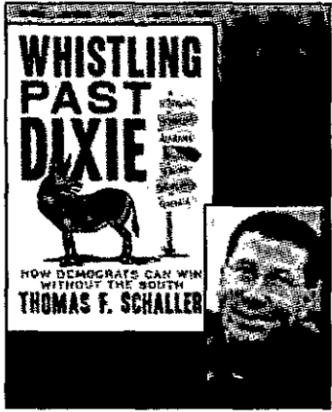


Area News



Delmar native writes book

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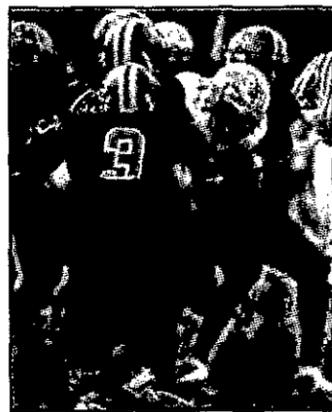
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Haunted destinations

Who says you have to be a kid to enjoy a good old spine-tingling scare this season? Even if you're too old to dress up as Dracula or the Bride of Frankenstein and go door-to-door accumulating a year's worth of candy, there are plenty of ways to spook yourself silly between now and Halloween. Happy haunting!

See story on Page 29.



Boys football

When Albany Academy needed a big play, Dion Lewis provided it.

Lewis gained more than 250 all purpose yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Cadets to a 28-7 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk last Saturday.

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Strangers in their own lives

The cost of incarceration weighs heavily on families

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE

Valerie, a 22-year-old Troy native, is working full-time for the first time in years. When her son was born in 2004, Valerie became a stay-at-home mom and her husband took on more hours at the cleaning service where he worked. All that changed when he was convicted of larceny and sentenced to four years in prison.

She was shocked at the time, she said, but in retrospect sees the behavior that led to her husband's incarceration.

"My husband was always a family-oriented person," she said. "He was a Pop Warner football coach, a Little League coach."

But something changed around the time their son was born.

"The drug use started around the time I got pregnant," said Valerie. "I don't know if it was the stress of having a child or what, but he became a different person, especially as the drug use went on."

Though Valerie wouldn't say what

drugs her husband was using, she said it started with marijuana and escalated into "harder things." He began spending time with people she didn't know, spending money he shouldn't have.

"It just seemed to get worse the more money he had," she said.

"It is difficult enough living with someone with a substance abuse problem ... but once the family member is removed, either to prison or a treatment facility, it exacerbates the problem."

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were caught, Valerie said that because of her husband's drug problem, she never saw one penny of the stolen funds.

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The road to recovery

See story, page 43

Teens urge town to find a home for skate park

By JIM CUOZZO

The pros and cons of owning a skateboard park in Bethlehem continue to generate lively discussion among cross sections of the community.

Several teens in sneakers and shorts and holding skateboards under their arms urged the town board to consider finding a location for a disassembled skateboard park a downstate community is trying to give away.

"We have a really good opportunity here, and we should take advantage of it," said skateboarder Ben Greenman.

The skateboard park comes from Croton-on-the-Hudson, which purchased it a few years ago for close to \$100,000. Earlier this summer, the park was up for sale for \$7,500, but according to Bethlehem town parks administrator Nan Lanahan, a lack of community support for the park downstate has forced them to try to give it away.

"Last year they (Croton-on-the-Hudson) sold only nine season passes, and most users were not residents of the community," said Lanahan.

Bethlehem officials are trying

to balance the needs of skateboarders and the needs of the town, which has been reluctant to take on the responsibility of owning a skateboard park.

"My concern is the location has to be ideal," said Lanahan. "The town is not interested in pursuing it if there is a cost to the town."

Skateboarders are often kicked off private and public property, where they practice their skills on curbs, sidewalks

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Board debates budget savings

By JIM CUOZZO

A difference of opinion is beginning to emerge between town officials on the best way to use the savings in the 2007 proposed Bethlehem budget.

The discussion at the Wednesday, Oct. 11, town board meeting centered on how to use the projected \$190,000 of estimated savings from changes in election cost charges by Albany County to the town. Board member Kyle Kotary said he believes the money should be given back to the taxpayer to reduce the proposed 2.75 percent tax levy increase for next year.

"I am strongly opposed to that," interjected Supervisor Theresa Egan.

"We have fund balances that are extremely healthy," said Kotary.

Egan and Comptroller Judith Kehoe said they feel the money should be used to reduce a deficit in the general fund.

"We can agree to disagree," said Kotary, who, along with board member Daniel Plummer, questioned the need for a general fund balance of 25 percent in 2007.

"Because of cash flow purposes, you need a higher fund balance there," said Kehoe.

Plummer asked if some of the savings could be spread across both the general and highway funds.

Egan said the long-term answer for the town is to apply any savings to deficit funding reductions, pointing to recent budgets in Albany County as an example of how not to handle government finances.

"Between the years 2003 and 2005, the total county tax increase was over 70 percent," Egan said. "That is something from my seat I do not want to do."

The current county budget calls for a slight tax decrease, but last year county taxes went up 28 percent, according to Egan.

Kotary said he believes the town's first obligation is to taxpayers.

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Police Blotter

Substitute teacher charged in DWI accident

A 55-year-old Delmar resident and former Bethlehem substitute teacher has been charged with felony DWI following a three car personal injury accident.

Bethlehem Police report that Joseph J. Romano, was

driving his 1998 Ford Escort around 5 p.m. Sunday, October 8 at the intersection of the Delmar Bypass and Bender Lane when he failed to stop at a red light instead turning into the path of a Cadillac driven by 63 year

old Antonio Vasquez of Staten Island. The Vasquez car then hit a Porsche driven by Eugene Spada of Delmar. Spada suffered minor injuries. Romano was charged with felony DWI and was arraigned in

Bethlehem Town Court. Romano was a substitute teacher for the Bethlehem Central School District. Romano will appear in Bethlehem Town Court November 8, to answer the charge.

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Bethlehem Police arrest Selkirk man for felony DWI

Mark James Boehler, 53, of 39-B, Barry Court in Selkirk was charged by Bethlehem Police with felony DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation. Boehler was traveling west on Delaware Avenue and Hudson with no headlights when his vehicle made a left turn toward Oakwood Place. Police reports

state Boehler failed to signal while turning into Adams Place. The vehicle was then stopped by police on Oakwood. After failing field sobriety tests it was learned that Boehler also had a prior DWI conviction. He was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and a preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 17.

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Offbeat retail shop closes its doors

By JIM CUOZZO

After 10 years of serving the Bethlehem community with handmade home and personal fashions, Destiny Threads will be closing at the end of the month.

The 257 Delaware Ave. retailer first opened its doors in 1996 at the Four Corners intersection where I Love NY Pizza is now located.

Co-owner Susan Jacobsen, who also works full time for the state, said she never started her own business until the idea behind Destiny Threads became a reality.

"It has been really interesting," said Jacobsen.

"I have learned as much from them as they have from me," she said, referring to her customers. "I really appreciate the ideas customers brought to my business. They really appreciated the choices and style I brought here."

Destiny Threads began as an idea sparked by Jacobsen's love of fashion and fabrics.

"All my life I have always wanted to find good clothes and beautifully handmade things," said Jacobsen. Jacobsen said Bethlehem is an excellent spot for a retail business like Destiny Threads because of its close proximity to the Upper Hudson Valley.

"There is a great amount of talent in this area," she said. Jacobsen said her busy season usually ran from September through December, and even though she and her husband are closing the business, her hope is to open another store again someday.

"It may take a few years, but sure," said Jacobsen.

Jacobsen and her husband, Larry Marcus, are closing the store because Marcus is undergoing rehabilitation due to a recent illness, and neither Marcus nor Jacobsen are able to keep up with the time commitment necessary at this time to operate. They will continue to live in Bethlehem in their current neighborhood near Elsmere school. Jacobsen said she has been telling people about the store closing through word of mouth, and an ad in *The Spotlight* is officially notifying customers.

A sale coincides with the store's closing. For the last 10 days, everything in the store will be half price or lower.

Destiny Threads' hours are Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28 from noon until 5 p.m., and Monday through Friday, Oct. 23-27, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Harvest dance



Rebecca Beiter, a teacher at the Bethlehem Middle School, gets Pat and Abigail Gregory into belly dancing at the Union Street Harvest Festival.

Jim Franco/Spotlight

Latham fundraiser planned for accident victim's family

A fundraiser is being held for the family of Matt Miller, who died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, Saturday, Oct. 21, at Santino's Restaurant at 183 Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham.

According to police, Miller was killed on Sept. 25 when a cement truck veered into the opposite lane in Ravena and struck Miller's vehicle head-on as he was heading to work. Miller owned his own business, Miller and Miller contracting in Cossackie.

He leaves behind a wife, a

Bethlehem native, and two children, ages 9 and 11. Cavallaro said the Miller family did not have an active life insurance policy at the time of his death.

The fundraiser begins at 5:30 p.m. and donations are \$20 at the door. There will be food and entertainment provided by The Electric City Horns. Donations can also be made at any Key Bank branch in Matt Miller's name.

For information on the event, call 378-6241.

Delmar native's book describes great divide

By JIM CUOZZO

Racial differences between the North and the South in this country ended decades ago. But a new political divide grows stronger in between Republicans and Democrats, and Delmar native Tom Schaller, now a political science professor at the University of Maryland, writes about this political transformation in his just-released book from Simon and Schuster called *Whistling Past Dixie*.

Whistling Past Dixie describes in detail and with heavy statistical and political research that Republicans cannot win the presidency without the South, nor can they win the presidency by just winning the southern states. According to Schaller, Democrats, on the other hand, do not need the South to win not only the presidency, but also to gain a political stronghold in America.

"The book took about a year and a half to write, and I traveled 20 states in the interior of the country including Ohio, Montana, Colorado and Arizona, interviewing Democrats and other politicians," Schaller said.

Issues that once divided the North and the South included abolition, women's suffrage and integration of public schools.

"The trigger issues of our times include gay rights, gays in the military, school prayer and abortion," said Schaller.

The days of presidential candidates sweeping the votes in the entire nation like the Nixon and Reagan landslide victories are over, said Schaller. Future races will continue to come down to one or two key states like Ohio or Pennsylvania.

"I don't see a candidate winning 49 states any longer," said Schaller. "We are really polarized."

With elections less than three weeks away, Schaller, a Democrat, predicts his party will gain in both houses and in most states outside the South.



SCHALLER

WHISTLING PAST DIXIE



"Democrats should pick up quite a few seats in the Northeast and Midwest," said Schaller, who said he believes the mountain states are the ones most at play.

He also believes the next Democratic convention should be held away from the Northeast in a new emerging progressive area like Denver, Colo.

"I think Democrats need to westernize the process," Schaller said.

The class of '84 Bethlehem Central High School graduate maps out the specific strategy needed and what specific states he believes are still in play for Democrats to assert more political strength without the southern red states, in essence truly "whistling past Dixie."

His book has been reviewed by *The New York Times* and *Publisher's Weekly* and can be found at any major bookstore or on Amazon.com. His insight about the future of the Democratic Party has also landed him radio interviews with NPR and Talk Radio.

"Most of my articles are published in political science columns and read by about 10 people," said Schaller. "It's nice to be reviewed and read in national publications."

Schaller has written published articles for the *Washington Post* and the *Baltimore Sun* as well.

Schaller currently lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and teaches courses on Electoral College trends and the presidency. He has a sister and brother-in-law who live in Rensselaer, one aunt in Delmar and several other cousins in New York.

"I do come back every year for Thanksgiving," said Schaller.

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Campaign letters deadline

The final date for publication of letters regarding elections will be Wednesday, Oct. 25 for the Albany County newspapers and Thursday, Oct. 26 for the Schenectady County and Saratoga County newspapers.

The deadline for those letters to be submitted will be Friday, Oct. 20.

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Choosing beauty sleep over beauty products

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

Commentary:



I was reclining on the couch with a slice of cucumber over each eye. The slices wouldn't stay there by themselves. I had to hold them to my face with my hands. Cucumber juice was running down my cheeks. I was trying to keep my eyes shut and relaxed. I feared that a cucumber seed was going to drop into my eye.

Cucumber is supposed to make eyes less puffy. I read that in a magazine. Something in the cucumber pulls something (moisture?) out of your skin. I was only trying this experiment out because when I sliced a newly purchased cucumber the evening before to serve to company, I popped a piece into my mouth and discovered the cucumber did not taste good. I've had bland cucumber, but this one actually had an unpleasant taste. My friend said it was probably just not quite ripe enough. So, while I deemed it inedible, it seemed acceptable as an eye de-puffer.

Sunday morning, in between sneezing fits, I positioned myself on the couch. I can't seem to manage to just relax for the sake of relaxing. I couldn't just let my under-the-weather self rest, but I could justify the cucumber treatment as a form of productivity while I shut my eyes for 10 minutes.

I hadn't anticipated the need

to hold the cucumber slices, so that made my productive nap a bit less restful. I didn't want cucumber in my couch or on my afghan, so I kept my fingers over the slices. I also had a box of tissues at my side. Some I used to wipe away cucumber juice, others I used on my runny nose.

I didn't have my eyes closed for a full 10 minutes. In the middle of this luxury beauty treatment I did open my eyes and pick the seeds from the cucumber slices. I just couldn't risk having my cornea scratched by an errant seed.

The coolness of the refrigerated fruit was soothing, but I didn't look less puffy afterwards.

If you can't remove the puffiness, another alternative is to cover it up with a cosmetics product known as concealer. Unfortunately, when I use concealer I end up with caked-on beige spots under my eyes, which aren't much more attractive than the natural dark circles to which I've become accustomed.

Basically, my skill in the area of cosmetics peaks at applying

Chapstick.

Several years ago I was scheduled to appear briefly on the local noon news with members of the improvisational comedy troupe I performed with. I knew that Chapstick alone wasn't going to make the cut under the bright lights at the TV studio.

I turned to my colleague Laura for assistance. She looked over the products I brought, sighed, and then pulled out her own makeup bag. Her bag was fabric. I carry my makeup in a plastic baggie.

When she was finished with her artistry I looked in the mirror. I looked quite glam, but seriously over-the-top for the office. I insisted she had overdone the blush and eye shadow. She assured me that she had applied the appropriate amount for the TV camera.

By gosh, she was right. Later, when I watched the videotape I looked normal, not clown-like at all. Plus, my other co-workers had been amazed at the transformation. "You look really good," they said.

"Yeah, thanks, I'm going to wash it off now," I told them. "Plain me will be reappearing shortly."

Full-blown makeup application is too much work for me. It requires technique and patience. Not to mention getting up earlier. If all my clothes are buttoned and my hair is not dripping wet, I consider myself good to go. Sometimes I even eat breakfast and pack a lunch. Adding extra routines like makeup application would just make it impossible to complete those other tasks and leave the house on time.

Also, if you're made-up every day you raise the expectations of the people around you. What happens on the days you are running late? Do you run the risk of appearing washed-out or ill without your painted face? Do you wear a veil?

Once you start wearing more makeup people notice when you are not wearing it. They ask, "Are you okay? You look sick." Then you have to say, "I'm fine. This is my real face."

I'm not against the use of cosmetics. In fact, the older I get, the more often I use them.

Aside from Chapstick, my favorite product is eyeliner. For fun I sometimes use different colors. You can be exhausted and have droopy eyes, but the eyeliner will give you a more awake appearance.

I use eyeliner pencils. There is also liquid eyeliner. That's for serious makeup users and/or people who want their eyeliner to stay on all day without reapplication.

Some people wear eyeliner INSIDE the eyelid. I did that in high school. My husband looks at me with disbelief. He insists I'm referring to the area under my lower lashes. No, I tell him, pulling down my lower lid. "See that little ledge. You put the eyeliner along there."

"That's ridiculous," he replies, "you shouldn't put stuff inside your eyes."

Another product that gives definition to your eyes is mascara. I only wear mascara when I perform on stage.

Some mascara is marketed as being able to strengthen eyelashes. Why do eyelashes have to be strong? They don't have to hold anything (other than mascara).

Mascara is impractical for me because I'm a crier. Criers end up with mascara smudges and streaks, which are very unsightly, unless you are a soap-opera star performing in a heart-wrenching scene.

Waterproof mascara is also not an option for me because it's difficult to get off. You can't use soap and water or cold cream. You need "mascara remover" which sounds like a ploy of the cosmetics industry to make

more money.

Also, mascara gets clumpy. And you can't blink when applying it, which makes me want to blink. It's just too scary.

Foundation also scares me. Not the kind a house is built on, but the stuff you spread all over your face to cover blemishes and look smoother. Women wearing foundation generally only accept air kisses, for fear of having their foundation smudged. If friends or relatives seem very formal, acting like aristocrats, it's probably because they don't want their face to come off.

I'm allergic to most makeup. It makes me itch. So I'm not a good candidate for foundation. I feel the urge to wipe it off as soon as it goes on. Also, I want my husband and child to be able to kiss me on the face without having it flake off on them.

I will occasionally wear lipstick. Lipstick is great for making your teeth look whiter. Wearing lipstick may also mean that people prefer "air kisses" from you so that you don't mark their face. You also need to take care to avoid those unsightly lipstick stains on the side of your drinking cup.

As for lip liner, forget it. I might as well draw on a clown mouth. I'm not going there.

I usually put on a layer of Chapstick before I apply lipstick. I learned this tip from the model Cheryl Tiegs. She was on Oprah about 20 years ago and she gave that advice. Over time I modified that advice to just wearing Chapstick without the lip color.

Lip balm is my friend. It keeps my lips moist. It fits in my pocket. It doesn't reveal itself on the rim of a water bottle.

As for my puffy eyes, I'll need to try a more radical solution. I'll leave the cucumber in the salad and try to get more sleep.

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Thursday, October 19	79°/1963	20°/1974
Friday, October 20	80°/1965	18°/1972
Saturday, October 21	81°/1979	17°/1972
Sunday, October 22	86°/1979	20°/1959
Monday, October 23	81°/1947	20°/1969
Tuesday, October 24	74°/1973	16°/1969

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Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:12am	6:08pm
Thursday	7:13am	6:07pm
Friday	7:14am	6:05pm
Saturday	7:15am	6:04pm
Sunday	7:17am	6:02pm
Monday	7:18am	6:01pm
Tuesday	7:19am	5:59pm

Moon Phases
Oct 22nd New Oct 29th First

Planets	When	Where
Uranus	Evening	V Dim, South
Saturn	Morning	High East
Jupiter	Dusk	V. Low SW
Mercury	Dusk	V. Low West

Rivers & Recreation

Fall foliage outlook for October 21-22

Capital Region	Berkshires
Just past peak. Best color near rivers, lakes.	Peak color south; past, some leaf drop north.
Adirondacks	Vermont
Past peak. Some color left near rivers, lakes.	Past peak north, mtns. Some color south, valleys.
Catskills	New Hampshire
Past peak, mountains. Peak color river valleys.	Peak color south, coast. Past, leaf drop north/mtns.

River Levels

Hudson River	Mohawk River
North Creek: 10	Little Falls: 6.3
Hadley: 14	Tribes Hills: 213
Fort Edward: 21.4	Schenectady: 19.7
Troy: 16.9	Cohoes: 20
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Conservation group acquires Black Creek property

By ROB IRWIN

On Sept. 28, The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MLHC) announced the acquisition of a 37-acre property adjacent to the state's Department of Environmental Conservation's Black Creek Wildlife Management Area in the town of Guilderland.

The new acquisition, contiguous with Indian Ladder Farms, will expand the protected state land, which has also recently been named by the National Audubon Society as one of its important bird areas in the state.

"We are pleased to be able to protect this wonderful wetland that is rich in biodiversity," said Jill Knapp, executive director of MLHC. "Now that the property is protected, we will work with the DEC to transfer this parcel to them for the enlargement of the state-owned Black Creek Wildlife Management Area."

Peter Ten Eyck II, owner of the land, as well as Indian Ladder Farms, said the sale was a joint effort between him, MHLC and the DEC. Ten Eyck said in the past he had worked with MHLC to retire development rights on his land.

The sale is an intermediary step, said Ten Eyck.

"We look forward to incorporating this important

property into our Black Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area," said Peter Innes, the DEC's natural resources supervisor.

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the distinct natural, scenic, agricultural and historic landscapes of the Mohawk and Hudson valleys. The conservancy accomplishes its goals by owning and managing land, and by working with landowners to develop preservation agreements that ensure their lands are protected for future generations.

"We help protect land either by ownership or by working with property owners who want to protect it," said Knapp. "Certainly, wetlands are one of the lands we think are significant to protect."

According to Knapp, the MHLC will either buy the land, or work with the owners to develop conservation easements limiting development on the land.

The 37 acres, a conglomeration of adjacent plots, was sold for \$18,500. Ten Eyck said he had never had the land appraised but thought the sale was an important step in conserving the agricultural and environmental significance in the Black Creek area.

"Price was not a consideration," said Ten Eyck. "The Black Creek (Wildlife Management Area) is a very important area and it should all be under the state's husbandry, and this helps them put the whole package together."

According to Knapp, the land secured is an important addition because, besides being "environmentally significant," the land acquisition increases the size

of the Black Creek Management Area.

"The fact that it's adjacent to the

DEC's Black Creek means that it provides a larger corridor for wildlife," said Knapp. "It really

increases its value. ... It's not going to be broken up by housing developments."

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What reminded us of the service of local ambulance squads was an article on the village of Voorheesville's drive to attract new members this month. In that community, many volunteers have served for decades and are retiring. Departments are often looking for new and younger members to replenish their ranks.

