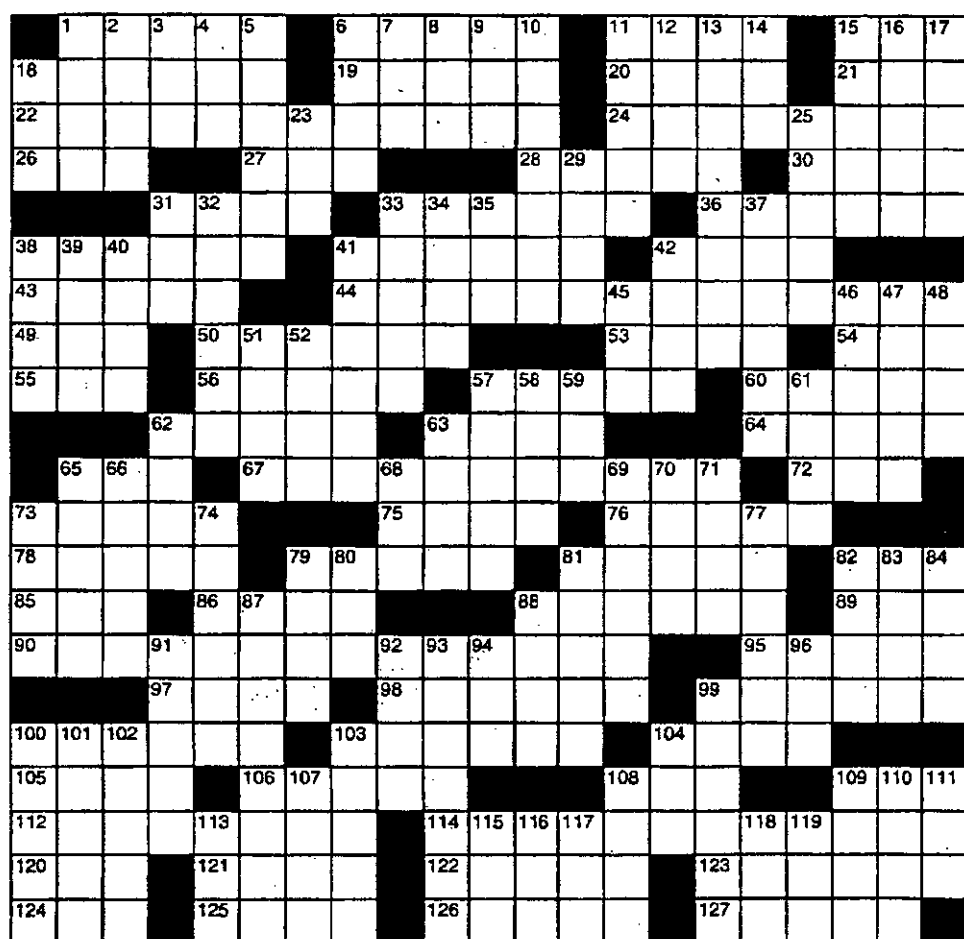
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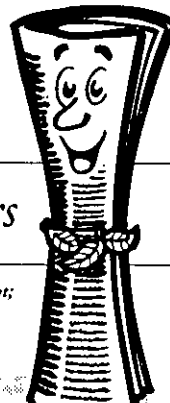