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For information about the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service membership drive, call 765-2762.

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Editorial

Month of Ramadan: A discipline

By FAREED MUNIR

The writer is professor of religious studies at Siena College.

"Ramadan is the (month) in which was sent down the Qur'an as a guide to human beings, also clear (Signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong)..." (Qur'an 2:185).

Some 6 million American Muslims, in conjunction with the rest of the Muslim world, 1.3 billion people, or, one-fifth of the world's population, are currently observing the Holy Month of Ramadan, which began on Sept. 23. Ramadan is the ninth month of the lunar calendar. Its name is translated as "burning" and interpreted to mean for Muslims a 29- or 30-day period of fasting (saum), and not without a reason. It was during this month that the first verses of the Qur'an, the Muslim holy book, were revealed to Prophet Muhammad Ibn Abdullah, brought to him by the archangel Jibreel or Gabriel.

The evident reason for Islam's use of the lunar calendar for observance of Ramadan is that 11 days are lost annually, resulting in a year of 354 days, instead of 365. Ramadan rotates through the four seasons of the Gregorian solar calendar. With use of a solar month, the advantages of shorter days and cooler weather would be fated toward one part of the world, leaving the rest burdened with the disadvantages of longer days and hotter weather. Hence, advantages and disadvantages are equally distributed amongst all people, making the lunar month of Ramadan more in consonance with the universal teachings of Islam.

The Qur'an sets the limits of fasting for Muslims. Abstaining is in an absolute sense, from food, drink and sexual intercourse during the daylight hours. Its rationale is that human spirituality can potentially recess to the "lowest of the low." Fasting restores and protects the spiritual and mental growth within, and raises one's index of spirituality to a higher realm; its

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benefits are believed by Muslims to last the rest of the year.

They are to eat and drink until the white thread of dawn appears distinct from the darkness of the night sky, which is about one hour and thirty minutes before sunrise (Qur'an 2:187).

The Prophet, as he is called, is reported to have said: "Take the morning meal (before dawn), called sahur, for there is blessing in the morning meal" (Bu.30:20). The meal must be taken close to the break of dawn; and at the end of the day, the fast must be concluded as soon as the ruddy glow of the sun disappears from the sky.

A clearer reception is established between God and the fasting person. In discussions with my students at Siena College, I explain to them that this type of fast has its interest in mind and body; it is a discipline. Most students' target in amazement the abstinence portion at first; it is only later that they conceptualize the abstract benefits of fasting. As an example, I place a new watch on my wrist, and say to them the watch has tripped my natural alarm system in the form of cells that are firing. I further explain, my wrist area alerted me because the watch is interpreted as harmful. By the end of my explanation, I indicate to them the alarm has been turned off automatically, and no longer do I feel the new watch on my wrist. The point is that my mental and sense body learned through this process no harm will come out of my wearing a new watch. I stress for them that the fast of Ramadan works similarly. I am hard-pressed initially by changing eating and drinking habits from the daylight hours to the evening ones, but, like the watch, after a short period, peace within myself prevails.

Fasting then, in this sense, is a tool for fine-tuning and gaining control over one's human life. One can ascend to a very high spiritual and mental level and become a muttaqeen — one who radiates centrifugally an inner strength and confidence of mind. "God is the friend of the muttaqeen" (45:19), according to Islam.

People who are exempted from the fast are the disabled, sick, traveler, young, a woman giving birth or experiencing her menstrual cycle, and those who find fasting extremely hard, and the latter may feed a poor person (2:184). A burden should not be placed on a person that he or she cannot bear. Hence, a person must be mature, physically fit, and in possession of full faculties.

"Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you..." (2:183).

Fasting is universal and was prescribed for all three monotheistic religions. There is Yaum Kippur (The Day of Atonement), which was

prescribed by the Mosaic Law as a day of fasting; Moses' 40 day fast in the wilderness; and Jesus' 40-day fast that the Christian church paralleled to Moses, interpreting Jesus — like Moses — leading Christians through the wilderness of their own desires, which resulted in the practice of Lent today. Nonetheless, fasting in Islam is distinct and its basic interpretations are not the same as in the other two religions.

Muslims will pray together; give more in charity; and practice the greater good in society during this month. In the biography of Prophet Muhammad, referred to as his Sunnah, for example, it stresses that a Muslim in search of peace with God is the ultimate goal. As an African-American Muslim living in America, our great land that flows with milk and honey, no temptation is greater than the desire to satisfy one's thirst and hunger when plenty of food and liquids are in our possession; yet this temptation is overcome not once or twice, as if it were by chance, but day after day regularly for a whole month. There is none to see if I am fasting or am drinking a cold glass of water. The point is that it is between God and me. The divine presence, which may be a matter of faith to others, is a reality for Muslims, and made possible by the spiritual discipline underlying fasting during the month of Ramadan.

Eid al-fitr, which means "recurring happiness" or "celebration," marks the conclusion of the Ramadan, and must be celebrated after sunrise and before noon, the day after the last day of fasting. Muslims will pray, listen to a positive sermon, break bread together and partake in merrymaking. Eid reminds all a new consciousness has been awakened above that which is maintained by eating and drinking.

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Matters of Opinion *Spotlight*

Porco defense team deserves our thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the sentencing phase of the Porco trial is upon us, our thoughts, after a welcome and needed respite, return to that terrible event where a man was murdered, a woman savagely

attacked and a mother is likely to see her son go to prison for life.

Out of all of this horror, however, one positive can be celebrated. Our criminal justice system worked as it should.

An investigation was conducted, a trial was held with both a spirited prosecution and defense, and a jury, based on the evidence presented, decided the guilt of the accused.

While the police investigators, the prosecutors, the jury and judge have indeed been celebrated for their roles in the trial, the defense team has, at least here in Bethlehem, been persecuted. Two pillars of our community, Laurie Shanks and Terry Kindlon, have been demonized for doing what in fact protects us all — defending the accused in a criminal trial. The reality is that the American system of democracy would fall apart tomorrow without the right to a competent defense by attorneys such as Ms. Shanks and Mr. Kindlon. The defense attorney's responsibility is to mount as vigorous a defense as possible even if by doing so

feathers might be ruffled or sensibilities might be offended. That adversarial system, a system which is uniquely American, is the best truth-seeking mechanism ever invented.

Any one of us, were we to be sitting in the defendant's chair, would want access to the best possible defense.

I personally believe that in the Porco case the truth was found and justice was served. This was only possible however because all components of the criminal justice system worked as they were intended, including the defense. So instead of an egged house, insulting phone calls and the disdain from certain members of our community, Laurie and Terry should be receiving our thanks — for it is thanks that they truly deserve.

Don Robbins
Slingerlands

Town adopts new court program

Editor, The Spotlight:

As your town justice, I want to share with you an important new program the Bethlehem Town Court has implemented to help resolve some of the difficult problems facing many communities, including our own.

Over the summer, I met with Denis Foley, administrator of the Albany County Stop DWI program and a Bethlehem resident, to discuss how our town court could work with a new program he was kicking off in September. The program, known as Youth Assistance Program (YAP), is designed for persons aged 15-22 who are referred by parents, courts, colleges or law enforcement to help them overcome alcohol and drug abuse that often has led to criminal charges.

Through this new program the Bethlehem Town Court now has another avenue to help treat and rehabilitate young people who are in need before they hurt themselves or someone else. By helping to stop habitual offenses we are not only keeping our streets safer but hopefully saving lives.

I am proud to be one of the first town justices in the state to adopt this program as an additional requirement, which may be imposed upon sentencing.

Denis Foley's commitment to curbing drunk driving and rehabilitating those who are convicted of this offense is very admirable and should be recognized. I feel honored to live in a community like Bethlehem with neighbors Foley, who are truly dedicated to helping others.

As your town justice, I believe it is imperative that the court system continue to evolve and change as we continue to seek out the most effective ways of keeping our town safe.

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your town justice.

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Town Justice

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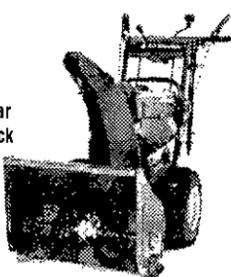
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Group is grateful for sports support

Editor, The Spotlight:

"Personality" was the one word that best described our Eagle mascot at the Oct. 8 "Eagles Fly" event. Along with the cheerleaders, gymnasts and ice hockey players the beautiful weather brought approximately 600 community members out to the high school track for a fundraising total of \$4,000. You walked, jogged, came in wheelchairs, and even dropped off money in a container as you drove by Four Corners. And you did it with a smile.

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BCAA president

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BCAA president, Eagles Fly organizer and spokesperson

Murphy is best qualified justice candidate

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in support of Brian Murphy's candidacy for Bethlehem town justice.

As a Bethlehem native, I have known Brian for many years. He has been a practicing attorney in Delmar, and has held senior legal positions with the state Legislature and state Health Department.

Brian has a comprehensive knowledge of the law, and deep roots in our town. His accomplished, diverse background in the private and public sectors prepared him well to

provide a steady, competent and seasoned perspective on the bench.

My late father was a law partner of Brian's here in town for many years. He also had the privilege of being elected several times to serve as Bethlehem town justice. During that time, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the demands of the job, and to understand the level of experience, commitment and care required to successfully perform its duties and responsibilities.

I strongly believe that Brian Murphy possesses those qualities and qualifications.

For all of these reasons, I hope you will join me on Election Day, Nov. 7, in supporting the individual most qualified to serve as Bethlehem town justice beginning in January: Brian Murphy.

Stephen W. Rice

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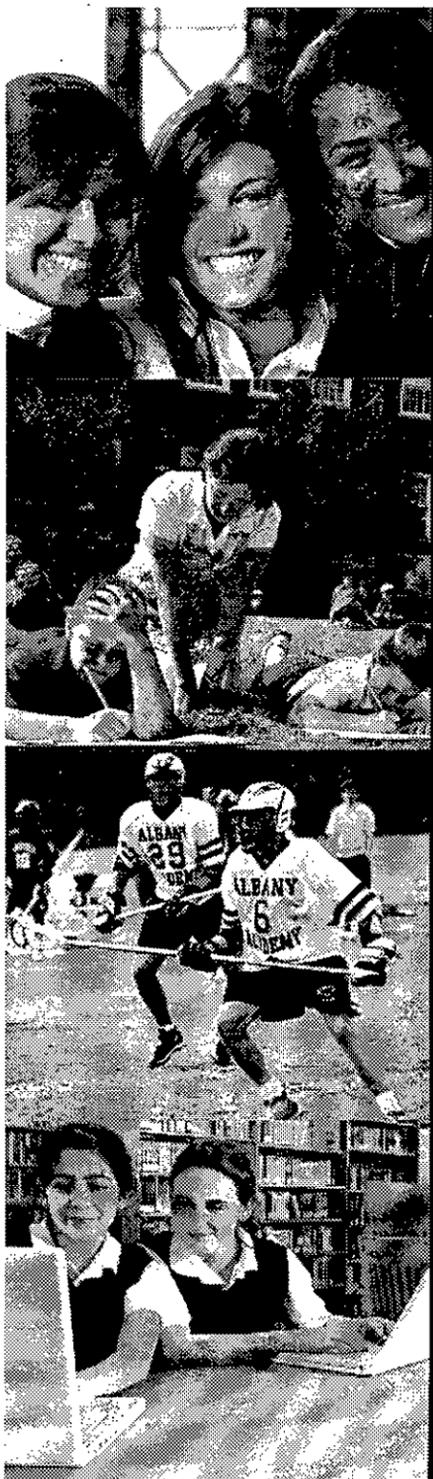
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YMCA to unveil its recent additions

By JIM CUOZZO

The Bethlehem YMCA started with a membership of zero in 2004, and in one year grew to 4,500 members. At the beginning of 2006, that membership became 6,000. Officials hope the \$10 million of capital improvements including two new pools, an indoor track, an enlarged weight room, a cycling room and a whole new lobby will continue the membership jump in what is now the Capital District's largest YMCA facility.

"In 2004, the facility was at 89,000 square feet, and the renovations, when complete, will bring us to about 100,000 square feet," said Scott Lewis, executive director.

The East Greenbush branch, the southern Saratoga YMCA facilities and the Guiderland YMCA are at the top in membership, but Bethlehem officials said they expect to see

building.

Wood flooring for a new gym is being installed with basketball and volleyball courts available. The indoor track above the gym is one-eleventh of a mile.

"The track acts as a backup if no treadmills are available," said Lewis. "It gives us added dimension."

Prior to becoming the Bethlehem YMCA, the facility was the BIG Arena, hockey rinks for the community. The YMCA bought the facility in 2004 with the commitment of maintaining the rink for youth hockey and the community.

"The rink has been updated and renovated," said Flynn. "I believe we are only one of three YMCA's in the entire country that has a hockey rink, and it gets great usage."

Another new addition to the Bethlehem facility is the indoor cycling area commonly known as the "spinning studio."

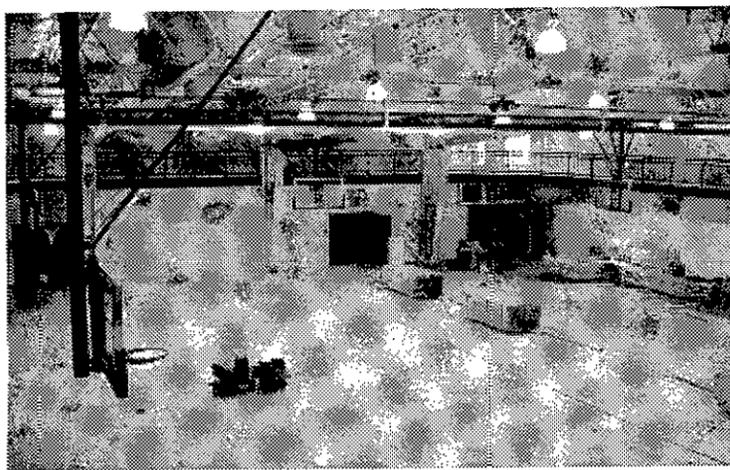
"It's a lot of fun," said Lewis. A cycling instructor puts participants through a rigorous 20 to 25 minute workout of uphill and downhill runs on a stationary bike, which targets

different muscles in the body, creating a short but vigorous workout.

Two new exercise machines added to the fitness center include a recumbent stepper and an upper body ergometer.

"The upper body ergometer is used for athletes looking to increase upper body strength," said Lewis. "You can use it seated or standing."

The bigger weight room and aerobics studio, along with the other new amenities, are all offered to accommodate the



A view from the new above ground running track at the Bethlehem YMCA shows the basketball court and new gym floor being installed. The renovations are all a part of a major capital project that includes two new pools, a steam room, sauna, whirlpool and expanded fitness center and new lobby. Grand opening of the remodeled YMCA is scheduled for November.

Jim Cuozzo

expected increase in members using the facility.

"What the community should know is that families come first," said Flynn, a Glenmont resident who first joined the Guiderland YMCA in 1999 before realizing there was no facility in Bethlehem. It was then that Flynn

and others, including president of the Capital District YMCA John Flynn (no relation), met with Bethlehem Supervisor Theresa Egan to discuss possible locations for the organization.

Along with all of the new features comes new staff.

"We're very lucky to have the

'A' team here," said Flynn, referring to the existing staff of executive director Lewis, membership director Matt Crudo, and ice rink director Paul Forget. New staff additions include aquatics director Tyler Pratt, program director Hilary Johnson, fitness director Cyndi Pellitier, and Susan Graziano, executive assistant.

The new building additions will be featured at a grand opening in mid-November. The \$2 million YMCA Capital campaign to pay for the expansion is now at \$1.7 million.

"We will now ask the community to close that gap," said Lewis.

A letter is being sent to members indicating an increase in dues in line with all of the recent additions.

"The increase is in line with other facilities that have a pool and gymnasium," said Flynn.

For information, contact the Bethlehem YMCA at 439-4394.

"The rink has been updated and renovated. I believe we are only one of three YMCAs in the entire country that has a hockey rink, and it gets great usage."

William Flynn

their facility reach those numbers soon.

"When that pool hits, we are expecting membership to conservatively double," said William Flynn, chairman of the Bethlehem YMCA board.

The large swimming pool is six lanes and 25 yards long and goes from 3.5 feet deep to 10 feet deep. The second pool will be used as a training pool and has three lanes and a depth of 3 feet to 5 feet. A separate steam room, sauna and a whirlpool have also been added. Another 100 parking spaces have been added at the back of the

Park

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and church steps.

"We get kicked out everywhere," said skateboarder Lincoln Frasca.

Community leaders agree most skateboarders are polite and leave if they are on private property. However, they say, a small minority tends to cause bigger problems.

"I speak as a pastor of a church who feels overwhelmed by this problem," said the Rev. David Corlett, senior minister of Delmar Reformed Church.

"We don't want to tell them go away; we just want them to find a better place," said Corlett.

"We have had vandalism problems, including broken windows and graffiti," said Corlett. "We are constantly chasing them away, but our heart goes out to these kids."

Corlett and the Rev. Darius

Mojalalli of St. Stephen's Church said they are in favor of a sanctioned park where skateboarders can practice freely.

Mojalalli said incidents of vandalism and aggressive behavior have forced his parish to put a halt to skateboarders on their property.

"We put up barriers, and they really got upset," said Mojallali, adding the teens, whom he did not identify, became indignant and began to shout profanities.

"My experience with these kids is that they were not very respectful," said Mojallali.

In July, a group of teen skateboarders broke into an area of the Bethlehem High School new construction and skateboarded inside the building, causing damage to tiles, counters and other areas.

"There was \$20,000 worth of damage," said police Lt. Thomas Heffernan. Misdemeanor charges were filed against the teens, who admitted to the illegal entry.

The skateboarders at the meeting suggested the centrally located Bethlehem Middle School or VFW parking lot as suitable locations for the equipment. The Elm Avenue town park off Route 32 was deemed too inaccessible.

"Kids would need a ride to get to the town park," said Frasca.

Talks between Supervisor Theresa Egan and Lanahan continued over this issue late last week, but no decisions were made.

"The town is still considering ideas trying to focus on a location," said Lanahan. "If there is not a location, there is no point in pursuing it."

Lanahan said some of the parents who said they are willing to transport the equipment from Croton-on-the-Hudson to Bethlehem might not realize how hard it is to transport a 50-by-100-foot skateboard park.

"There's heavy wood and metal," said Lanahan. "It's a huge undertaking."

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Savings

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"Our first priority is providing the best government service at the lowest possible cost," said Egan.

How to absorb the cost of increasing health insurance coverage to the more than 300 town employees was another topic of discussion. Premiums with the town's existing health carrier (CDPHP) will go up 11 percent next year, and board members are considering a measure to increase the co-pay cost for a doctor's visit from \$10 to \$15.

"Asking employees to pay \$15 instead of \$10 is not unreasonable," said Plummer. Other town officials are concerned about taking away benefits that attract quality people to work in the town.

"Our employees are paying

about \$40 more a month in our coverage," Kehoe said.

"We are at the high end of contributions compared to comparable municipalities."

Town employees with a single health insurance plan are entirely covered by the town. Employees who have a family plan contribute 15 percent of the overall cost and the town kicks in 85 percent.

The town also learned that the Rupert Road landfill is under a state Department of Environmental Conservation mandate to close in 2007. Egan said the cost of closure is estimated at \$250,000 in the 2007 budget. The state has allowed the construction and demolition debris landfill to remain open the last several years even though it was under a mandate to close.

"We have a 3-acre footprint that cannot be exceeded," said Egan. The town could choose to keep the C & D landfill open but at a cost of \$1 million an acre to line it, for a total cost to the town of \$3

million.

Egan said discussions have already been held with neighboring towns and the city of Albany to see who will accept construction and demolition debris.

"Other municipalities are less concerned about accepting revenue for the debris as they are about space concerns of their own existing landfills," said Egan.

The town will allocate \$30,000 for Bethlehem Youth Court in 2007, the same amount in this year's budget. Another \$140,000 will be spent next year to upgrade the town's current phone system and to establish a centralized call center. Money from the town's water, sewer and general funds will go to pay for the cost of the new call center. The current phone system is more than 20 years old. A public hearing on the Bethlehem 2007 proposed budget will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:15 p.m. inside town hall.

Local company stages 'Faith Healer'

By ROB IRWIN

D & M Productions, founded by actor Ed McMullen, will perform Brian Friel's *Faith Healer* at the Old Songs Community Center in Voorheesville beginning Friday, Oct. 20.

This will be the third time McMullen has brought life to the Friel play, which, through four interlocking monologues, tells the tale of embittered, alcoholic, Irish faith healer Frank Hardy, played by McMullen. The monologues recollect and relive 30 years of traveling through the small villages along the Celtic fringes of Scotland and Wales.

"I happened upon it many years ago," said McMullen of the play. "It happens to be a favorite of mine, obviously, because it's the third time I've done it."

McMullen said he had originally stumbled upon a small excerpt from the play, and his interest developed from there.

"I was fascinated in finding the rest of the story," he said, adding that the first time he performed *Faith Healer* "it was a great experience all the way around."

Since forming his theater company in 1997 — with *Faith Healer* being its first production — McMullen has presented five plays. When not producing plays through D & M Productions, McMullen said he keeps himself busy working on other productions, but added he also enjoyed producing, directing and acting in *Faith Healer*.

"Over the years, I kept having this recurring desire to do it again," said McMullen.

Joining McMullen on stage will be actors Linda DiVirgilio, playing Hardy's loyal wife/mistress Grace, and James Keil, portraying Teddy, Hardy's colorful Cockney manager.

"The level of acting will be very pleasing to the audience," said McMullen.