- ACROSS**
- Big bargain
 - Carpentry device
 - Diplomacy
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 - Marie, MI
 - Fill with fizz
 - "Bolero" composer
 - Return address?
 - Pallid
 - Frequent
 - Wayne co-star
 - Film directed by Wayne
 - Wayfarer's wetter
 - Thrill
 - Troubles
 - Pianist Gilels
 - Word with car or pea
 - Muhammad's daughter
 - Commotion
 - Tune
 - Small mail
 - Bearing
 - Faced the day
 - Wayne's birth name
 - Grande
 - Plot
 - Facilitate a felony
 - Poetic preposition
 - Makes one's mark
 - Tortellini
 - topping
 - Fretful
 - Songwriter
 - Greenwich
 - Jean of "Upstairs, Downstairs"
 - "Sorry Now" ('58 hit)
 - Gossip material
 - Numbers man?
 - Wayne's final film
 - Went jogging
 - Maestro
 - Zubin
 - "Braveheart" costume
 - Fielder's equipment
 - Yale or Root
 - Yale or Root
 - Simon's "Plaza"
 - Rascal
 - Out of sorts
 - Restaurant
 - Teat cover?
 - Actress
 - Peggy
 - Oscar-winning
 - Wayne role
 - Hugh of "Small Time Crooks"
 - Spineless
 - Egg
 - evaluation
 - Rich soup
 - 100 Insist
 - 103 Lost one's tail?
 - 104 A shake in the grass?
 - 105 "Star Trek VI" actress
 - 106 Bendix role
 - 108 Tease
 - 109 Spigot
 - 112 Frequent
 - Wayne director
 - 114 Wayne's role in "The Searchers"
 - 120 Pink legend
 - 121 New York city
 - 122 Shortstop
 - 123 Volcanic state
 - 124 Comedian
 - Louis
 - 125 Actor Epps
 - 126 A la King?
 - 127 Proficient
 - 11 Neon
 - 12 Flu symptom
 - 13 cat
 - 14 Shelley's "Skylark"
 - 15 Okafenkoe, for one
 - 16 Indian tongue
 - 17 "Gay"
 - 18 internists' org.
 - 23 "if I can help it!"
 - 25 Tea of "The Naked Truth"
 - 29 Prayer finale
 - 31 "Cob, CT"
 - 32 Forsyth's "The File"
 - 33 Surround a Seurat
 - 34 "God's Little" ('58 film)
 - 35 Skater
 - Babilonia
 - 37 Olympian AI
 - 38 "You Bet Your Life" emcee
 - 39 Part of HOMES
 - 40 Author Anita
 - 41 Don of "Cocoon"
 - 42 Melville title
 - 45 "Nowhere" ('66 hit)
 - 46 Actress
 - Diamond
 - 47 Sky stalker
 - 48 "do-well"
 - 51 Supermarket vehicle
 - 52 "Be quiet!"
 - 57 Complete
 - 58 Night noise
 - 59 Relative of -ator
 - 61 Tempt
 - 62 School subject
 - 63 Crackerjack
 - 65 Casals' instrument
 - 66 Detective Vance
 - 68 Emulate
 - 102 Down
 - 69 Exotic pet
 - 70 Lingerie item
 - 71 Shopper's sack
 - 73 Gilda of Israel
 - 74 Darcy's creator
 - 77 "The Aeneid" author
 - 79 Mindy's mate
 - 80 Circle section
 - 81 Fathered a foal
 - 82 Neighbor of Jordan
 - 83 Waiter's offering
 - 84 Fancy appetizer
 - 87 TV's "Max"
 - 88 Teen title
 - 91 Proust protagonist
 - 92 Eye appreciatively
 - 93 Cheeseboard choice
 - 94 "Girls" ('79 smash)
 - 96 Pretoria's loc.
 - 99 "The Enlightened One"
 - 100 Mustard city
 - 101 Atlanta campus
 - 102 Athlete Phil
 - 103 More advanced
 - 104 Rush
 - 107 Role for Shirley
 - 108 Patella's place
 - 109 Kisser
 - 110 Mine feature
 - 111 Pressure meas.
 - 113 To and
 - 115 Pigskin prop
 - 116 "Tell About It" ('83 song)
 - 117 "see it"
 - 118 Gum gob
 - 119 Overwhelm

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. Jul. 21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN

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

BINGO

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 4-6, Ice cream party at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. Jul. 22

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

SRC VOLUNTEER CLUB

Sign-up necessary, at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m., Information, 765-2791.

STORYTIME AT THE VILLAGE PARK

Voorheesville Public Library, 11 a.m., Information, 765-2791.

THURSDAY NIGHT POETS

At the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, No sign-up necessary, 7 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

Fri. Jul. 23

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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

VISUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Strategies to cope with visual impairment, led by Dr. Edwin Pesnel. Refreshments. Room 101, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue.

Delmar, 4-2 p.m. Sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Services. Information 439-4955 ext. 4.

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, 439-8283.

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. Jul. 24

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

Sun. Jul. 25

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 435-4358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4323.
Delmar F.W. Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-3252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Bixsing 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.
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, 436-7740.

WEDDING GOWN EXHIBIT (JUNE THRU AUGUST)

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85 475-9085.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Cope and 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, De aware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. Jul. 26

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-3552.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Wine Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

EXPLORER POST 157

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4235.

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445

Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 1-3, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

SRC TEEN NIGHT

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Chinese cooking, sign up necessary, 7 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. Jul. 27

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

CHURCH LUNCH

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

BINGO

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

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.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. (6 p.m. workshop meeting). Information, 765-2692.

Wed. Jul. 28

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN

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

BINGO

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SUMMER READING CLUB

For grades 4-6, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

TOGETHER AT TWILIGHT CONCERT

With Skip Parson's Clarinet Marmalade, free, on the lawn at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

AA MEETING

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

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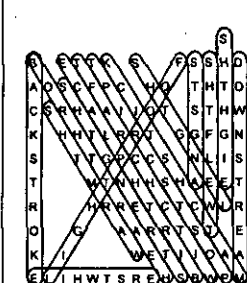
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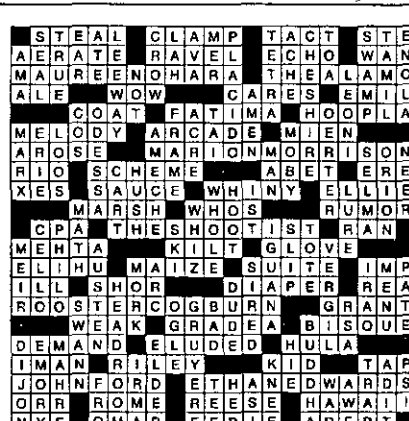
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is CHUDCO, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 7, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Marvin Chudnof, Hudson Preserve, 587 Broadway, Menands, New York 12204. LCD-10100 (July 21, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

AUDIT COMMITTEE ADVISORS, LLC

Notice of formation of Audit Committee Advisors, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/10/04. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the LLC are to provide consulting services to audit committees, boards of directors and boards of trustees to assist them in meeting their fiduciary duty and responsibilities. LCD-10102 (July 21, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ("LP"). The name of the LP is Elk Street Partners L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on May 20, 2004. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 9 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207. LCD-10103 (July 21, 2004)

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Meridian Insurance Group, LLC D/B/A Meridian Insurance Agency LLC was filed with the SSNY on 6/16/2004. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Gregory J. Cryan, 301 Yamato Road, Suite 3190 Boca Raton, FL 33431 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LCD-10106 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Mercer Holding Co., LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/20/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of process: Three E-Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10113 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Bear Electrical, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/12/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 228 Drumm Road, Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-10114 (July 21, 2004)

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KEYSER REALTY, LLC
1. Notice of formation of Keyser Realty, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/17/2004. Office location: Columbia County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable. LCD-10128 (July 21, 2004)

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MSC DEVELOPMENT, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of MSC Development, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("DSNY") on June 23, 2004. Office location: Albany County. DSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. DSNY shall mail a copy of any process to MSC Development, LLC, 111 Leonard Lane, Feura Bush, NY 12067. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Law Office of Kara Conway Love Address: 450 New Karner Road, Suite 203 Albany, New York 12205-3898 LCD-10131 (July 21, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is CLOVER PARK APARTMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 21, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-10132 (July 21, 2004)

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CLAVERACK PUMP SERVICE, LLC

1. Notice of formation of Claverack Pump Service, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/10/2004. Office location: Columbia County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process

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against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful business; incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable. LCD-10133 (July 21, 2004)

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NALLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

Notice of formation of Nally Enterprises, Inc., a limited liability company (the "Corporation"). Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 6/16/2004. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the Corporation, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the Corporation, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which business corporations may be organized under the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York, provided, however, that the Corporation is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body. The Corporation, in furtherance of its corporate purposes, shall have all of the powers enumerated in Section 202 of the New York Business Corporation Law, subject to any limitations provided in the Business Corporation Law or any other statute of the State of New York. LCD-10134 (July 21, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is ARW, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 6, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 17 Jackson Avenue, Cohoes, New York 12047. LCD-10187 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Harbour Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207; Attn: Corporation Service Co. registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10058 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of USRP (JV), LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/27/2004. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 7/6/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 12240

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Inwood Rd., Ste. 300, Dallas TX 75244. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, Corp., Div., 1019 Brazos St., Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10059 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Crosscut LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State on NY (SSNY) on 5/24/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/29/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 11 Joyce Lane, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10063 (July 21, 2004)