"The writing itself is so rich," he added. "People will be taken with the language that is used here."

McMullen credited Friel with creating a wonderfully intricate play, loaded with metaphor and rich with thought and emotion.

"I think audiences that love a good story and love to be challenged," said McMullen,



Linda DiVirgilio, left, Ed McMullen, seated, and James Keil, top, take the stage for D & M Productions' performance of Brian Friel's *Faith Healer*.

"...will really have their appetite filled."

According to a press release, Friel, considered one of the finest playwrights alive, has stated that this play is a metaphor for the capricious nature of creative art, and a modern commentary on the artistic process. The play uses elements of Celtic mysticism and mythology, Biblical allusions and the nature of the subjective experience.

Friel has penned other notable works such as *Translations*, *Aristocrats*, *Molly Sweeney* and *Philadelphia, Here I Come*.

Faith Healer was recently revived on Broadway and starred Tony Award winners Ralph Fiennes, Cherry Jones and Ian MacDiarmid.

Friel, an Ireland native, has also received a Tony Award,

winning it in 1992 for his play *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28, with 2:30 p.m. matinee performances on Oct. 22 and 29.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door or may be reserved by calling Old Songs Inc. at 765-2815.

The Old Songs Community Arts Center is on 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville.

Town hosts hay day

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 16th Annual Halloween Hay Day on Sunday, Oct. 22, rain or shine, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

Activities include "count" Dracula contest, trick or treat bag decorating, Halloween bingo, balloon magic, face painting, games and more. This event is free for the whole family. Costumes are not required but certainly welcomed. For information, call the parks and recreation department at 439-4131.

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Dollars for Scholars hosts fundraiser at McDonald's

The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will be hosting a McDonald's night at the location on Western Avenue and Church Road on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 5-7 p.m. Proceeds of this event will go to the Dollars for Scholars activities.

School pictures for elementary school set for 10/27

School pictures for the children of the elementary school will be taken on Friday, Oct. 27. Please look for the packets, which will be sent home for further information. High school and middle school pictures will be taken on Monday, Oct. 30.

Relay for Life meeting planned

The third annual Relay for Life of Voorheesville will be held on

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Saturday, June 2, 2007. We are currently looking for individuals who are interested in helping to plan this event.

The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the library of the Voorheesville high school on New Salem Road. All are invited to attend. For information, contact sburgoon@VCSDK12.org or LFarrell@VCSDK1R.org

Town of New Scotland plans activities

The Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee is or-

ganizing a trip to New York City to see the Broadway play "Mary Poppins" on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m.

Cost for the bus and ticket to the play is \$97 per person. For more information, call 475-0385.

PTA to host book fair

The Voorheesville PTA will be holding its Scholastic book fair at the elementary school on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19 and 20 from 5 until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme for this book fair is Halloween. There will be family night events on Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Fest set at Indian Ladder

Indian Ladder Farms will be holding a Pumpkin Fest on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22. There will be a pumpkin carving contest, a scarecrow competition and a costume parade.

Belgian draft horses will dance, Merdwin the Wizard will perform magic, Cranberry the clown will paint faces and make animal balloons and Mike Tarbell of the Iroquois Museum will tell stories around a campfire.

Sixth annual Fall Classic Road Race and Walk

The sixth annual Fall Classic Road Race and Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9:30 a.m. Check-in and finish will be at the Indian Ladder Farms on Route 156 in Voorheesville. There is plenty of parking on location and the proceeds will benefit the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation. Make checks payable to the VCSF and mail to VCSF Fall Classic, 271 New Scotland South Rd., Slingerlands.

For information, call 439-0153. The fee is \$16 and can be paid between 7:30 - 9:15 a.m. on the 21st. Long-sleeved T-shirts are given to the first 150 registrants and awards to the top three male and female school district residents and top three in age groups 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over.

Cabaret concert set for Nov. 4

The Voorheesville Friends of Music will be hosting its annual Cabaret concert Saturday, Nov. 4, at the high school.

The community is invited for a musical evening of entertainment with many new additions to the show.

The program will begin at 7

p.m. and the doors will be open at 6:15 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students.

Helderview Garden Club meeting

The next meeting for the Helderview Garden Club will be held at the Voorheesville Legion Hall on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:45 p.m. The topic is Shade Gardening and Beyond by Edward Dougherty, Master Gardener from Cornell Extension.

The public is welcome and please feel free to bring an extra friend.

Kit will be glad to answer any questions at 765-5632.

PTA to meet

The next meeting for the Voorheesville PTA will be held at the Library in the elementary school from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Five Rivers will hold night walk

A night walk will be held at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Education Center on Friday, Oct. 20. P.

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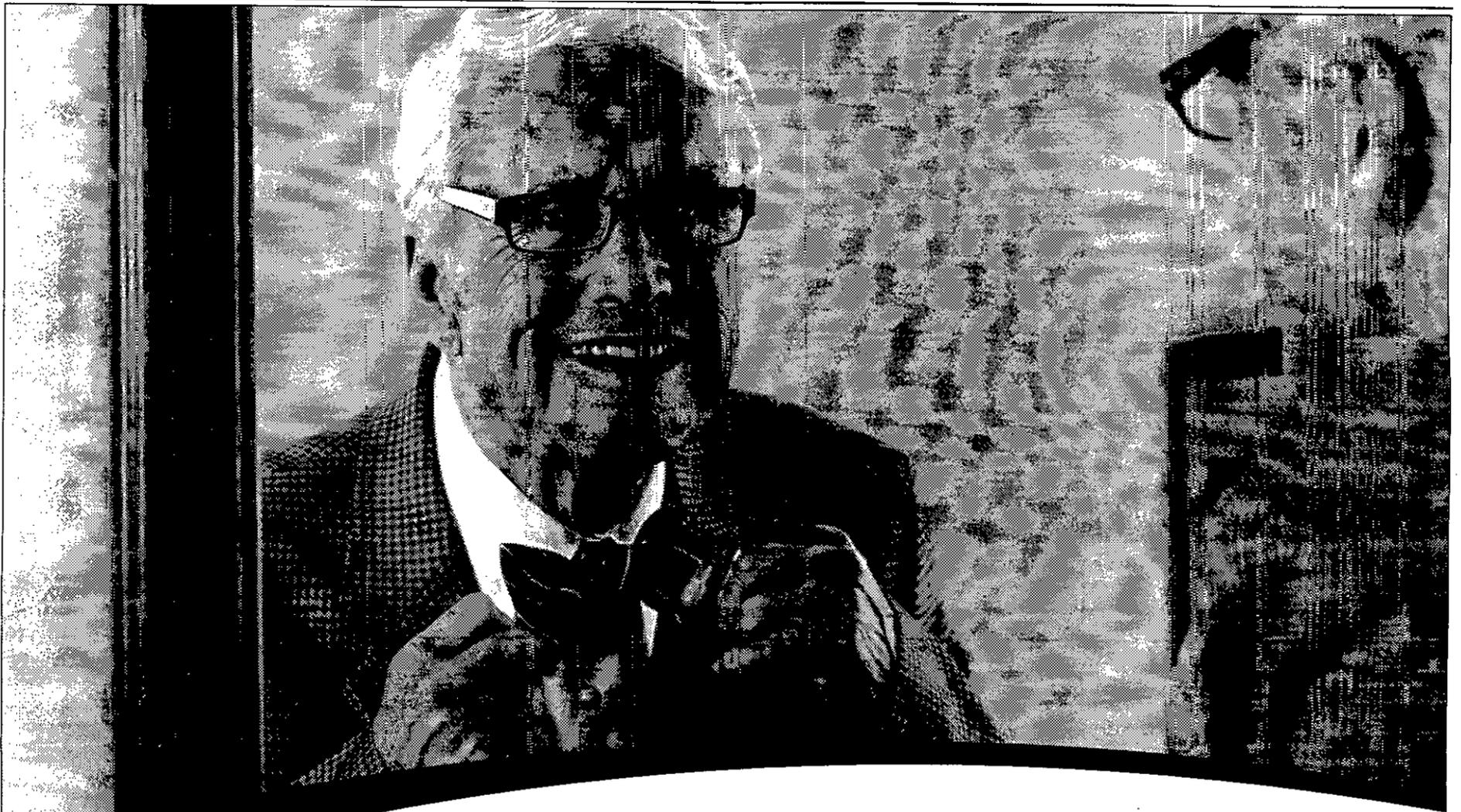
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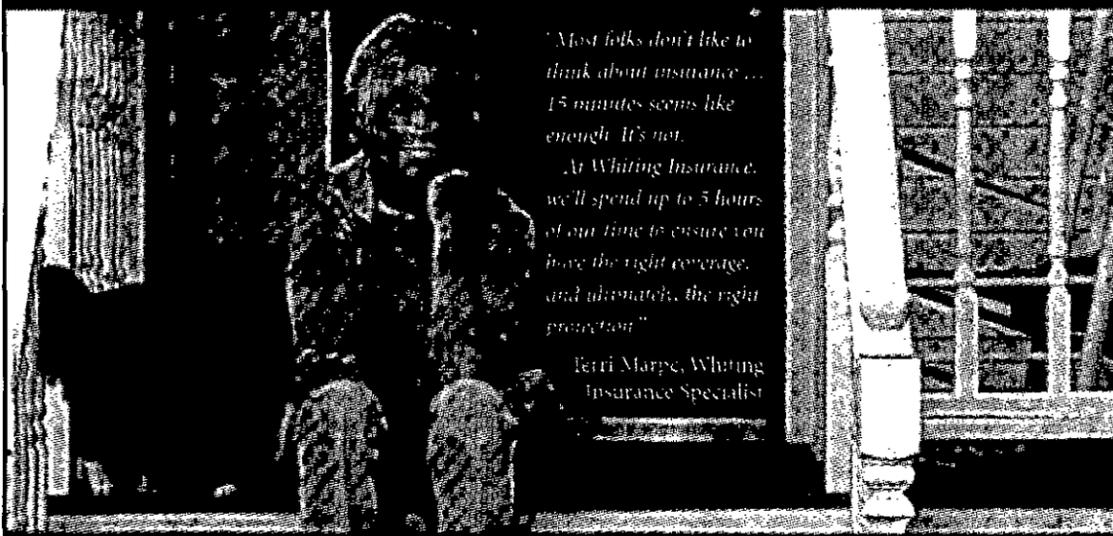
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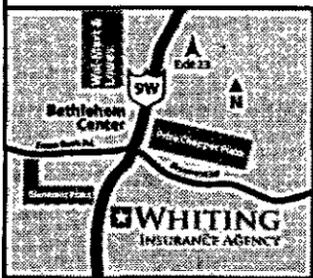
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Colonie chamber honors airport cabbie

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Capitaland Taxi driver Jeremy Tarr passed the test.

Two weeks ago, the Albany Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce placed a "mystery guest" - a chamber volunteer posing as a Tech Valley visitor - in Tarr's cab. After proficiently answering a series of questions about the area and extending the official welcome, Tarr became the recipient of the chamber's first award as part of its Take Pride in Tech Valley campaign.

The joint project between the Albany International Airport,

Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce president.

Taylor wanted the Capital District to mirror the service she received during her cab ride through Austin, she said.

"Through this campaign guests are provided with a warm welcome and regional information," said Taylor, standing outside the airport Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Tarr said he suspects his mystery guest was a woman posing as a business traveler he picked up at the airport two weeks ago. Chamber employees declined to release the guest's



PITALAND

Taxi driver Jeremy Tarr's knowledge about the Capital District earned him the chamber's first award to cab drivers who provide information about Tech Valley to visitors.

Graham Parker/Spotlight

Capitaland Taxi and the Albany-Colonie chamber was unveiled last week.

The campaign is designed to educate Capitaland drivers about the key players and merits of Tech Valley. Those drivers, who are often the first contact a visitor has to the area, can then answer questions people may have about the Capital District during the drive. The chamber has also added a packet of information in each cab for some light reading along the way.

"We've asked the driver to be the hosts to the region," said Diana Martin, project manager with the chamber.

The program targets anyone who sets foot in Tech Valley, whether on vacation or in town for business, said Alan Baker, chairman of the chamber's committee in charge of the Take Pride in Tech Valley campaign.

For passengers, the ride will be educational, focusing on the cultural and business aspects that make up the community.

"We had to have the drivers buy into that," said Baker.

The idea for the campaign came after a fact-finding mission in Austin, Texas, in February 2003, said Lyn Taylor, Albany-

identity.

Tarr said he had already familiarized himself with the materials in his cab, so the barrage of questions was a breeze.

"A lot of people ask questions about the area," said Tarr, who has been with Capitaland for two months.

Tarr relies on the materials and the advice and travel tips from experienced "cabbies" with Capitaland, he said. Once he greeted the guest with, "Welcome to Tech Valley," the rest was second nature, he said.

The chamber has made the materials and an informative DVD available to Capitaland drivers before they set out carting passengers from the airport to their destinations.

"Capitaland Taxi is proud to partner with the Albany-Colonie Chamber and Albany International Airport in this initiative, which will yield great benefits for residents of Tech Valley and tourists of the region," said Bret Peek, president of Capitaland Taxi in a written statement. "Our drivers will be taking a number of steps to ensure that visitors to this area have a memorable and enjoyable experience."

Coffeehouse showcases local talent

The public is invited to enjoy the sounds of local guitarist and singer Stacey Midge at the Glenmont Church Coffeehouse on Saturday, Oct. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

Besides great music, fairly traded coffee, tea, cold beverages and snacks are available. Those who supply two non-perishable food items for the Venture Churches Food Pantry will receive a free beverage.

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State services praise New Scotland's reval

By ROB IRWIN

At the town board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11, New Scotland was presented with a state award for conducting an assessment that met state standards.

The New York State Office of Real Property Services (NYSORPS) awarded the town the Excellence in Equity Award.

"I commend the assessors in these municipalities for their efforts to provide fair assessments for their taxpayers," said NYSORPS Executive Director Donald C. DeWitt. "I also commend the elected local officials who support the as-

essor's office.

Clark said he was satisfied with the results.

"The outcome never pleases everybody," said Clark. "The equity of the assessment was well represented by the fact there were no excessive number of appeals."

Nooney said there were some steps that could be taken to ensure the equity remains where it is.

"It's my feeling if we reval the town every three years we can maintain the equity," said Nooney.

Before this year, the town's last reassessment had been 10 years ago, said Nooney.



essor's efforts."

Town Supervisor Ed Clark said the credit for the award goes to the "very diligent exercise and pursuit of responsibility of the assessor and her staff."

Julie Nooney, town assessor, said, "In completing the reval (revaluation), it shows that we're committed to equity of the assessments within the town."

"Many taxpayers do not realize that reassessments do not raise additional taxes for municipalities," said DeWitt. "Rather, reassessments help to ensure that the taxes to be collected by the school district, county, and city or town are distributed fairly. The taxpayer is the ultimate beneficiary of fair assessments."

According to Nooney, providing a fair assessment town-wide is not an easy task.

"Anytime you reval a town, it's difficult," said Nooney. "There is a lot of pressure."

Nooney said a successful reassessment is dependent on everyone in the town working together, including the supervisor, the town board and the

Reassessing the town's more than 4,000 parcels more often, Nooney said, would increase the effectiveness of monitoring the equity.

"There's no doubt it will increase the workload," she said, but added, "It's something you have to do."

According to NYSORPS, state law requires all properties in each municipality to be assessed fairly based on market value, or a uniform percentage thereof, each year. By adjusting assessments to reflect market value, these municipalities took the necessary steps to ensure that property owners are fairly assessed and do not pay more or less than their fair share of taxes.

In addition to qualifying for Excellence in Equity Awards, these municipalities may be eligible to apply for State Aid for Quality Assessing—the program grants up \$5 per parcel to qualifying municipalities.

Along with New Scotland, Bethlehem was the only other municipality in Albany County to receive the award.

Theater guild seeks festival submissions

Classic Theater Guild is accepting submissions for its third new play festival. The performance dates are Nov. 17-19 at Old Songs in Voorheesville. The deadline for submission is Friday, Oct. 20.

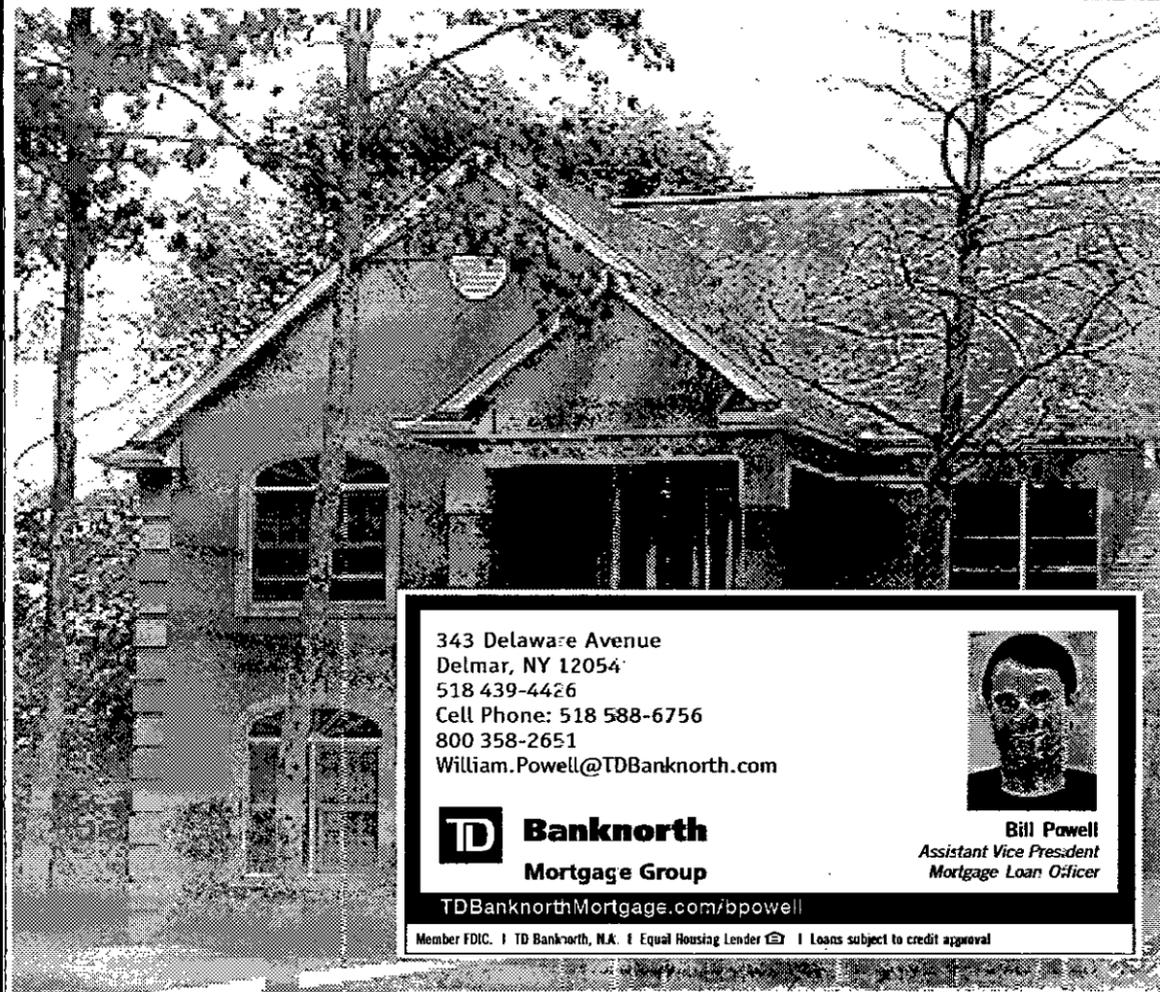
Full length and short plays are accepted. Send your submissions to: Classic Theater Guild, 349C Madison Ave., Albany, 12210, Attn: Artistic Director. For information, call 424-6579.

Clarksville church hosts performance by Adirondack Baroque Consort

Clarksville Community Church on Delaware Avenue in Clarksville, will offer an Adirondack Baroque Consort fall concert on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. The music will be by Bach, Handel, Purcell, Quantz, Telemann, Pezel and Mageau. Performers include Barbara Eckhaus, Thomas Hotalen, Elizabeth Silliman and Walter Jones.

The donation is \$10 and \$8 for seniors and students. The Adirondack Baroque Consort is a nonprofit educational organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

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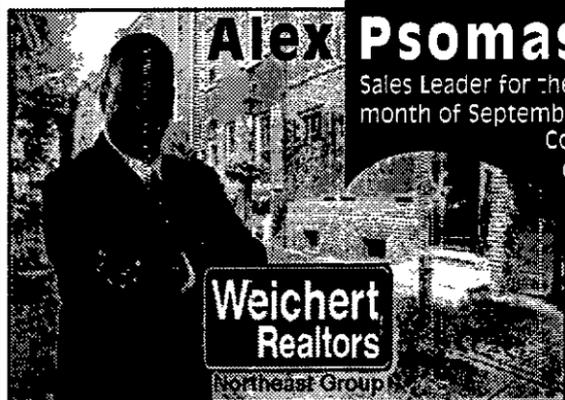


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Five Rivers Center to hold Halloween open house

A Halloween open house will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game

Farm Road in Delmar.

Are you in search of an alternative to scary Halloween activities? At this Halloween open house, center naturalists will share information about bats, bones and spiders. Open house participants can handle animal skulls and animal pelts and learn about snakes and toads common to our area. There will be games, surprises,

and refreshments. Come in costume if you like.

This program is free. For information, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

Legion to serve Polish dinner

The Sons of the American Legion Post 1493 will host its second Polish dinner on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 4 and 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10. The dinner is limited to 100 people, so call 765-4712 to make a reservation.

Retirees needed to assist students

The STARS (Seniors Teaching and Reaching Out to Students) Program is recruiting retirees age 60 and older to volunteer with children in A.W. Becker Elementary School classrooms in Selkirk.

STARS volunteers serve as mentors who help children strengthen reading and other academic skills while giving them positive support. The volunteers are assigned to a classroom and always work under the supervision of a teacher.

Schedules are flexible and range from two to 10 hours weekly, depending on the volunteer's availability.

Additional volunteers are needed for the 2006-07 school year. Retirees looking for a rewarding experience with children should contact Karen Harmon, Stars Intergen Corporation at 439-1505 or kharmon@nycap.rr.com.

St. Thomas School to host craft fair

St. Thomas School's second 'Shop Til' You Drop' Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crafters will feature jewelry, hand-made American Girl doll clothes and furniture, knit scarves and bags, floral arrangements, toile paintings and St. Thomas logo items.

Admission is free.

Local volunteers 'Building Hope' in Mississippi

Ferne Horn of Slingerlands, Judy Thomson and Steve Thomson of Delmar, are joining regional Volunteers in Mission team for "Building Hope" toward hurricane recovery in Mississippi. VIMS is sponsored by the national United Methodist Church for projects at home and abroad in recovery efforts from disasters of all kinds and to help people improve the quality of their lives. The U.S. Gulf Coast still needs an incredible amount of reconstruction, so VIMS continues its work there.

These volunteers may hang sheetrock, paint, install flooring, build a wheelchair ramp or other important tasks. They will stay at a local church. The project will last for 10 days with about 30 participants from New York and Vermont. A number of team members have worked on previous projects and many are first-timers. The ages range from teens to senior citizens.

There will be a turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 21, to raise funds to provide building materials for this project. The dinner will be at the Community United Methodist Church (one of the sponsors of this team), 1499 New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested so everyone can enjoy the good home cooking. Adult tickets are \$9, and children ages 5-12 are \$4. Call 439-1766 to save a place at the table.

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On Saturday, the doors open at 10 a.m. and the sale includes our homemade baked goods. Book prices remain the same at \$1 per hardcover and 3 for \$1 paperbacks. We also have many CDs, movies and kids books.

If you can hold out until the end, last-ditch bargains are on deck for Buck-a-Bag Sunday. Bring your own bag and cram it full of books for only \$1. See you there!

Spark up your book discussion group

If you are a member of a book discussion group or thinking about starting one, a program on



Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. will give you lots of ideas. Come to an informal, sociable evening where you can share your own experiences, find out what others are reading, what books have been enjoyable and which have bombed. Librarian Suzanne Fisher will offer advice on where to find out about good books, background information on authors, and ways you can increase your appreciation of what you read. Call or e-mail Fisher to sign up at 765-2791 or fishers@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Off to New York City

You can sign up now for the annual Friends of the Library bus trip to NYC on Saturday, Dec. 2. The bus will drop off in the vicinity of Rockefeller Center and

you are free to enjoy the day doing whatever catches your fancy.

Bring friends and neighbors; anyone is welcome to sign up with a paid reservation at the VPL circulation desk. The cost is \$30 for Friends members and \$40 for others. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. from the elementary school parking lot and returns around 10 p.m.

Collect this, collect that

A collector's program about stamps is being offered on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. Voorheesville's Pat Arthur, noted area philatelist, will expound on his hobby and answer questions. Bring your own stamps to show to the group and bring a child who might be interested in stamps. Our post office will be contributing information on getting started in collecting. The Library Friends are sponsoring this monthly series of workshops to acquaint you with the art of collecting by experts in different fields.

Halloween story time

Registration is necessary for a special story time on Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Halloween - at 10:15 a.m. Come in costume for pumpkin fun!

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Lives

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Valerie's husband received a sentence of four years at a correctional facility in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County — a five-hour drive from Troy. Fourteen months into his sentence, Valerie and her son struggle daily to maintain a healthy family. She calls her husband a few times a week, and she and her son make the five-hour trek to visit him every Saturday. Between gas and food, visits can cost between \$50 and \$100, Valerie said, quite a blow to her individual income.

"I'm not used to being so tight with money," she said. "I'm used to sharing expenses, with my husband putting in most, and me putting in whatever I had."

According to a study done earlier this year by the Urban Institute, a non-partisan economic and social policy research company, there is strong empirical evidence that the family of a returning prisoner has a significant impact on post-release success or failure — the family often serves as a "buffering agent" for the newly released prisoner. Among the family influences that may be important is the strength of family relationships before and during incarceration, including the frequency of contact during incarceration, and whether the family provides a pro-social or antisocial influence. The type and level of support offered by a family after release, whether emotional, financial, or other tangible support such as housing and transportation, is likely to influence former prisoners' success or failure.

Despite the challenges, giving up on the relationship has never crossed Valerie's mind.

But for most couples dealing with addiction and incarceration, giving up is all too easy.

"I experience that a lot with younger adults," said Atif Poinsette, senior clinician at the Equinox counseling center in Albany. "It is difficult enough living with someone with a substance abuse problem — all

of the tension and anxiety that stems from their use — but once the family member is removed, either to prison or a treatment facility, it exacerbates the problem."

Poinsette said the key is to use education and family resources to address a family member's drug use. For the surrounding family, Poinsette said the hardest thing is overcoming the self-imposed stigma of dealing with a drug problem within the family. "This is not a personal choice, this is a disease," he said.

For families where an individual is incarcerated, Poinsette suggests support groups like Prison Families of New York, where families can share resources in order to keep the lines of communication open to a loved one in jail. He also suggests families seek out a treatment program for the afflicted family member, rather than rely on the penal system. The penal system, Poinsette said, straddles the fence between punishing and correcting addictive behavior.

"The system is kind of funny, because it tries to appease both approaches," he said.

Meanwhile, the cost of keeping a family together through incarceration is more than emotional. Late last month, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) filed its appeal brief in *Walton v. New York State Department of Correctional Services* with the New York State Court of Appeals, the state's highest court. The lawsuit seeks an order prohibiting the state and Verizon/MCI from charging exorbitant rates to the family members of prisoners to finance a 57.5 percent kickback to the state.

For someone incarcerated in a state prison to call collect to a loved one, Verizon/MCI currently charges \$3 to initiate the call and 16 cents per minute — a 630 percent markup over consumer rates. Using Verizon/MCI is the only way for an inmate to receive a collect call from their loved ones, and the only method of calling from a Department of Correctional

Services institution. To provide phone service for the general public, Verizon/MCI advertises rates as low as \$5 per month for service and 5 cents per minute. The average prison phone call is billed at 19 minutes, according to CCR, costing just over \$6.

"It is long past time for the New York courts to consider this case," said Rachel Meeropol, a Center for Constitutional Rights attorney representing plaintiffs in the case. "For over a decade, family members of prisoners who live hours away from where their loved ones are incarcerated have had to spend hundreds of dollars a month keeping in touch by phone. Hopefully the court will do the right thing, and finally put an end to this unjust contract."

There are 3,335 collect-call-only telephones available to the 66,000 inmates in 71 correctional facilities. Approximately 500,000 calls from prisons are now completed each month, totaling more than 9.5 million minutes. More than 80 percent of the state's prisoners come from poor New York City neighborhoods, according to the Albany-based Center for Law and Justice. With two-thirds of the prison facilities located three hours or more from New York City, telephone calls become a critical means for families to keep in touch. Shayna, a 26-year-old Schenectady native, said she is outraged at the phone charges.

"I have a 4-year-old son, and his father is in prison. To accept a call from him costs over \$7

and goes up depending on the length of the call. My son misses his father and doesn't understand the situation, and he is only able to talk to him once or twice a month due to the costs of the call," she said. "I feel sick that this is affecting my son the way it is. His father is over five hours away, and we are unable to visit him frequently. So my son basically has such limited contact with his father on a regular basis due to the outrageous costs of the phone bill. It just isn't right."

Valerie feels the same way. Under her Verizon/MCI calling plan, she gets five 30-minute calls for \$50. Even if

she is disconnected, she says, she must pay for a complete 30-minute call. "I have to do it, though. What am I going to do? I can't not talk to him."

A legislative solution to this phone contract is the Family Connections Bill, which moved from the state Senate Committee on Crime Victims, Corrections, and Crime to the Senate Finance Committee in early January, but did not move out of committee and was not considered by the Senate before the close of the legislative session in June. The Assembly version of the bill passed before session's end.

Attempts to reach Verizon/MCI were unsuccessful.

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Scene *in the* Spotlight

Theater bares all in first show of 80th season

By W.K. AARON

Schenectady Light Opera Company went charging into its 80th season with guns blazing and no holds barred. "The Full Monty" opened the next decade in this company's great history on Friday, and it left the audience on its feet clamoring for more.

The story is familiar by now to all, having been translated to the stage by Terrence McNally and David Yazbek, from the hit movie a few years back. The locale has shifted from Great Britain to Buffalo, but the story about a group of six unemployed factory workers who decide to bare it all (the full monty) on stage for one night for the town to see, remains the same.

In the show, tickets go for \$50, and hoping for an audience of local women to top 1,000, these men are seeking to ease some debt, save their familial relationships and perhaps even pick up some self-esteem along the way.

The cast goes from better to great with no stops along the way. Director Michael Mensching has done a fabulous job steering this ship from beginning to end, on its long journey, nearly three hours including the intermission. The cast is well up to the task at hand.

Bobby Ruggles as Nathan Lukowski, the child in the middle of the turmoil, is the voice of reason and maturity for his father, and is perfectly played. Everyone would be thrilled to have a child like this, and Ruggles charms the audience.

Shawn Hahn had a few rough moments with the high end of the music Friday evening, but on the whole, he and Brian Sheldon put their heart and sole into the performances and the results are more than satisfying. The remaining foursome, Joseph Curasone, Peter C. Lacijan, Donald Hyman and Eric Weiskopf all are given their moments to shine in this ensemble, and shine they do. Weiskopf and Curasone move the audience with a particularly compelling duet "You Walk with Me." Lacijan and Sheldon steal a moment with "You Rule My World." Donald Hyman brings down the house with "Big Black Man."

The show is outstanding in that each piece of music is better than the last. Taking mood



Bobby Ruggles, left, and Shawn Hahn play father and son in "The Full Monty" at Schenectady Light Opera Company.

Christine Macella's choreography is top notch, matching the book and lyrics beat for beat.

The ladies of the cast are also well represented. Melissa Lacijan's voice is gutsy and throaty in her "Life with Harold" number; Barbara Mahlmann as Jeanette, the strippers' accompanist, a hard driven, joint-smokin', woman with a show-biz past, almost steals the show from under the G-strings of the sexy six.

"The Full Monty" is a great season opener and has set the bar high for SLOC's next decade. The show is funny, moving, and definitely not for kids nor the faint of heart when it comes to language, but it is guaranteed to leave you on your feet, laughing and smiling when you walk out the doors.

swings from Carole King to smokey blues to ballads and true Broadway musical theater, there is not a bad song in the score.

"The Full Monty" runs Thursday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Schenectady Light Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady. Tickets are \$20 for adults. For information, call the box office, 377-5101 or visit the Web at www.sloctheater.com.

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Camp lets kids just be kids

Circle of Life gives diabetics a chance to put fun first

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

It began with little more than 20 campers, a nurse and a handful of counselors 19 years ago.

Now, because of its popularity, the Circle of Life Camp for children and teenagers living with diabetes is regrettably turning away campers.

Circle of Life is not a camp for diabetics to learn more about the disease, said camp founder and executive director Alicia McAuliffe-Fogarty. It's a camp for

children and teenagers with diabetes to learn to live fully despite the disease.

For the past three years, McAuliffe-Fogarty has been juggling doctorate work and the drive to land a permanent diabetes treatment center and site for her camp.

This June, McAuliffe-Fogarty completed her residency as required for her doctorate in child health psychology from Yale University School of Medicine. Now she is focusing all her energy on completing the mission she began 19 years ago at age 11, when she was diagnosed with Type I diabetes.

When McAuliffe-Fogarty and her parents first began looking into summer programs for children living with diabetes, the camps did little to stir her interest and often did more to turn her away.

"They were more geared on education. I didn't want that. I wanted to be normal," she said. "Most teenagers want to be normal. They don't want to go to a stupid camp for a stupid disease."

McAuliffe-Fogarty never attended those camps. She didn't want to be labeled a "diabetic" and felt that no one should have to be, even if they are diagnosed with the disease.

At 18 she established the Circle of Life Camp.

More than 10 years after founding the camp, McAuliffe-Fogarty has given a new identity

to hundreds of children and teenagers living with diabetes.

They now know they can do anything they want, she said, and that they don't have to work their lives around the disease, but instead work diabetes into their lives.

"I was just diagnosed, and I went to see a doctor. She was telling me about the (insulin) pump, and we saw the brochure for the Circle of Life Camp. I wanted to go meet more kids with diabetes," said Marlene Eckert, 11, of Clifton Park.

Marlene was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at age 8. This year will be her fourth at the camp.

Marlene had never heard of, or about diabetes before being diagnosed. It wasn't until she attended the camp that she met other children her age who had been living with the disease.

The Acadia Middle School sixth-grader tests her blood sugar seven to eight times a day, she said.

"I'm used to it now, but in the beginning, it was kind of annoying," said Marlene.

The camp boosts children's self esteem, said McAuliffe-Fogarty. Campers leave as life friends — friends they can talk to about their blood sugars or their parents nagging them, she said.

"The only complaint is that the camp is not long enough," said McAuliffe-Fogarty.

Marlene said she was shocked to see more than 100 children like herself living with diabetes. She quickly realized she wasn't the only kid in the area with the disease. Most important, she learned to go with the flow, she said.

The Circle of Life Camp is important and needs to be a year-round operation, said Marlene. She hopes to come back to the camp at age 16 or 17 to be a counselor.

The Circle of Life Camp will be hosting its third annual Celebrity Chef Cook-Off fundraiser at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, Thursday, Oct. 26. Tickets for the event are \$125. For information about the cook-off, call 459-3622.

All proceeds will go to help the camp improve the lives of children and families living with diabetes. Money will also go to help Circle of Life set up a comprehensive residential treatment facility in addition to a permanent site for the camp.

Currently the camp rents space for two weeks every summer in North Greenbush.

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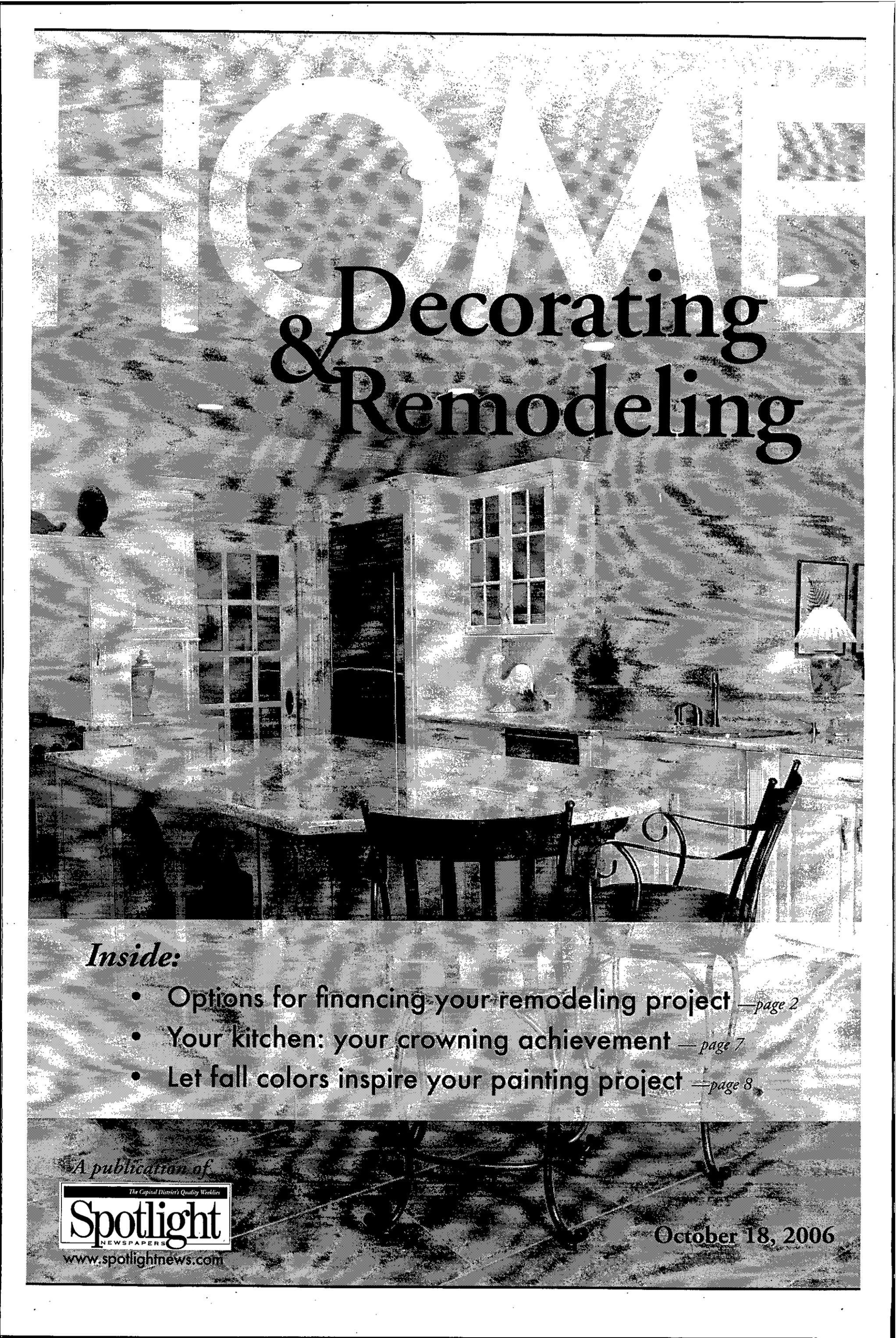
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Look into options for financing remodeling project

One of the most important considerations for any major home improvement project is financing. As you well know, the project will go nowhere if you can't pay for it. Fortunately, there are several options that can provide the money you need. Four of the most common are a home improvement loan, a home equity line of credit, a home equity loan (second mortgage) and a cash-out refinancing

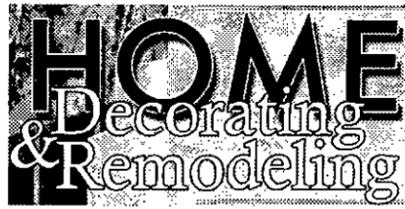
of your current mortgage. However, the simplest method of financing is cash.

If you have cash in savings to pay for your remodeling project, this may be the best way to finance your home improvements. However, be sure to consider the fact that, by paying in cash, you will tie up money that could be earning interest in other investments. You need to look at the interest rate that you would be charged by financing the

project and compare this to the interest you could earn by investing these funds. While you can't write off the expenses of a remodeling project paid for in cash, you may be able to deduct the interest payments on a home improvement loan. To know for sure if paying in cash will pay off in the long run, meet with a financial advisor.

Two special loans administered through the Federal Housing Administration

(FHA) are the Title I and Section 203(k) programs. A Title I loan allows you to borrow up to \$25,000



for improvements to a single-family home, without having equity in the home. These are fixed-rate

loans that the FHA insures against the risk of default. Loans must be made by an approved Title I lender. The 203(k) program is not as well known, but if you are looking to purchase a fixer-upper, it is a terrific opportunity. It allows homeowners to receive a single, long-term, fixed or adjustable rate loan that covers both the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property. To obtain a loan under the 203(k) program, you must use an FHA-approved lending institution. Most mortgage lenders are approved to make loans through this program.

A home equity line of credit is a form of revolving credit in which your home serves as collateral. This allows you to tap into these funds whenever you may need to. The credit line is usually set at 75 percent to 80 percent of the appraised value of your home minus the balance of the first mortgage. Your credit history and ability to pay may also be considered in determining the amount of credit available. Home equity lines of credit usually carry a variable interest rate that is figured by adding a margin to the current prime rate or some other index. Other costs associated with setting up a line of credit may also apply and vary from lender to lender.

If you are not comfortable with the open-ended nature of a line of credit, a home equity loan, or second mortgage, may be right for you. This is a fixed-rate, fixed-term loan based on the equity in your house that is paid back in equal monthly installments over a specific period of time.

If interest rates today are significantly less than when you first purchased your house, refinancing your mortgage may be a wise move. This refinancing alternative allows you to use the accumulated equity in your home to take out a new loan to pay off your existing mortgage and then use the remaining funds for your remodeling project. Of course, you will want to make sure you factor in the length of time you plan to live in the house and the number of years left on your current mortgage before you decide to refinance.

If a major remodeling project is in your future and you're running short on cash, don't despair. There are other financing options. You just need to do some research and find out which one will work best for you.



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Paint tips to keep your space looking sharp

As fall's crisp temperatures arrive, Americans head indoors — and home improvement projects follow. From revamping the living room to tackling stubborn ceiling stains, fall is the prime time to address home projects before the winter holiday season arrives.

Home improvement and design expert Lee Snijders shares smart solutions for making your house a home this fall.

Q. I've noticed a stubborn water stain on my living room ceiling. What's the best way to get rid of it for good?

A. Water stains and ceilings can be a tough combination. Water stains are stubborn because they easily bleed through standard paint, and ceilings can be a literal "pain in the neck" to cover. To tackle the stain, I recommend a primer-based paint that can block light to medium water stains and prevent them from bleeding through. This will also ensure that you don't miss any spots on your ceiling as the paint is pink when originally painted, but turns to bright white when dry. It's also a good idea to repair punctured siding, cracked caulk, old window frames and door seals, which are common culprits for water damage.