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STAPLETON REALTY LLC

1. The name of the foreign limited liability company is STAPLETON REALTY LLC.
2. The certificate of formation of Stapleton Realty LLC creating the limited liability company was filed in the Office of the Delaware Secretary of State on May 19, 2004.
3. The Application for Authority of the foreign limited liability company was filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on June 3, 2004, and became effective on said date.
4. The principal office of the foreign limited liability company within the State of New York is in Albany County.
5. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is Stapleton Realty LLC, 13 Verdun Street, Watervliet, New York 12189.
6. The address of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of the foreign limited liability company's organization is 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19808. The name of its registered agent at such address is Corporation Service Company.
7. The name and address of the authorized officer in the jurisdiction of the foreign limited liability company's organization where a copy of its Certificate of Formation is filed is the Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, State of Delaware, PO Box 898, Dover, Delaware 19903.
8. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized and any other business purposes permitted by law.
Dated: June 10, 2004
NOLAN & HELLER, LLP
Attorneys for Stapleton Realty LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
LD-10065 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Ace Hotel Group LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/7/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/17/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1605 Boylston Ave., #202, Seattle, WA 98122, Attn: Scott Shapiro. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10067 (July 21, 2004)

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ZATION OF YOGADA, LLC PURSUANT TO SECTION 206 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law, of the filing of Articles of Organization of YOGADA, LLC with the Department of State.
1. The name of the limited liability company is: YOGADA, LLC.
2. Articles of Organization were filed with the Department of State on May 11, 2004.
3. The county within this State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within 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: P.O. Box 446, Glenmont, NY 12077.
5. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: December 31, 2029.
6. The business purpose for which the limited liability company is formed is to acquire, hold, manage, refurbish, improve, lease, mortgage and/or sell real property, and to engage in any and all activities for which a limited liability company may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.
Matthew J. Clyne
Attorney for the Company
90 State Street - Suite 501
Albany, NY 12207
518 626-0015
Dated: June 14, 2004
LD-10074 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Shab Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/14/04. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1274 49th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-10087 (July 21, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SELKIS, LLC

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: SELKIS, LLC
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 7, 2004.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon it is: Selkis, LLC P.O. Box 699 Latham, NY 12110
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: Selkis, LLC, P.O. Box 699, Latham, NY 12110.
6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. LD-10089 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Wood Group Power Operations (Freeport), LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/15/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80

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State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10094 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Formation of Stellar Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Suite 501, NY, NY 10001, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10095 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Safeguard NY LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/27/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10096 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of MEPT Octagon LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/2/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o Riggs Bank N.A., 808 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Patrick O. Mayberry. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10097 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Publication 59 Lodge Street Associates, LLC was filed with SSNY on 12/07/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-10101 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of formation of WEST 16 STREET, LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 06/16/2004. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2705 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-10104 (July 21, 2004)

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On June 21, 2004, Executive Computing LLC, which is located at 11 Callaway Circle, Loudonville, NY in the County of Albany, filed its Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State. The Secretary of State has been designated the agent of the company upon whom process may be served. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York, including, but not

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limited to, providing computer services and products at the above address. LD-10105 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of CBA COMMERCIAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/1/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 695 East Main St., Suite 103, Stamford, CT 06901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10115 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Energy Conversion Systems Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: One Morganite Drive, Dunn, NC 28334. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-10116 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Archland Property I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/18/04. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/8/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: c/o U.S. Realty Advisors, LLC, 1370 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10019. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10118 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Pitcairn West 47th St. Associates, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/22/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 3/13/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. PA address of LLC: 165 Township Line Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Dept. of State, 206 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-10140 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of GP Productions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 6/18/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 1300 Red Bud Trail, Austin, TX 78746. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, Corps. Section, P.O.

Bethlehem water gets high marks for taste

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Bethlehem residents are pouring themselves the second-best tasting water in Albany County every time they go to the tap.

"The first year we finished third, so we moved up a notch. How's that?" It's for fun, but there's a lot of pride in it."

Paul Van Wely

A group of taste testers at the fourth annual Albany County Health and Safety Fair deemed Bethlehem's water as second most drinkable, with Green Island beating them out for total bragging rights.

This is the second year Bethlehem has participated in the light-hearted contest, according to Paul VanWely, deputy chief operator of the Bethlehem water plant.

"The first year we finished third, so we moved up a notch. How's that?" VanWely said. "It's for fun, but there's a lot of pride in it."

The service water supply from Vly Creek serves all of Bethlehem and parts of New Scotland, VanWely said.

The town submitted a sample of water taken right from the plant, so the water is tasted without having gone through any of the mains or lines through

town. VanWely described the process of submitting and tasting the samples as a "hit or miss thing."

VanWely said Bethlehem would probably continue to submit samples for taste tests, with grabbing first place a very real goal.

"Some people are pleased by the taste, that's good for us," VanWely said. "I'm hoping someday we'll be at the top."

Bethlehem's water scored 26

points out of more than 100 votes cast. Two points were awarded for each first place vote and one for each second place vote. Green Island scored 37.

Six municipalities participated, including Ravena, Albany, Cohoes and the Latham Water District.

Only first and second places were announced.

Support group meets at church

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association invites families, caregivers and friends of people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to attend support groups.

A group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave.

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Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697. Purpose: any lawful activities.
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Notice of Registration of Sullivan Cunningham Keenan Mraz Oliver & Violando, LLP. Certificate filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/17/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: practice the profession of law.
 LD-10142
 (July 21, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LET'S GET TOASTED, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/25/04. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2103. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Greg Chase, Post Office Box 38, Troy, New York 12182. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 LD-10143
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Notice of formation of Kilmer Court Apartments, LLC. Arts. of orig. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 76 Sylvan Ave., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-10152
 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of formation of 543 Delaware Avenue, LLC Arts. of orig. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail pro-

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cess to 76 Sylvan Ave., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 LD-10153
 (July 21, 2004)

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ALBANY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, STATE OF NEW YORK. In the Matter of a Proceeding under Docket No. 2982-04. Family Court Act of New York A R U N A S R E E SILASAGARAM, Plaintiff HARI PRASAD SILASAGARAM, Respondent. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: HARI PRASAD SILASAGARAM, THE SPOUSE OF THE PLAINTIFF WHO RESIDES AT UNKNOWN LOCATION. A petition under the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court requesting a dissolution of marriage. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at Albany County, New York, to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

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Dated: 7/2/04, 2004. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Judge of the Family Court, Albany County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Albany County.
 LD-10160
 (July 21, 2004)

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Notice of Qualification of Volvo Finance North America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/14/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/31/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to CT Corporation System, 111 8th. Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 1700 Jay Ell Dr., Richardson, TX 75081. Cert. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: take assignment of retail installment contracts &

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consumer leases of motor vehicles from Volvo auto dealers.
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Notice of Qualification of Professional Placement Resources, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/18/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 3/23/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. FL address of LLC: 333 First St. North, Suite 200, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 409 East Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 LD-10174
 (July 21, 2004)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

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Articles of Organization for THE MARK OF ELEGANCE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 8, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 189 Colonial Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.
 LD-10188
 (July 21, 2004)

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FOREIGN LLC PUBLICATION NOTICE. Name of LLC: VKGS LLC App. For Auth. filed with Sec. of State 06/04/04. Jurisd. And date of org: DELAWARE ON 05/19/04. NY State office loc: ALBANY COUNTY. Sec. of State of NY designated as agent of LLC The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him/her is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY

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10001. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 9 East Loockerman Street, Suite 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Copy of cert. of org. is filed with Delaware Secretary of State, 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purposes: is to transact any lawful business.
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 (July 21, 2004)

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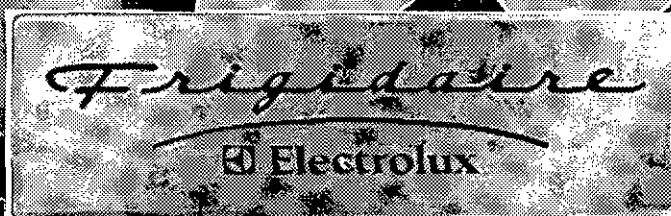
Notice of Qualification of Amstar-1, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Colorado (CO) on 6/23/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CO address of LLC: 1050 17th St., Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80265. Arts. of Org. filed with CO Secy. of State, 1560 Broadway, 2nd Fl., Denver, CO 80202. Purpose: investment in real property.
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