Q. With a rock-bottom

budget, how can I turn my basement from a scary storage area into a warm, livable space?

A. Take the chill out of the basement by using throw rugs or lamps for instant warmth. Sew several throw rugs together to create a one-of-a-kind area rug. Inexpensive and cool lamps are never hard to find at thrift stores and garage sales, and are easily up-

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dated with the addition of a new shade or by repainting the lamp base. The least expensive way to change the look of any room is with paint. For basement walls, be sure to use a masonry paint. It's designed specifically for the concrete walls found in most basements and can be tinted to pastel and mid-tone colors. The waterproofing properties and mildew resistant finish provided by this paint make it a smart choice.

Q. Before it snows, I want to repaint the fence around my house. Can I use the leftover exterior house paint to get the job done?

A. A lot of people want to save money by using leftover paint, but when it comes to siding and fences,

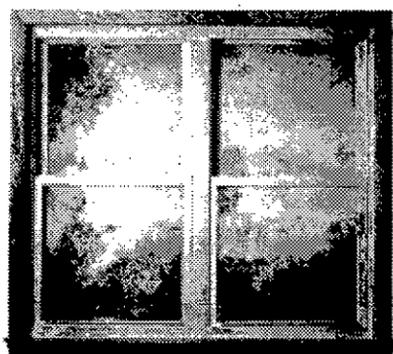
it will cost you more in the long run. Specialized fence and barn paint costs less and comes pre-mixed, typically in white or red. Because the color pigments are ground into the paint, it will fade less. It's also a good idea to use an exterior paint made from an oil/water-base combination because it penetrates the surface you're painting better than a strictly oil- or water-based paint.

Q. The rooms in my home are small. Can I do anything to make them look larger?

A. Start by pulling your furniture away from the walls. A common misconception is a room will feel bigger with more empty floor space. Moving a couch, chairs or accent table eight to 12 inches away from the walls creates the illusion of depth by masking the floor space. Also, use accessories that draw the eye upward, like a plant on a high shelf or a framed photo above a mantel.



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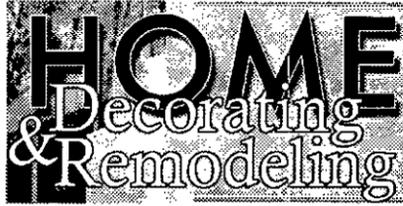
The beautiful new urns on your deck or patio were a sight to behold this summer. Overflowing with brightly colored flowers, they brought you pleasure all season. But now that the colder weather is setting in, do you need to unplant them and store them out of sight where no one can enjoy them?

"The answer is no," says Peter C. Cilio of Campania International Inc., manufacturers of fine garden accessories. "Bring your containers, birdbaths, statuary and fountains indoors to use as accent pieces during the holidays and winter months."

With more than 20 years in the garden business, the folks at Campania know it is possible to use garden accessories in hundreds of creative ways -- with and without plants.

"Outdoor accessories can really make a statement when they're brought indoors," says Cilio. "Cast stone urns, especially with a weathered mossy patina, make wonderful and atmospheric indoor decorations."

If you wish to plant outdoor urns or containers



for indoor use, Cilio recommends inserting a plastic liner in the pot and slipping the plant in the liner, thus preventing leaks when watering. Sphagnum moss can be used to fill any gaps if the interior of the pot is still visible.

For lower maintenance, dried flowers, interesting

branches or topiary shapes made of moss, grapevine, shells or even shiny Christmas balls can be arranged in the urns or containers and for added interest can be changed seasonally.

White lights can be added for a festive nighttime look. Even unplanted, a cast stone urn, especially if raised on a pedestal or placed on a table, can be a dramatic sculptural focal point.

Statuary, finials or small fountains and birdbaths can also be enjoyed indoors during the colder months. Create a conservatory look in winter by bringing a garden statue or small fountain indoors and nestling it among potted plants in a corner of a room. A fountain used indoors will provide much needed humidity during the winter and the sound will be a delightful reminder of summer.

Here are few more tips for using outdoor accessories indoors:

- Small birdbaths can also be used in many creative ways. Filled with seasonal fruit or colorful (peppers) or sculptural (artichokes) vegetables, they become unusual, edible, not to mention economical, centerpieces. Remember to use

- felt coasters on the bottom to protect your table. Fill a small birdbath with water to float flowers or candles for an exotic and enchanting table decoration.

- Keep an interesting large urn or planter by your door to catch umbrellas or gloves, mittens, hats or other winter belongings

- tossed by your kids as they race into the house.

- Fill a container or small birdbath with unusual gourds and small pumpkins. Weathered terra cotta, cast stone or rusted iron are natural complements to autumn decorating.

- An elegant planter box can be used by your fireplace as a place to store kindling.

- Create your own indoor water garden by adding plants such as spider lilies, taro or water lettuce to a glazed or lightweight container.

- Place a small urn or birdbath in your bathroom to hold soap or towels.

"With a little creativity," Cilio says, "your planters and garden accent pieces can be versatile and elegant enough to bring indoors for four seasons of enjoyment."

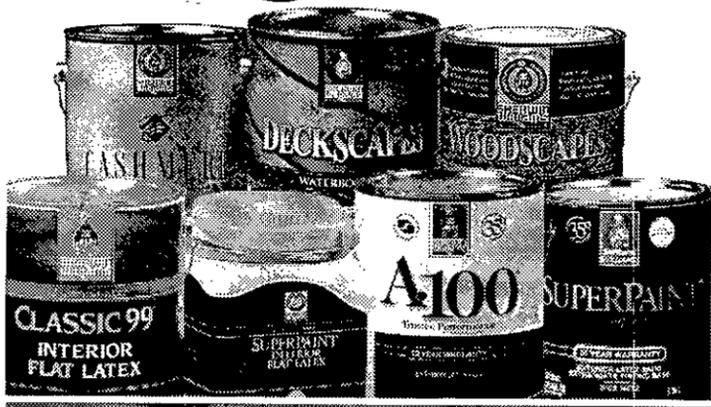


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To some people, a garage is much more than a place to park the car and store items. To the car enthusiast, it is a nerve center with a lift, a wash and wax station, and cabinetry for an extensive supply of tools. To the carpenter, it is a woodworking shop with a table saw, a ventilation system and workbenches to detail the latest project. To guys in general, it is a place to hang out. Beyond the basics of four walls and roof, a garage workshop can be a second home for the enthusiast, housing tools, toys, workstations and much more. It's not surprising that the garage of yesterday is getting a makeover.

A new garage construction project requires the same basic considerations as a new home construction project: site preparation, permits, foundation work, framing, roofing and mechanicals. Most garages rest on slabs, but any drainage system for a mechanic's workshop will require more extensive excavation, foundation work and filter systems for oil and grease. Knowing how the space will be used prior to breaking ground is essential.

Space is crucial for any garage workspace. A good rule of thumb is to have at least 13 to 15 feet of garage width per car. The old days of 20-by-20-foot, two-car garages are gone—today's SUVs span seven feet in width with excess room for the opening of doors.

Counters, cabinets,

plumbing, electricity, lighting, heating, cooling, flooring and ventilation make up the basics. Lighting and electricity are a must; storage and workbench space are, too. A sink and bathroom will keep the space and cleanup self-contained, and a powerful water supply should be on the list for any inside washing and



waxing. Once basic needs are met, fancy stuff can go in as the budget allows.

Design your garage workshop to meet current and future needs. Think features and then plan for the utilities and mechanicals to handle them. An

architect can help with designs, features, layouts and blueprints. Of course, the garage, whether it's attached or detached, should integrate with the actual home. A monstrosity of a garage that sticks out like a sore thumb will likely have a negative impact on the resale value of the home. Local regulations may include setbacks that limit square footage, maximum building height requirements and the number of garage doors or bays.

Lastly, calculate the price. Keep in mind that this is not as simple as it sounds. Much depends on space, utilities and construction materials, and how the workshop will be detailed. Basic new garage construction ranges from \$30 to \$55 per square foot for lumber and masonry,



but that's just the shell. Metal garage kits can lower the cost to \$11 to \$16 per square foot, but it's best to talk to an architect to

discuss your needs and review building codes. Keep in mind, too, that these figures do not include costs for tools and accessories. A new, high-end, 1,500-square-foot garage with all the trimmings might go for \$150,000.

For every feature included in a garage, there will be a range of prices from the garage doors to the storage cabinets. Go ahead and dream big, but make sure you do your research and get your plans ready before taking the plunge. Plan for the sky, and purchase and install it bit by bit. Look at trends and be forward thinking. If the space is there and all of the utilities are in place, the workshop can be completed over time.



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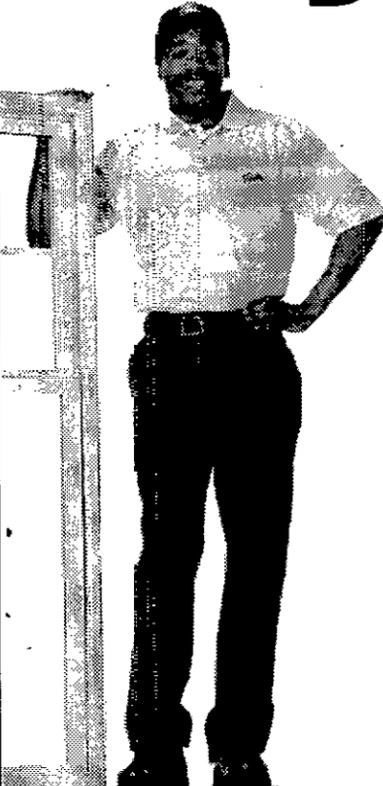
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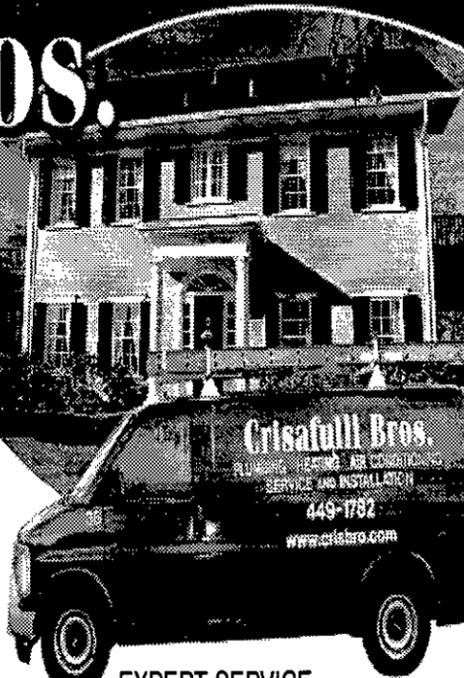
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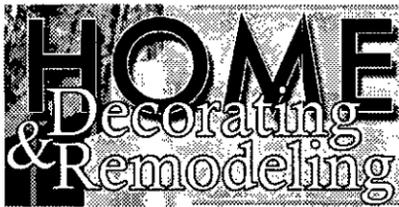
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Moving beyond drywall

Most people know about drywall, but few love it. Although you can't beat the cost of drywall, and it is used on most new houses, it's a leading cause of contractor callbacks for problems like popped screws and nails, dents and dings, visible joints and paint problems. Using blueboard and veneer plaster, on the other hand, addresses these quality issues.

Similar to regular drywall gypsum board, blueboard comes in 4-foot-wide boards at lengths of 8, 12 or 16 feet, cuts with a knife and fastens to wood or steel wall studs with screws or nails. It also has the same core material as drywall. The difference with blueboard lies in its paper covering; the blue face comes from the special paper on the board's surface, which is treated to bond well to a skim coat of specially formulated plaster. Unlike drywall which requires several

coats of joint compound to the seams between boards, all that is needed to finish blueboard is a quick tape-and-plaster treatment to the joints and one or two



thin (1/8-inch thick) coats of veneer plaster to the entire wall surface.

Veneer plaster application is typically a one-day operation. Plastering immediately follows the joint treatment, and a second plaster coat is applied over the first soon after, if needed. There is no three-day disruption for the occupants of the home as there is with drywall, and because no sanding is involved, there is no irritating, messy dust. Veneer plaster is also much harder than regular drywall surfaces, making it less likely to get unsightly

dents and scratches. The top surface of plaster veneer is continuous over the whole wall and serves as a better base for paint. While paint can dry differently on the paper surface of drywall and on the joint compound base at the seams, veneer plaster is much less likely to display any sort of visible difference. The joints almost never jump out at the eye the way drywall joints commonly do.

Painting veneer plaster is not mandatory. Some

people are happy with the plaster's own natural off-white color and consider its smooth surface adequate. Others choose to colorize the plaster coat itself, either by adding a high-quality paint to the plaster at the mixing stage, or by using proprietary coloring systems.

The use of blueboard and veneer plaster offers two advantages over ordinary drywall, quality and convenience. This, along with the fact that greater skill is needed to apply

veneer plaster, increases the cost of the installation. Veneer plaster, including blueboard and plaster, can run anywhere from 20 percent to 30 percent more than drywall installation. Choosing a one or two-coat veneer system can also affect the final cost. However, the savings of only needing two days to install and having less to clean up can make the bottom line difference insignificant.

Concrete walls? Why not

Today, an increasing number of American homeowners and builders are looking for alternatives to wood framing. In response, many manufacturers now offer a variety of concrete wall systems.

There are four basic types of concrete wall systems. Masonry uses concrete blocks to form the

basic structure of the home. Cast-in-place forms are filled with concrete to create walls and removed once the concrete is hardened. Precast panels are cast off-site and assembled in large sections at the job site. Insulating concrete form (ICF) construction pumps concrete between two layers of foam insulation to form walls.

Homes built with exterior concrete walls offer many benefits. Made with a combination of recycled products and some of the most abundant materials on earth, concrete homes are a natural choice for homeowners concerned about the environment. They are also very energy efficient. In fact, the energy savings and smaller insurance premium often make the monthly operating cost of living in a concrete home less than that of a conven-

tionally built house. Once in place, concrete homes are there for the long run. They won't rot, rust or burn, and will last for decades with minimal upkeep. Concrete homes offer increased safety from natural disasters and a healthy indoor environment and will accept any type of exterior finish including brick, stone, siding or stucco.

Due to the many benefits of concrete homes, the market share of them has steadily increased. In 2002, 14.4 percent of the single family homes built in the United States utilized exterior above-grade concrete wall systems, accounting for more than 150,000 homes in that year alone. As more builders and homeowners become aware that concrete is an option, more communities and homes built with concrete walls are sure to come.

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Larry Miller, CMKBD, certified master kitchen and bath designer, is the general manager of Creative Kitchens of Glenmont.

Kitchens are a major focal point in today's homes. They are bigger and serve as social centers, as well as functional work areas. Consumers are willing to express their creativity and personal style in the kitchen, while choosing the latest in advanced technology and convenience.

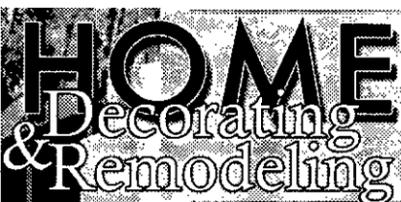
In the newer open floor plans, the kitchen is no longer out of sight and out of mind. It has become the major social activity area in the home. This requires generous clearances for gathering and looks that blend with adjacent spaces.

Cabinetry in many Capital District homes is almost always traditional. The influence of the Shakers can be seen in the simple lines and plain door styles. However, many kitchens show strong European influence with the use of intricate molding details such as columns, legs, corbels and multi-layered crown moldings.

Unique finishes, such as glazed, rubbed-through, antiqued or distressed finishes have become very popular. Another common practice is the staggering of cabinet heights and depths to add more visual interest to the space. Providing multiple, large work centers in the kitchen is recommended for proper function. Storage devices within the cabinets like roll-out shelves, lazy Susans, tray storage and

deep drawers are very beneficial as they increase the usefulness of the space.

Appliances will continue to have an impact on the appearance of our kitchens. Stainless steel appliances, whether professional or just



look-alikes, continue to set the standard. Refrigerator drawers, dishwasher drawers and warming drawers are all becoming the norm.

There are a multitude of ventilating systems that can be used to exhaust the heat and gases generated by those big cooktops and ranges. Large stainless steel

hoods and custom-made wood hoods are the latest designs.

Sink and faucet choices will continue to expand as manufacturers add to the available materials and finishes. Sinks are still offered in the basic porcelain and stainless steel, although the variety and available sizes are growing every day. There are sinks made of composite granite and quartz, as well as many metal finishes including brass and copper.

There is a strong trend toward faucets with pullout spouts and high arc spouts that make filling or rinsing a large pot more convenient. Specialty finishes such as brushed nickel, oil rubbed bronze and brushed chrome are among the latest faucet options. Another popular item is the "pot filler," a faucet that mounts very near the cooking surface to allow filling of a pot without lifting and carrying the pot to the sink.

Countertop choices also continue to expand. The popularity of natural stones such as granite and soapstone grows, while a newcomer has emerged as a strong competitor. Quartz composite countertops have

the strength and durability of granite without the maintenance. Quartz is available in a wide variety of colors and has the look and feel of granite. Solid surface tops like Corian, Gibraltar and Formica Solid Surface have become a mainstay in the kitchen, but now they offer the look of stone and the ability to mold sinks of the same material. Also new to the Capital District are concrete countertops. They are durable and beautiful and made to your design. Wood tops using exotic wood species are catching on, often used as accent pieces with other counter surfaces.

Color is being used more in the kitchen this year. Hot colors include warm grays (a blend of gray, blue and green), rich earthy browns inspired by yellowed woods and metal and yellowed greens, quieter golds and deep, yellow-based blues.

So what's in store for the future? Bolder colors, more faux finishes, more professional-grade cooking appliances and even more unique materials. Personalize your kitchen space. It's your home, so use these latest materials to design it to suit your wants, needs and lifestyle.

Options abound for interior doors

Interior doors serve both form and function in a home, and as such, are not the place to make budget cuts during construction. Doors are part of a home's décor, a buffer between one space and the next. It stands to reason, then, that door purchases should weigh heavily in the home construction budget. You should take the time to evaluate your door choices so you won't be disappointed later.

A door, whether it is solid, glass, louvered or half glass, should complement the surrounding decor and ornament the wall on which it is placed. At the very least, the style of the door should complement existing accents like moldings and trim. Homeowners typically choose stained wood doors to complement stained trim and painted doors to accent painted trim, but mixing these styles will place great focus on the door, its styling and its finish. A raised panel wood door finished in a

natural stain will serve as a bold accent when fitted into painted trim.

Like walls, doors need to be insulated to protect against sound transfer. Too often homeowners get to the end of the project and opt for less expensive doors. While they may have budgeted for sound-deadening insulation or panels in the walls, they often opt for less expensive doors to complete those walls. If sound buffering is impor-

tant, as for bedrooms and offices, a solid-core door is the best solution.

Since homeowners rarely replace doors, it's best to think about them early on. Here is a description of the basic types of doors:

Hollow-core doors are made from two thin veneer plywood or hardboard faces. Between the two are supports, often made of cardboard, to help keep the door

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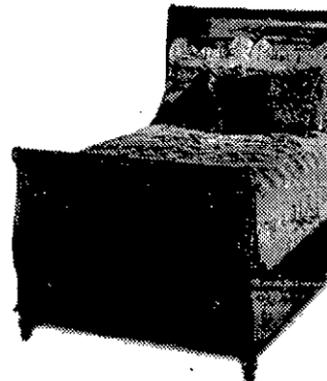
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Let fall's colors inspire a painting project

The colorful season of fall is upon us. But before we can sit back and enjoy the changing leaves and cooler climate, there are a number of fall fix-up projects that every homeowner should consider in order to prepare for the ensuing months of winter.

From weather stripping windows, to sweeping out the chimney, in addition to completing routine maintenance on your home it's also a good time to take a look inside and update your decor.

According to Peggy Van Allen, color services manager for Pratt & Lambert Paints, October is the most popular month for completing interior painting projects. "The cooler temperatures provide the ideal backdrop for painting," says Van Allen. "Many people also want to complete their interior projects during this time knowing that in a few short weeks they'll be enter-

taining family and friends for the holidays. They want their home looking as beautiful as possible."

Van Allen also notes that fall is an optimal time for painting because of the



inspiring natural backdrop of color it provides. Pulling in the vibrant reds, oranges and yellows of the changing leaves can add warmth and character that you'll appreciate during the cold winter months.

In order to successfully and easily transform your home's interior with paint color, Van Allen offers the following fall fix-up painting tips:

- When choosing color, keep in mind that it will look much stronger on

the wall than it does on a paint chip. To begin your selection process, choose a shade that is slightly lighter and grayer than your first choice, then work your way into deeper shades if necessary.

- Buy a sample of your selection and try it on the wall. Pratt & Lambert's Sample Selector Program offers two-ounce containers in 288 different colors that can accommodate a standard size two-inch brush; so there is no need to transfer the paint to another container. The samples provide enough paint to cover a two-foot square wall area, allowing you to see the paint spread across a larger surface.

- View your selected color in the actual room you are painting so you can see how the changing light in the room affects the color. Living with it for a few days to see if you like its appearance in various types of lighting conditions will help you decide whether the color suits your taste.

- Hold the color chip up to your existing furniture, flooring and fixtures to determine if the colors work together. If you have colorful furnishings, try to



focus on three colors from the existing elements that will tie the room together. If your furnishings are neutral, look for inspiration in books or magazines to help determine the colors that you are most drawn to.

- Proportions of color are important. Having too much of one color can look lifeless, so you may want to add a dash of one or two complementary colors to provide balance. Also remember that in smaller

rooms wall colors will bounce off of each other making the color appear even stronger.

- Color variation is a great way to add dimension to a room. Accent walls can add interest or define separate areas so don't be afraid to use two colors of paint on a room's walls. However, if painting different colors in adjacent rooms, it's best to unify them with the same color trim or flooring.



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rigid. Hollow-core doors are light, inexpensive, prone to puncture and ineffective as sound barriers. Still, they provide a flush face for paint or stain, are easily installed and replaced, and fit into the most modest of budgets.

- Engineered core doors have solid wood cores and quality wood veneer exteriors. Top-quality doors are generally constructed with hardwood sticking, the pieces that go between the panels, to the sides and

below, called the "stiles" and the "rails." Some manufacturers edge their panels in hardwood where they meet the sticking. Top-quality doors also have hardwood support where screw holes are located for good adhesion without stripping. These doors come in raised- and flat-panel styles, can be stained or painted, but typically have veneered faces that are suitable for staining.

- Solid medium-density-fiberboard (MDF) doors are made from MDF, an engineered wood product that

is produced in sheets and then milled like hardwood. MDF doors are extremely dense, with a tight, flat surface. They are suitable only for paint, but their sound insulation is superior. They are an easy-to-finish, affordable alternative to solid wood doors.

- Solid wood doors are the most expensive of the four options. They must be kiln and air dried to prevent warping or cracking, and their joints must be manufactured to withstand stress.

Doors are a substantial portion of any building or remodeling project. When selecting them, you should first determine which ones have a decorative function in the home and make sure they complement the furniture, moldings and style of the rooms. You should also determine if the doors need to be wood, wood surfaced or paint grade. Next, you should evaluate which rooms require doors with sound-deadening capabilities. Again, determine whether they will need a natural wood or a paint grade face. Finally, decide which doors are strictly utilitarian and can be served by hollow-core doors. This approach will help you determine how to best budget for the doors in your home so that you can make a decision you can live with.

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Upscale fireplaces combine form and function

Relaxing comfortably in front of the fireplace is a time-honored way to spend a crisp autumn evening at home with family. If the first cold snap sends you indoors to embrace the warmth of a comforting fire, you'll be happy to know that luxurious design has now met modern fire technology - making high-quality fireplaces the "hottest" home appliance trend this season.

Just as homeowners now require stainless steel kitchen appliances and energy-efficient washers and dryers, many consumers are now becoming "smarter" about the fireplaces used in their homes. Increasingly, homeowners are asking for heat sources that not only create warmth and comfort for the whole family, but also offer the finest in style and efficiency.

Thanks to modern technology, many of today's fireplaces are a far cry from the unattractive and inefficient hearths of the past. Whether you're designing your dream home, or just looking for an easy way to maximize comfort and save heating costs this season, remember the following when considering this popular home upgrade.

Go to the source

It all begins with knowing which fuel source is most appropriate for your needs. Natural gas is a convenient way to have a warming fire at the flip of a switch or remote control. For more rustic or rural home settings, wood is the preferred fuel source for its classic "crackling" sound, and its low-cost and availability. As an interesting alternative, pellet stoves have become a popular heat source. Pellet stoves use recycled wood "pellets" normally destined for landfills, and many can also burn dried corn, a fuel type readily abundant in many parts of the country.

Efficiency is important

One of the most critical performance measures of any heating appliance is the overall efficiency. This important data tells you how much of the generated energy is turned into useful heat - and is especially important with rising fuel costs nationwide.

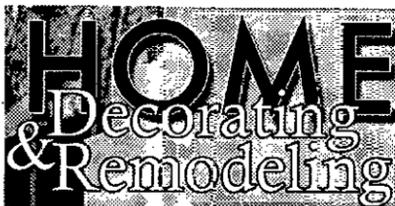
"Heating appliances these days are no longer the fireplaces of old," says Kurt Rumens, president of Fireplace Xtordinaire. "If you have an older fireplace, the efficiency difference can be drastic when compared to newer fireplaces. You



can easily get more heat for your money and help avoid high-energy bills by upgrading an existing fireplace."

Consider zone heating

Forced air heating systems distribute heated air from a central furnace unit through ducts to all areas of the home - even unoccupied rooms, thus wasting money.



By contrast, an efficient fireplace emits warmth directly into the living space needing heat. This approach reduces household energy usage, while increasing ambiance and comfort levels to the areas used most. Only heating the rooms you use is an obvious cost-effective heating solution.

With a wide variety of high-efficiency stoves and fireplaces available, there

are now zone heating solutions for practically every room in the house. From large gas fireplaces in the living room or master bedroom, to compact pellet stoves for a small basement or alcove in the corner of the house, you can now have warmth and efficiency wherever you desire.

Remember architectural consistency

Simply put, architectural consistency is a matter of replicating a particular architectural style in finished materials. And maintaining architectural consistency makes all the difference between a fireplace that looks like a cheap add-on and one that looks like it's an original part of the home.

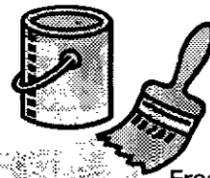
A nearly endless selection of faceplate designs and material choices are now available: brushed nickel, wrought iron, antique gold and hand-rubbed copper are just a few of the products for a cohesive, luxurious look unifying the home's architectural style.

ogy. One example involves advancements in heat output. Some high-quality fireplaces offer powerful heat output blowers that efficiently spread heated air throughout the home. Even better, when combined with a high quality fireplace or stove, these output blowers can help an appliance warm up to 2,000 square feet of space. And because these blowers are whisper quiet and "hidden" behind the front faceplate design, they circulate heated air without unsightly louvers or audible noise that would sacrifice the traditional hearth look.

If you're interested in utilizing gas as a fuel, another significant advancement involves the actual fire itself. Gone are the days of small flickering blue flames - replaced now with gorgeous, dancing yellow-flame fire and flickering embers. Best of all, this combustion system delivers a high level of heat output and efficiencies up to 86 percent - for an extremely efficient and beautiful fire.

Latest fireplace developments

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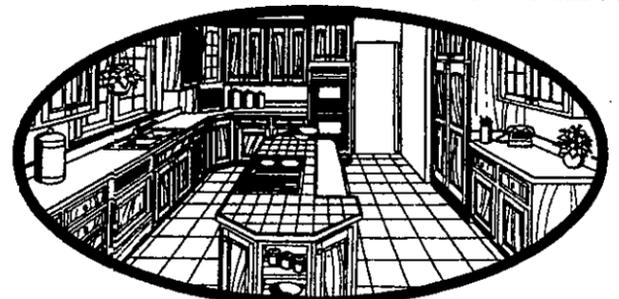
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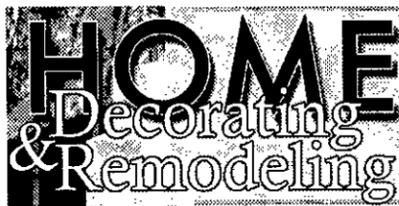
Cats are typically known for lounging around, sleeping and getting into mischief. They are also known to linger in the same place or give an intense stare that leaves many people thinking their cat is vying for their attention. But did you know these acts may actually be a sign of an ancient Chinese art that helps bring balance to the home?

Feng shui, the art of dealing with the structure and flow of living environments, is popular among people looking to create harmony and balance in their home. Whether it's positioning your living room furniture in an octagon shape for optimal conversation or adding water to your environment, such as a fountain or aquarium, to keep things clean and smooth flowing, there are many ways to maximize the positive forces in your home. The good news is cat owners don't have to rely solely on a feng shui expert to create the ultimate haven; they can do it with the help of their very own feline friend.

"Cats are naturally drawn toward the flow of energy in the home and many of the common principles of feng shui," said Carole J. Hyder, feng shui consultant, cat lover, and author of "Wind and

Water: Your Personal Feng Shui Journey." "In order to create a more positive environment, cat owners need to observe their cats' behavior and work with them to identify areas that could use rearranging to create the perfect setting for everyone."

One of the most common suggestions of feng shui is to keep a tidy home. If your cat is able to meander freely through a



clutter-free environment, she will help bring a well-balanced flow of energy throughout the house. If there are areas she can't get to because of piles of papers or boxes, it means the energy is stuck. In addition, the center of your home represents general well-being for you and your pet. So, try placing something yellow in this spot, like a plant or chair, or create a place where your cat can linger. By doing so, you will bring good energy to you and your cat's health.

Balance through nutrition

Just as we want healthy

and balanced living for ourselves, we want the same for the pets who share our lives and homes. Cat owners intuitively know that foods packed with a variety of natural ingredients are the best for their own total wellness and want to apply a similar lifestyle approach to their feline friends.

"Good feng shui simulates nature and natural living," said Hyder. "By feeding cats natural, high-quality foods, you nourish their energy on many levels."

Many new brands of cat food deliver whole grains, real chicken, salmon and the goodness of leafy greens that are sure to keep cats nourished so they are able to help create a positive flow of energy at home.

Feng shui tips for you and your cat

Even though cats have a natural affinity toward the flow of energy, they still need a little help from their human counterparts to create the ultimate balance in their life. Hyder and Purina Cat Chow offer the following feline tips to optimize a cat's total well-being:

- If the litter box is placed in a prominent location, put a small screen around it to minimize its presence and assure your cat's privacy.
- Be sure to keep your cat's water dish clean and refreshed daily for optimal well-being.
- Just as you want to



have a quiet, inviting place to eat your meals, provide your cat with a secluded place to eat. Make sure it's out of the flow of traffic and away from the garbage

container or litter box. If you have an outdoor cat, encourage her to come in and out of the front door whenever possible to uplift the overall energy of the house.

Knowing that humans need their own private time to reflect and center themselves, provide two or three secondary sleeping spots for your cat that are hidden and quiet.

Don't store things under the bed, as it will restrict the flow of energy while you're sleeping. Furthermore, you prevent your cat from getting under there to keep the energy gently moving.

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Stay on the level when installing base cabinets

Base cabinet installation follows the basic rules of carpentry; the final results should be straight, square and strong. In new construction, subfloors are usually in good condition and provide a sturdy, flat surface for base cabinets to rest on. The same goes for newly erected walls. While today's engineered lumber products combined with good construction practices typically mean walls will be plumb and true, the reverse is usually true in older homes. Floors there are more likely to have high and low spots, and walls, floors and corners may not meet at perfect 90-degree angles.

No two jobs are ever alike, but most base cabinet installations are relatively straightforward. The first step is to identify the highest area on the floor and mark it on the wall. One technique is to use shims and a carpenter's level. The rear of the base cabinet must be level with the front. If the highest point on the floor is closer to the wall, the front of the cabinet

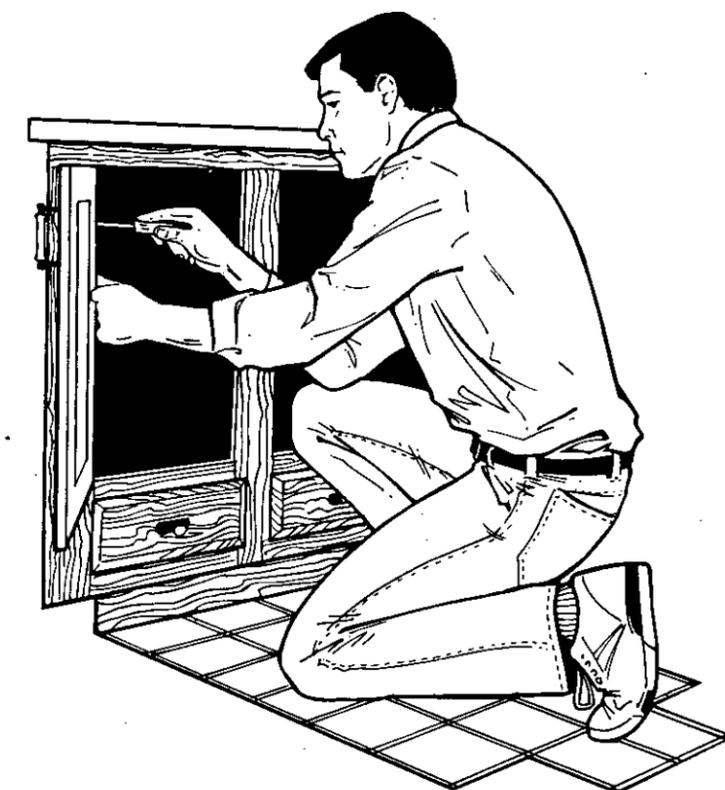
must be raised with shims. If the highest point on the floor is farther away from the wall, the rear of the cabinet must be raised to the correct height.

Drawing a straight line on the wall to mark the top of the base cabinets will ensure that all of the base cabinets are installed at the identical height and the countertop will have a flat mounting surface. A two-by-four and a level are



generally all that is needed to make sure the line is perfectly straight. Note that the height of the top line should be measured from the highest point on the floor. The standard cabinet height in the United States is 34-1/2 inches.

With base cabinets, many installers secure all the cabinets to each other before attaching them to the wall. Standard bar clamps



can be used to make sure each cabinet is secure before installing fasteners, but professional installers often use a tool called the "Cabinet Claw." Its jaws pull the face frames of two cabinets together, and a front clamp aligns them flush with each other.

Before securing the cabi-

nets to the wall, you need to make sure that the cabinets are perfectly aligned with the line scribed on the wall, and that they are perfectly vertical from top to bottom and level across the top. Using two levels will simplify the process. Shims

are used to raise areas of the base cabinets off the floor or away from a wall into a level position. Whenever using a shim to adjust the cabinet where it meets a wall, it should always be placed over a stud.

Once the cabinets are level, they can be secured to the wall. Fasteners should always be driven through the cabinet and into wall studs. Wherever shims are used, a fastener must be driven straight through them so they do not slip out of place causing the cabinets to shift.

The final step is to install the doors, drawers and hardware. Depending on the style of cabinet, the hinges may be hidden (installed on the inside of the frame) or visible. Some cabinets come with supplied hinges and are pre-drilled. To secure hinges on cabinets that are not pre-drilled, many installers make a template to ensure that all of the hinges line up across the face frames of the cabinets.

Choose a home builder carefully

If you're looking to build a new home, you should shop for a builder as carefully as you shop for materials for your home. Whether you are planning to buy a townhouse or condo, a house in a subdivision or a custom-built house, you want to know that you are buying a quality home from a reputable builder. Here are some tips to help you choose a builder.

Once you have thought about the type of house you want, contact your local builders association to obtain a list of builders who construct that type of home in your area. In addition, look in the real estate section of your local newspaper for builders and projects. Browsing through the ads and articles will help you to learn which builders are working in your area, the types of homes they are building and the prices you can expect to pay. Local real-estate agents may also be able to help you in your search, along with friends and relatives who have dealt with builders.

Once you have a list of builders, the best way to learn about them is to visit homes they have built and talk with the owners. Ask the builders on your list for the addresses of their recently built homes and subdivisions. Drive by some of them on a Saturday morning when homeowners may be outside doing

chores or errands. Introduce yourself and say you are considering buying a home from the builder who built their home. Talk to several owners, and try to get a random sample of opinions. The more people you talk with, the more accurate an impression of a builder you are likely to get. Bring

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Designing an adaptable bathroom

Are you in the process of redoing a bathroom? Consider following these adaptability guidelines to create a room that will age elegantly and work for you for a long time to come.

Make doorways accessible. An opening of at least 32 inches will accommodate most wheelchairs and walkers. The door should swing out rather than in, with clearance on both sides, and

BUILDER, from page S11 a notebook to record the information you find and your personal impressions about specific builders and homes. Doing this will help you make comparisons later.

Look at new homes whenever you can. Home shows and open houses sponsored by builders are good opportunities to view homes. When examining a home, look at the quality of the construction features. Inspect the quality of the cabinetry, carpeting, trim and paint. Get as many specifics as possible from the builder or the builder's representative and take notes. Never hesitate to ask a question. What seems like an insignificant question might yield an important answer.

be able to be unlocked from both sides for easier access in an emergency. You may even want to consider pocket doors that are easy to open and close, and won't take up as much room.

Keep the door threshold level with the flooring surface. Provide a 5-foot-diameter circle in which wheelchairs can turn. This may mean installing a barrier-free shower. Some units are conveniently designed with a drain at one end, so connecting the plumbing is fairly simple when replacing a shower stall.

Offset the bathtub controls toward the entry side so they're easier to reach. Add accessible faucets. Consider single-handle or

lever faucets that can be operated with closed fists. Add a wall-mounted, hand-held showerhead. Better yet, install a shower glide, a rod mounted to the wall that allows the showerhead to change height for each user.

Build a seat at the head of the tub or a bench in a shower stall, or purchase a removable tub seat. Equip the shower faucet with a pressure-balancing valve to prevent surges of hot or cold water.

Install preprogrammed faucets that limit water temperature. You can also set your water heater so the household water is no hotter than 120 degrees.

Install grab bars near the faucets in the tub and

shower enclosure and at the entrances to these wet areas. They're available in all colors and finishes, and can be helpful support for small children as well. Grab bars should generally be mounted at a 45-degree angle to provide the best help should someone fall and need to grab hold to pull themselves up.

Add knee space under the sink. Remove one or two vanity cabinets below the sink, or install a sink at wheelchair-accessible height. Incorporate accessible storage. Baskets and trays that slide out from a central location always work well. Avoid hard-to-open latches or doors with difficult knobs, and make

sure shelves are placed at an accessible height.

Provide bright lighting, and a secondary, low-light option for times when you want a more romantic atmosphere. Install electrical outlets with ground-fault circuit interrupters (breaker switches) that cut power in emergencies. Position electrical switches at least 60 inches away from water sources.

Use no-slip flooring throughout the bathroom. Make sure that all throw rugs have no-slip backings.

Following these guidelines will give you a bathroom that you can love now and in the future.

Keep remodeling craziness to a minimum

The busy, messy atmosphere of a remodeling project can lead to remodeling craziness. The main symptom of this temporary problem is a loss of control that results from disrupted routines and the diverse effect on your personal space. The best way to prevent this problem is to prepare well, remember that "this too shall pass" and focus on the progress

being made.

Whenever faced with a major remodeling project, you should prepare for inconvenience. A remodeling project can turn your home and, on some days, your life upside down. A kitchen remodel will, of course, affect meal planning, but a little resourcefulness and some cooking shortcuts can lessen the impact. You can set up temporary cooking quarters by moving the refrigerator, toaster oven and microwave to another room. If the weather is warm, you can fire up the grill and dine alfresco.

Along with moving certain rooms, you should designate a safe haven in your home where you can

escape from the disorder and uproar. Find a space that won't be affected by the remodel and take action to keep it that way. Don't allow others to use the space for storage or some other means.

Guard against dust. During a remodeling project, dust has the unfortunate tendency to appear everywhere from lampshades to plates stacked inside your kitchen cabinets. To keep out as much dust as possible, seal off doorways and stairs, turn off the central air or heat when workers are sanding, and stock up on extra filters so that you can change them often.

Use doormats and temporary floor coverings where

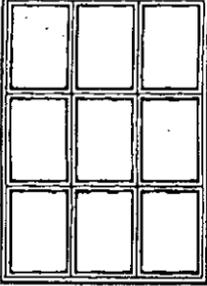
appropriate and remove anything that might get damaged by the dust, or cover it with plastic drop cloths that are taped shut.

Most of all, maintain a sense of humor. Remember that certain things are out of your control and it's best to laugh at rather than upset yourself about the weather or delayed delivery of materials.

The best way to cope is to see the remodeling process as an adventure. Celebrate as different stages of the project are completed. Mark the day the drywall is completed, for instance, with a night out, and make sure you have some fun!

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Pianist Kevin Cole joins the Albany Symphony for an evening filled with favorite movie music, including "Star Wars," "The Magnificent Seven," "Gone with the Wind," "Dancing in the Dark," "Singin' in the Rain," "Robin Hood" and more.

Cole has delighted audiences with a repertoire that includes the best of 20th century American music resulting in sold out performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, San Francisco Symphony, Chicago Symphony, and Boston Philharmonic. Tickets for the concert are priced from \$21 to \$42 and can be purchased at the Palace Theatre box office at 465-4663, Ticketmaster Charge-By-Phone 476-1000, or online at ticketmaster.com. Negro Companies and Citizen Bank are sponsoring the concert.

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gala and the concert are available by calling 465-4755 and are priced at \$140 and \$210. MVP Health Plan is sponsoring this event.

A free preview of the concert with David Alan Miller and Kevin Cole will be held on Thursday, October 19, noon in the Albany Public Library - Washington Avenue branch sponsored by Vanguard-Albany Symphony.

Kevin Cole will play Hollywood tunes with the Albany Symphony Orchestra on Saturday evening.



IN BRIEF

Town historian to speak

Raymond C. Houghton, Ph.D, will speak Thursday, Oct. 19, and offer his audience "A Revolutionary War Cruise on the Hudson River." This PowerPoint presentation is a virtual cruise and an opportunity to hear Dr. Houghton, the new town historian for Bethlehem.

He is an experienced and entertaining speaker, and may be heard at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cedar Hill School House, 1003 River Road, Selkirk.

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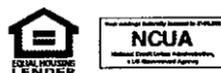
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Dance Dimensions hosts breakfast

Dance Dimensions is holding a hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar.

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Cost for children age 12 and younger is \$3.

To Life offers spirituality and wellness program

To Life, a nonprofit organization that provides breast cancer education and support, will present a program on Wednesday, Oct. 25 that will provide a variety of perspectives and traditions on the role of spirituality in overall well-being.

The program will be held at the Guilderland Public Library

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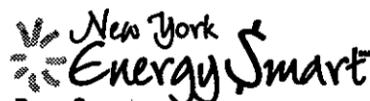
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William Brayden Jr

William Christian Brayden Jr., 47, died Saturday, October 14.

Born in Albany in 1959, he was raised in Voorheesville and graduated from Voorheesville Central School. He received a bachelor of arts from St. Lawrence University and a master's from Russell Sage College. He pursued a career in the insurance underwriting field for a

number of local insurance companies. He was a history buff and served as historian at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. He loved spending time with his family, especially at their summer camp in Willsboro. He was interested in all sports and enjoyed working with the local baseball, soccer and basketball teams that his children were involved with.

Survivors include a son; William Christian Brayden II a

daughter; Erin Marie Brayden and their mother, Mrs. Angela Galloway; brother, David Brayden of Clifton Park; sister, Nancy Sweete of Glenmont; grandmother, Vera Brown.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home, of Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville. Contributions in his name can be made to the American Heart Association.

Eloise F. Paddock

Eloise F. Paddock, 88, of Delmar, died Saturday, Oct. 7.

Born in 1918, she spent most of her life living and teaching in Delmar. While attending Bethlehem Central Schools, she was a member of the band, orchestra, and glee club. She earned an associate degree in music from Green Mountain College, a bachelor of music degree from DePauw University. She studied at Tanglewood and Hartt College of Music, and earned her master's in music and elementary education from College of St. Rose. She was a member of the Van Rensselaer Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She taught music at Bethlehem Central and at the Academy of Holy Names in Albany from 1945 to 1980. She enjoyed her work and especially liked to help children who were disabled. She was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church and enjoyed Bible study classes at the Bethlehem Community Church. She gave private piano lessons to hundreds of Albany area children, and was a guest vocal soloist at several churches. She was the organist for many years at the Normansville Community

Church. She did volunteer teaching at the Hamagra Elementary School in Delmar, the Clarksville Elementary School and, at age 87, she volunteered as a teacher of young children at the St. Thomas School in Delmar. She was honored in 2003 with the Senior Lifetime Achievement Awards, by the State Office of the Aging, and by the Capital Senior Issues Forum.

Survivors include her sister Doris Paddock Jones of Homer, three nephews, several grandnieces and nephews. Her family wishes to thank the staff of Child's Nursing Home, Barnwell Nursing Home, a Columbia Memorial Hospital for their loving care of Eloise.

Services were from the Rockefeller Funeral Home, Rensselaer. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association NE New York Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206, or the Barnwell Nursing Home Rehabilitation Unit, P.O. Box 810, Valatie 12184.

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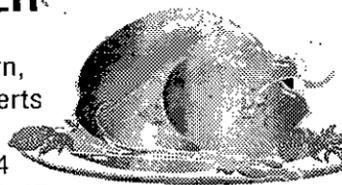
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Milestones



Michael Hennessey and Kristie Gray

Gray, Hennessey to marry

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Dorothy Frackiewicz

Dorothy Frackiewicz, 85, of Slingerlands, died Sunday, Oct. 8. Born on 1921, she was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Huntington, Suffolk County, before moving to Slingerlands in 1994. She was the widow of the late Edward T. Frackiewicz.

Survivors include a son; Edward T. Frackiewicz of Harvard, Mass.; a daughter; Barbara Leckerling of Delmar; and five grandchildren. Contributions in

her name may be made to the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, P.O. Box 8928, Albany 12208.

Rosalyn K. Loveday

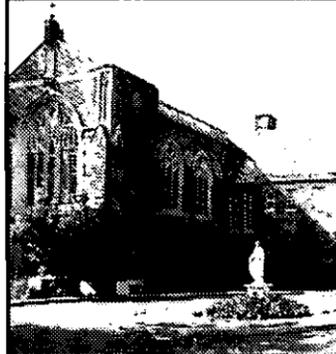
Rosalyn K. Loveday, 64, of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Oct. 12.

Born in Albany, she was raised in Delmar, and was a Voorheesville resident for over 30 years before moving to Saratoga. She was employed by the state

Department of Taxation and Finance for 25 years before retiring in July 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Morrissey of Ballston Spa; a sister, Lorraine Kelly of Boston, Mass.; two grandchildren a dog and three cats.

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Corrie Lynn Valenti and Matthew John Grosso

Valenti, Grosso wed

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The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Patricia A. Bush at the Salem United Methodist Church in West Sand Lake.

A reception followed at the Evergreen Country Club in Castleton.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Milos. Bridesmaids were Jenna Valenti, sister of the bride, Alyssa Grosso, sister of the groom, Sara Milhizer, Heather Brown, Emily Will and Kellie

Peters.

The best man was Kevin Smith. Groomsmen were Paul Roche, Nick Nass, T.J. Rucinski, Mark Cioffi, Chris Pipito and Adam Larkin.

The bride is a graduate of Averill Park High School and Siena College. She is a customer service advocate for Empire Blue Cross in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Siena College. He is branch manager at Trustco Bank in Scotia.

After a honeymoon to Nassau, Bahamas, the couple resides in Guilderland.

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Here is a sampling of spooky destinations in the local area:

• **The Ultimate Terror at the Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont.** Billed as "very intense" on the fright scale, this features five individual attractions. The first place to test your courage is the Skull Manor, with more than 16 rooms guarded by an enormous (human) skull. There's the Code Blue Haunted House, where a horrific toxic disaster has taken place, causing all kinds of mutant monsters to prowl, and the 3-D Chaos maze of terror with all kinds of twists and turns. If you dare, venture into Professor Morgan's Dark Museum, filled with his macabre collections, and take in the Creepy World live show. For the tamer of heart, take your best shot at the Rain Ball room, a black light paintball gallery with targets that are alive and moving. Want to take the experience home with you? Festoon yourself with a temporary skeleton tattoo at the tattoo parlor,

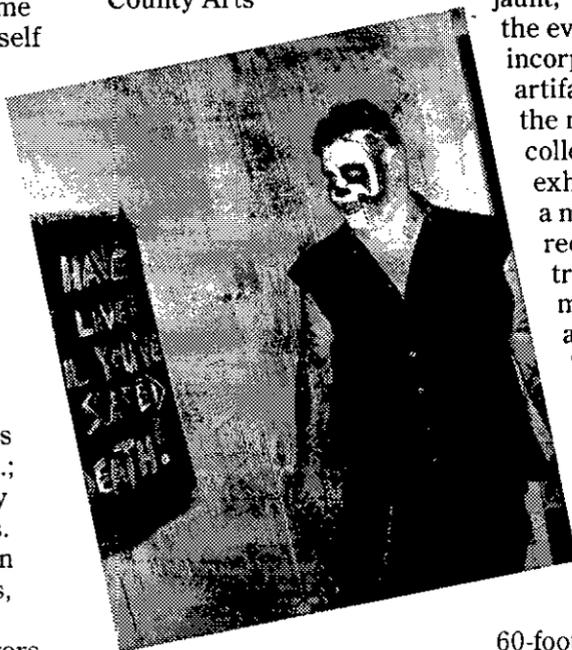
or have your palm read by a psychic. Haven't lost your stomach yet? Dig into Texas barbecue treats, calzones, cotton candy or apple cider doughnuts. Gates open at 6:15 p.m.; head there early to avoid crowds. For information and directions, go to www.ultimateterrors.com

• **Double M Haunted Hayride, Malta.** Literally thousands



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• **Ghostly Tours, Saratoga Springs N.Y.** Sponsored by the Saratoga County Arts



Center, participants are led on an exploration of the city's notorious haunted sites: area restaurants and pubs, Skidmore College dormitories, and the Trask family home at Yaddo. Tours are led by local photographer and historian Michael Noonan of Ballston Spa. The Ghost Walks are led Friday and

Saturday nights in October at 7 p.m. To reserve a spot, log onto www.saratoga-arts.org

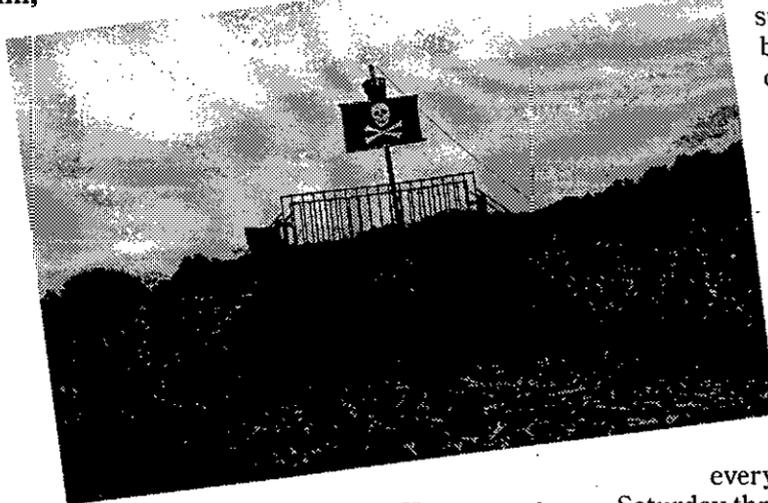
• **Haunted Museum and Pumpkin Patch, New York State Museum, Albany.**

This attraction is aimed at youngsters not quite ready for creatures to jump out from behind trees. Kids and adults can learn from their afternoon jaunt; the event incorporates artifacts and items from the museum's teaching collections and past exhibits, including a mummified cat, a reconstructed prehistoric tree, 20 bear furs and more. Visitors over age 10 can enter the "Mine Shaft," with increasingly tighter spaces, pass through the "Greenhouse Infect," encounter a legion of huge, unpredictable scarecrows and travel through the

60-foot "Black Whispers" corridor with sounds of mysterious wheezes and groans. The Pumpkin Patch encourages children under age 10 to come in costumes for arts and crafts, face painting and a parade through exhibit halls. This event runs Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 29. The Haunted Museum portion is open from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.; the Pumpkin Patch opens its

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- 79 Country music TV show
- 84 Suffix for cloth or cash
- 86 ___ Tin Tin
- 87 Donald & family
- 88 Wheel supports
- 89 Alphabetic trio
- 90 Place for a ring
- 92 This: Sp.
- 93 Aspic ingredient
- 95 67 Across, reduced

- 100 Shirt label info
- 102 Correspondence from DC?
- 105 ___ Slaughter
- 108 Prefix for gram or center
- 109 Crony
- 110 Solution
- 112 Is too inquisitive
- 117 Blue fellow
- 119 "The Persistence of Memory" artist
- 121 Late Sparks
- 122 Easy-to-reach bonnets?
- 124 Mulcahy, Flanagan, Damien and Time?
- 128 Auto competitions
- 129 Sentry's shout
- 130 ___ d'oeuvres
- 131 Not addled
- 132 Store: abbr.
- 133 Predatory birds
- 134 Peter and Paul: abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Trash container
- 2 ___ Lupino
- 3 Ousted
- 4 Deserve

- 5 Flimsier
- 6 Pauser's syllables
- 7 Caviar source
- 8 ___ disaster; take saving measures
- 9 Swansea residents
- 10 Poet's word
- 11 Actress Bonet
- 12 Mature
- 13 Traffic sign word
- 14 "___ Wonderful Life"
- 15 Caterpillar
- 17 Vein contents
- 18 Rest
- 19 Word with cock or nut
- 20 Scurry
- 21 Hidden supply
- 26 Words of understanding
- 29 Primer
- 31 Udder-bearer's utterance
- 32 N. Mex.'s time zone
- 34 German article
- 36 Early 10th-century year
- 37 Radiologist's picture
- 38 New parents' choice

- 39 Muslim prayer leader
- 40 Screenwriter Ephron
- 41 Companion of "bear it"
- 43 Commercials
- 46 Dejected
- 47 Bivalve
- 48 Capital city
- 49 Preposition
- 51 Drawing guide
- 53 Planet
- 56 Old Olds
- 58 Nice friend
- 59 Feline
- 60 Discourage
- 61 Juan, for one
- 63 Lair
- 64 Reserved
- 66 Criticize
- 69 Original
- 70 School subj.
- 71 ___ Wienerschnitzel
- 72 Indigestion remedy
- 73 Engrossed
- 74 Besides
- 78 Part of the Big Apple
- 79 Crone
- 80 Type of sec.
- 81 ___ Fitzgerald
- 82 Mound
- 83 City in Italy
- 85 Late Jannings
- 87 Numerical

- prefix
- 89 Hobo's item
- 91 Beast of burden
- 94 Resident: suf.
- 96 State: abbr.
- 97 Matter
- 98 Timetable abbr.
- 99 Kennedy, for one
- 101 Peaks
- 103 Marine mollusk
- 104 Singer Bobby
- 106 Landlords
- 107 Prophets
- 110 Chicken ___ king
- 111 Hwys.
- 112 Advanced degs.
- 113 ___ avis
- 114 ___ instant; rapidly
- 115 Border
- 116 Man's title
- 118 Ship letters
- 120 Periods following lunch: abbr.
- 123 Machine wheel
- 125 Exclamation
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WHICH WAY IS SOUTH?

I LOST MY GPS.
WHICH WAY IS NORTH?

Find at Least Seven Differences Between Cartoons!

ANSWERS: 1. BIRD HAIR DIFFERENT 2. MAN HAIR MISSING 3. FENCE DIFFERENT 4. BUSHES ADDED 5. CLOUD MOVED 6. "SOUTH" CHANGED TO "NORTH" 7. MOUTH DIFFERENT

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Oct. 18

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)

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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

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Thursday, Oct. 19

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

FREE HEALTH LECTURES

Dr. Ron Stram and staff offer free health lectures every third Thursday of each month. All events at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing, 7:30 p.m. Registration recommended. Information and topics, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., information, 439-3948.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lifeline prose writers at Voorheesville Public Library. At 7 p.m. No sign up is necessary.

DELMAR

CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH AND HEALING

The Center for Integrative Health and Healing will hold a free lecture and workshop in integrative medicine with Dr. Ronald Stram, MD at 3:30 p.m. at their 388 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar location. Contact 689-2244 for more information. The Center will also hold live Celtic Harp music at the stress management workshop at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20

BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP (JULY AND AUGUST)

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

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sneak preview night at the Friends Book Sale at Voorheesville Public Library from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends book sale with bake sale from 10-4 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library.

Sunday, Oct. 22

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.

Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.

Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.

Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.

Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.

Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rocketteller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.

King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.

KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.

Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.

Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265; St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.

First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.DAY

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Buck-a-Bag Sunday at the Friends Book Sale at the Voorheesville Public Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring your own bag and fill it for \$1.

Monday, Oct. 23

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 6:15 p.m. Information, call Chris at 439-3026 or Gary at 439-9629

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

AA MEETING

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NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tuesday, Oct. 24

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL)

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

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CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

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PRAYER MEETING

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

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

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October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of New Partners 3, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Feb 21, 2002. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14292
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Notice of Formation of Hamilton Arbor Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Dec 24, 2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14293
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Notice of Formation of Ridge Rentals, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Jan 6, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14294
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Notice of Formation of Rose Hill Rentals, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Dec 24, 2003. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So. Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14295
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Notice of Formation of Middlesex Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 24, 2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So. Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14296
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Notice of Formation of JANP Properties, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Mar 15, 2004. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So. Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14297
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Notice of Formation of Clinton Alexander Holdings, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on Oct 31, 2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So. Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14300
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Notice of Formation of Lexington First Holdings, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on May 9, 2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So. Lake Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Box 13. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-14302
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Notice of Qualification of CUSA I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/21/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Kentucky. (KY) on 7/17/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. KY address of LLC: 421 West Main St., KY 40601. Arts. of Org. filed with KY Secy. of State, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14097
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Notice of Formation of Shaindy Gross LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 8/30/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 69-31 68th St., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14099
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Notice of Formation of RKR Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 8/30/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 Pennington Way, Spring Valley, NY 10977. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14100
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Notice of Formation of OPPL, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 8/30/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 158 Beach 113th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14101
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Notice of Formation of Croes Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 8/31/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1336 45th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14102
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Notice of Publication Templar Capital Management LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 03/15/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14105
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Notice of Publication Lincombe LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/27/04. 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 The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14106
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Notice of Qualification of AIMCO Harlem Funding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/21/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14120
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Notice of Qualification of Bartech IT Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/21/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 2/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal business location/address of LLC: 17199 N. Laurel Park Dr., Ste. 224, Livonia, MI 48152. Arts. of Org. filed with MI Dept. of Consumer & Industry Services, PO Box 30054, Lansing MI 48909. Purpose: staffing services, human capital, and related outsourcing services. LD-14121
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Notice of Formation of D & V Wang LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/17/06. 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 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14127
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Notice of Publication CLAREVILLE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/05/04. 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 The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14128
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law, on August 2, 2006. 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 21 Dunwoodie Road, Glenmont, New York 12207. LD-14131
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Notice of Publication HAMBLEDON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/12/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14133
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Notice of Qualification of Sassy Girl Productions LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/01/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 7/18/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9420 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 250, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Address required to be maintained in CA: 9420 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 250, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14136
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ROYMOUNT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14137
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Notice of Publication VIEWFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/28/04. 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 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY NY 10001, also registered agent. Principal address of LP: 5851 Ridge Bend Rd Memphis, TN 38120. Name address of gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14139
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Notice of Publication BLANDFORD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 01/04/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14140
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Notice of Publication ERLANGER LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/06/04. 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 Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14170
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Notice of Publication TECHNICAL WELDING FABRICATORS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 121 Retreat House Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14143
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Notice of Qualification of Respiratory Health Services LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/23/2006. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 10/10/1997. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. MD address of LLC: 515 Fairmount Ave., Towson, MD 21286. Arts. of Org. filed with MD Secy. of State, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14150
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Notice of Qualification of Carrollton Shopping Center Ltd, using the name Carrollton Shopping Center Ltd, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/24/06. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 09/17/04. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY NY 10001, also registered agent. Principal address of LP: 5851 Ridge Bend Rd Memphis, TN 38120. Name address of gen. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711-3697. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14151
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Gramercy License, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/30/06. Principal business location: 9348 Civic Center Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/31/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14170
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Transaxle LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/6/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: Rte. 73 & O'Donnell Lane, Cinnaminon, NJ 08877. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/4/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14172
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: TMT James, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 30, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to TMT James, LLC, 52 James Street, Albany, New York

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12207. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-14180
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Notice of Publication
FORTESS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14183
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Notice of Publication
LEIGHTON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/01/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14184
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Notice of Publication
PENDERRY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/14/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14186
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Notice of Publication
NEUROMAX INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/13/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14187
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Notice of Publication
KIMPTON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/01/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14188
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Notice of Publication
DOWLAND LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/19/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14189
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Notice of Publication
CALLONFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/14/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14190
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

The company name is Noble Equipment Resources, LLC. The foreign qualification was filed on 08/17/2006. The office location is Albany County. The LLC was formed in Delaware on 08/11/2005. The address for service of process is 301 East 79th St., Suite 24-H, New York, New York 10021. Principal Address of the LLC is 8 Railroad Avenue, Second Floor, Suite 8, Essex CT 06426. A copy can be found at the SSDE, 401 Federal St. Dover DE 19901. The purpose is any lawful activities. LD-14192
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

The company name is Altura Capital Group, LLC. The foreign qualification was filed on 08/17/2006. The office location is Albany County. The LLC was formed in Delaware on 04/17/2006. The address for service of process is 301 East 79th St., Suite 24-H, New York, New York 10021. Principal Address of the LLC is 17 Battery Place, Suite 602, New York, NY 10004. A copy can be found at the SSDE, 401 Federal St. Dover DE 19901. The purpose is any lawful activities. LD-14193
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: R O S E N B L U M PROPERTIES, L.L.C.. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/29/01. The LLC was originally filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/24/1998. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 115 Great Oaks Office Park, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14194
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GREAT OAKS 300, L.L.C.. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/29/01. The LLC was originally filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/24/1998. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 115 Great Oaks Office Park, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14195
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
LINDFORD LLC Arts. of Org.

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was filed with SSNY on 7/06/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14203
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NEST EGG SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/05/06. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lori Hudson, No# Rynex Corners Road, Pattersonville, New York 12137. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14204
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
PLAFINA PETROCHEMICALS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14219
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
CHARTERHOUSE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14220
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
AINWICK PROPERTIES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/05/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14221
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
VESTA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/01/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14222
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
MELODY MAKER LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/15/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Al-

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bany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14223
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Management Alternative Global Investments, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/7/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 19540 Jamboree Rd., Ste. 400, Irvine, CA 92612. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/10/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: private investment company. LD-14225
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GMR Marketing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 9/12/83. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. WI address of LLC: 5000 S. Towne Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151. Arts. of Org. filed with WI Corp & Consumer Services, 345 W. Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53707. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14235
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is DRAPER MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law, on September 18, 2006. 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 12 Cornell Road, Latham, New York 12110. LD-14236
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is APPLETON'S, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State, under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law, on September 18, 2006. 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 7 Mason Court, Loudonville, New York 12111. LD-14237
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that PEKKALA, L.L.C. filed its Articles of Organization with the Department of State on December 31, 2003, pursu-

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ant to Limited Liability Company Law Section 203. The office of the company is in Albany County at 83 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar, New York 12054. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail service of any process to P.O. Box 480, Delmar, New York 12054-0480. The purpose of the business of the company is any lawful purpose. The Member and Manager is Antoine E. Gorbin. The inclusion of the name of a person in this notice does not necessarily indicate that such person is personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the limited liability company and such person's liability, if any, under applicable law is neither increased or decreased by reason of this notice. LD-14238
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
MASHINOSTROYENIE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/20/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14247
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/7/2001. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/2/2001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Principal office of LLC: 200 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14248
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wachovia Shared Resources, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/1999. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/6/1999. 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. Principal office of LLC: 301 S. College St., Charlotte, NC 28288. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14249
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wachovia Securities, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/12/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/13/1986. 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: 901 E. Byrd St., Richmond, VA 23219. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14250
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October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GreenLink LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/2000. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/27/1999. 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. Principal office of LLC: 12854 Kenan Dr., Ste. 201, Jacksonville, FL 32258. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14252
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
MEMBER LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14257
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
APPLETON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14258
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
ALS FORD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14259
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
PENNET LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14260
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
TRULI LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14261
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
FORFAR LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14262
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
ALMANAC LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14263
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
BARNSTONE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14264
October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Publication
HUMBLESHIRE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14265
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication
SCOTTFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14266
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of A.C. Professional Home Inspections, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 8/23/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 35 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14279
October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ECI HOLDINGS, LLC. App. For

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Auth. Filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 8/16/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC org. in NV 4/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Brian Morgan, 12 W. Mesquite Blvd., Suite #108, Mesquite, NV 89027, the principal office address of LLC. Art. of Org. on file: SSNY, 206 Carson City, NV 89701-4299. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14280 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ADORETUS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/05/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14282 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication GEMINIANI LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/15/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14283 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication GLASBROOK LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/14/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14284 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication LANGFORD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14285 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication ASSOCIATED EUROMEDIA INTERNATIONAL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14286 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication BYRON BAY ESTATES LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/13/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14287 October 18, 2006)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication PARLEY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14288 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MAYWOOD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/19/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14289 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication RINGSLADE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/19/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-14290 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). The name of the PLLC is GERALD J. HAUSLER, D.O. PLLC. The Articles of Organization of the PLLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State, under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Law, on December 23, 1999. The purpose of the PLLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 37 Covington Court, Niskayuna, New York 12309. LD-14305 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LITLBYT LLC On September 20, 2006, LITLBYT LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is c/o James T. Bytner, 304 Grooms Road, Clifton Park, New York 12065. The address of the principal business location of the LLC is 27 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a bar and restaurant establishment, as well as any other lawful business. LD-14305 October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Digo Touring, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/8/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 9348 Civic Center Dr., 4th Fl., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/7/06. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: promote live theatrical events. LD-14313 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 300 Washington Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/18/2006. 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 Ganfer & Shore, LLP, 360 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14337 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RAVIAN'S REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/12/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 10 Tallow Wood Drive, Clifton Park, New York 12065. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14339 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CAPITAL PLANNING CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/05/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 33 Park Drive, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-14340 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of A to Z Trading Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.J. (SSNY) on 06/29/06. LLC Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 05/11/06. 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 Allstate Corporate Services Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: 8 Hope St., Jersey City, NJ 07307. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14342 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Somers Woods Development LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/27/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 2001 Bryan St., Ste. 3700, Dallas, TX 75201. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/06. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Ser-

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vice Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: real estate development. LD-14344 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GHS Metro NY, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/26/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 4 Walnut Grove Dr., Horsham, PA 19044. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/17/06. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14345 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NEVENA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/15/06. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 83 Mercer St., Ground Fl., NY, NY 10012. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secy. of State shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: fashion boutique. LD-14346 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bigapplegrocer.net, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.J. (SSNY) on 06/12/06. LLC Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 05/10/06. 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 Allstate Corporate Services Corp., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: 8 Hope St., Jersey City, NJ 07307. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-14347 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Businesstone LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/28/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 301 East 79th Street, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14355 October 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Inergy Midstream, LLC, App. for Auth. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/1/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 9/21/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CSC, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. DE office address: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14359 October 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Equus GP Holdco LLC., App for Auth filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/22/04. Office lo-

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cation: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 2/9/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CSC, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. DE office address: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-14360 October 18, 2006)

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Lady Eagles clash with league's best to end season

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem Lady Eagles have been one of the best girls soccer teams in the Suburban Council over the last four weeks.

Now, they'll find out if they are the best.

Bethlehem (11-1-4) closes out the regular season this week by playing unbeaten Shenendehowa Wednesday night and Niskayuna Friday. The Lady Eagles' lone loss came against Shen, and one of their four ties was against Niskayuna.

"It's quite a way to end the season, but it will give us a good indication as to what we'll have to work on for Sectionals," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan.

The Lady Eagles enter the Shen game on a six-game winning streak that includes victories over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Averill Park and Ballston Spa in the past 10 days. Bethlehem's defense has led the way by posting six consecutive shutouts.

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"Things have been coming together pretty well for us recently," said Rogan. "We were close early on, and we've learned how to finish things off and win games."

The Lady Eagles' defense will face a stiff challenge from Shen Wednesday night. The Plainswomen — recently ranked fifth in a national high school poll — has a potent offense led by Ashleigh Barone, Dana DeSimone and Karly DeSimone. Barone had a hat trick to lead Shen past Bethlehem 5-1 in their first game Sept. 14.

Rogan said the defense is ready for the challenge. "I think we're more confident as a team and more confident in our ability to keep other teams from scoring," he said.

A win against Shen or Niskayuna would lock up second place in the Blue Division standings for Bethlehem. Shen currently leads the division with a 12-0 record,

while Bethlehem sits in second place with a 10-1-3 mark. Niskayuna, which had been in second place until back-to-back losses to Shen and Columbia, is in third place with a 7-3-2 record.

Indians keep pace

Meanwhile in the Colonial Council, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls soccer team is hanging within striking distance of Schalmont for first place.

Entering Tuesday's showdown with the Sabres, the Indians owned an 11-1 league record, while Schalmont was undefeated through 12 Colonial Council games, including a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over RCS Sept. 26.

The Indians fended off a challenge from Academy of the Holy Names last Wednesday to pull out

a 1-0 victory. Ashley Wilson scored in the second half, and Elisha VanKampen stopped 12 shots to give RCS the win.

Things went better for the Indians in last Saturday's 6-1 victory over Cobleskill-Richmondville. RCS scored three goals in both halves to pull away for the win.

Wilson had two goals and two assists, and Britni Rosato added two goals and an assist for the Indians. Lauren Howley and Kelly McGuire also scored goals.

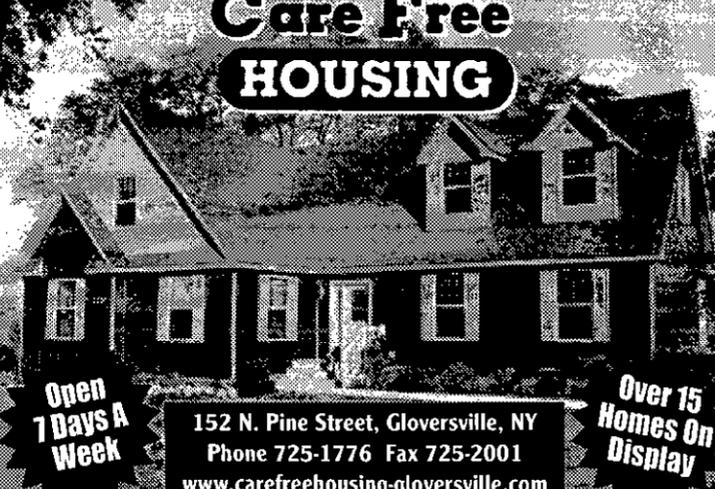
After Tuesday's showdown with Schalmont, RCS closes the regular season with a game against Mechanicville Thursday.

Marler qualifies for states

Bethlehem's Andrew Marler had a strong second round to qualify for the state golf tournament at last week's Section II championships at Altamont's Orchard Creek Golf Course.

Marler shot a round of 1-under par 71 last Thursday to finish with a two-round total of 150, which was good enough for fourth place. Shenendehowa's Ryan Simpson and Albany Academy's Alex Bringsjord tied for medallist honors with 147s.

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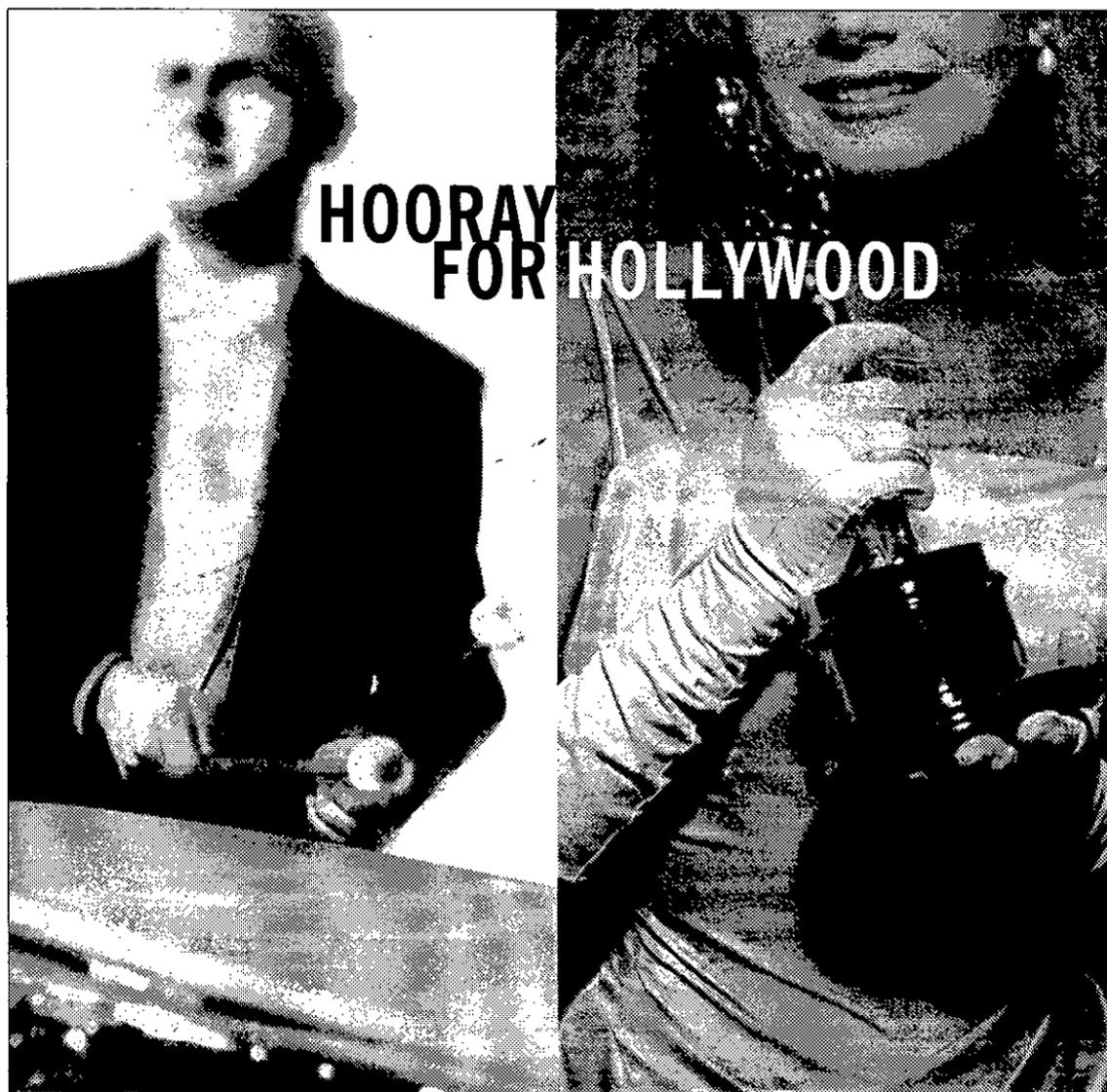
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Lewis

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Hotaling caught a 41-yard scoring strike from Everett Tune on a halfback option pass to increase the Cadets' lead to 21-7.

"That hurt," VanDerzee said of the punt deflecting off Deering. "But again, us not stopping the home run play hurt us more."

Lewis completed the scoring late in the fourth quarter with a 10-yard touchdown run to seal Albany Academy's victory and the Reinfurt Division title — the Cadets' first championship since returning to Section II in 2004 following several seasons in the New England Prep League.

Lewis finished with 137 rushing yards and 115 receiving yards, while Hotaling contributed 54 rushing yards for Albany Academy. Filkins gained 111 yards on 23 carries for RCS.

Blackbirds fall; gain eighth seed

In last Friday's football action, the Voorheesville Blackbirds lost to class C South Division champion Canajoharie 12-7, while Bethlehem suffered a season-ending 37-7 defeat to Shenendehowa in a class AA game.

Voorheesville (5-2) took a 7-6 lead on Tim Robinson's 20-yard touchdown reception and Matt Miller's extra point late in the first quarter, but Chris Shineman's 5-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter gave Canajoharie (6-1) the victory.

The Blackbirds are the No. 8 seed in a highly-competitive class C Sectional tournament. All of the



Ravenqa-Coeymans-Selkirk running back Pat Filkins turns upfield during last Saturday's Reinfurt Division game at Albany Academy.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

other teams in the field have at least one loss, including top-seeded Stillwater, which Voorheesville plays Saturday.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem (3-4) fell out of playoff consideration with its loss to Shen. The Eagles entered the game with a chance to tie Columbia for third place in Division II, but they couldn't contain Plainsmen running back Ja-

son Bedard. The junior rushed for a career-high 264 yards and scored all five Shen touchdowns to lead the Plainsmen to their first league victory.

Dave Plummer threw for 63 yards, and Peter Berquist had a 1-yard touchdown run for Bethlehem, which plays Niskayuna in a class AA crossover game Friday.

Blackbirds win at Burnt Hills invy

The Voorheesville boys cross country team placed five runners in the top 20 to win the Division II title at last Saturday's Burnt Hills Invitational at Saratoga Spa State Park.

The Blackbirds finished with 66 points, 32 points ahead of Fonda-Fultonville and Plattsburgh.

Macky Lloyd led Voorheesville with a second-place finish in a time of 16:06.2, less than three seconds behind Division II champion Jeremy McAllister of Fonda. Nathan Bub was 13th with a time of 17:17.6.

Ryan Allison (16th place, 17:23.8), Conor Cashin (17th, 17:25.2) and Ian Powell (18th, 17:27.9) rounded out Voorheesville's top five.

Bethlehem placed fourth in the boys Division III standings with 132 points. Scott Davis led the Eagles with an eighth-place finish in a time of 16:35.8, while his brother Karl finished 13th with a time of 17:11.0.

Burnt Hills ran away with the Division III team title with 23 points, 86 points ahead of Longmeadow. Seven Spartans finished in the top 10 led by Ryan Pezullo's

second-place performance in a time of 15:34.2.

Both the Bethlehem and Voorheesville girls cross country teams finished second at the Burnt Hills Invitational. Bethlehem was second to the host school in Division III, while Voorheesville finished second to Broadalbin-Perth in Division II.

Kristin Kenney and Kristen Peck each had top-10 finishes for Bethlehem in the Division II race. Kenney took fourth place in a time of 18:14.8, and Peck placed sixth in a time of 18:56.1.

Mariel Doyle (13th, 20:05.2), Kimberly Kenney (14th, 20:10.4), Maddie Lang (15th, 20:12.7) and Grace Gallagher (16th, 20:19.6) also placed in the top 20 for Bethlehem, which finished with 52 team points.

Voorheesville's Hilary Edmunds left the invitational with an individual title after winning the Division II race with a time of 19:20.8. Chantal Little placed sixth in a time of 19:58.4, and Grace Giampaglia finished 14th in a time of 20:35.4.

The Lady Blackbirds had 72 team points, while Broadalbin-Perth finished with 66 points.

Cup

(From Page 42)

Park, hold it over my head and shout, "I'm king of the world!" Thankfully for the folks at the Hockey Hall of Fame, I'm not planning on becoming a professional hockey player. When you reach your mid-30s, you realize there are some things that are physically impossible.)

I continued studying the cup for about three minutes, trying to pick out players names from championship teams gone by. But honestly, I would have needed at least 30 minutes to take in all the hockey history engraved on it. And even if I memorized every

name on it; it doesn't mean that I would understand why so many grown men have pursued it with such desire that they'd break down once they got the chance to finally hold it. That's for them to know.

After lingering for several more minutes, I left Lord Stanley in his curtained-off section of Pepsi Arena's bowels and headed to the media room to get my materials for that night's River Rat game.

I knew Lord Stanley wouldn't be lacking for company, though. There were about 7,400 more people who wanted to spend a little time with it.

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High school varsity sports results for the week of Oct. 9-15

Wednesday, Oct. 11

BOYS SOCCER

Bethlehem 2, Averill Park 0
Bethlehem scoring: Gary Bedrosian -0, Pat Meany 1-0

GIRLS SOCCER

RCS 1, Holy Names 0
RCS scoring: Ashley Wilson 1-0

Voorheesville 1, Cohoes 1

Voorheesville scoring: Hayley George 1-0

GIRLS TENNIS

Section II playoffs

Class AA quarterfinals

Bethlehem 5, Guilderland 4

Class B semifinals

Voorheesville 6, Catholic Central 1

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem 3,

Scotia-Glenville 0

Bethlehem highlights: Zeke Kubisch 7 kills, 5 blocks; Jed Kubisch 5 kills, 3 blocks; Derek Volf 8 kills, 2 blocks

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

RCS 3, Voorheesville 0

RCS highlights: Nicole Persico 14 digs; Julie Persico 14 digs; Chelsea Miller 9 digs, 14 assists

Voorheesville highlights: Lauren Passarelli 25 digs; Kathleen Hoyt 5 kills, 14 digs

Thursday, Oct. 12

GOLF

State qualifier

Qualifiers: Ryan Simpson (Shen) 147, Alex Bringsjord (Albany Academy) 147, Ray Smith (North Warren) 148, Andrew Marler (Bethlehem) 150, James Russell (Scotia-Glenville) 151, Steve Quillinan (Albany Academy) 152, Kevin Haler (Warrensburg) 153, Chris Driscoll (Bishop Gibbons) 153, Greg Burns (LaSalle) 155

BOYS SOCCER

Voorheesville 2, Albany Academy 1

Voorheesville scoring: Shane Hiller 1-0, Joe Klembezyk 1-0

GIRLS SWIMMING

Burnt Hills 110,

Guilleville 75

Guilleville individual winners: Trika Pesta (diving), Stephanie Hintz (100-yard backstroke)

Bethlehem 107,

Niskayuna 77

Bethlehem individual winners: Katie O'Donnell (200-yard freestyle, 100 backstroke), Molly Howland (200 individual medley, 500 freestyle), Becca Stern (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Chandler Smith (diving), Lily Powell (100 butterfly)

GIRLS TENNIS

Section II playoffs

Class AA semifinals

Bethlehem 6, Saratoga 3

Class B finals

Voorheesville 7, Cobleskill 0

Friday, Oct. 13

FOOTBALL

Shen 37, Bethlehem 7

First quarter

Shen — Jason Bedard 2-yard run (Seth Watson kick)

Shen — Bedard 15-yard run (Watson kick)

Shen — Bedard 7-yard run (Watson kick)

Second quarter

BC — Peter Berquist 1-yard run (Ethan Kolodny kick)

Shen — Bedard 2-yard run (Watson kick)

Third quarter

Shen — Watson 35-yard field goal
Shen — Bedard 4-yard run (kick failed)

Canajoharie 12,

Voorheesville 7

First quarter

Canjo — Shults 13-yard pass from Biltucci (kick failed)

V'ville — Tim Robinson 20-yard pass from Jay Conde (Matt Miller kick)

Fourth quarter

Canjo — Chris Shineman 5-yard run (conversion run failed)

BOYS SOCCER

Bethlehem 1, Ballston Spa 0

Bethlehem scoring: Gary Bedrosian 1-0, Bill Barrowman 0-1

Bethlehem saves: Jason Daniels 2

GIRLS SOCCER

Holy Names 4,

Voorheesville 2

Voorheesville scoring: Hayley George 1-0, Carrie Gorka 1-0

Voorheesville saves: Brittany Holcomb 19

Saturday, Oct. 14

CROSS COUNTRY

Burnt Hills Invitational

Boys

Division III: Burnt Hills 23, Longmeadow 109, Ichabod Crane 129, Bethlehem 132, Mount Anthony Union 132, Pittsfield 144, Ticonderoga 208, South Glens Falls 227, Lansingburgh 228, Albany 232, Hudson Falls 265, Gloversville 311, Troy 334

Top 10 individuals: Lee Berube (Ticon) 15:11.4, Ryan Pezullo (BH) 15:34.2, Drew Houghtalen (BH) 15:43.0, Zach Gordon (Pitts) 16:02.1, Zach Goodrich (BH) 16:18.9, Cody Buell (BH) 16:25.3, Matt Burton (BH) 16:35.8, Scott Davis (BC) 16:42.3, Andrew Jess (BH) 16:45.2, Dan Gray (BH) 16:58.2

Division II: Voorheesville 66, Fonda-Fultonville 98, Plattsburgh 98, Saranac Lake 142, Broadalbin-Perth 182, Northeastern Clinton 191, Albany Academy 210, Canajoharie-Fort Plain 246, Sullivan West 252, Granville 254, Chatham 284, Saranac Central 303, Beekmantown 320

Top 10 individuals: Jeremy McAllister (Fonda) 16:03.5, Macky Lloyd (V'ville) 16:06.2, Joe Geniti (Fonda) 16:10.6, Zach Williams (SL) 16:15.6, Josh LeBlanc (SL) 16:23.0, Brian Ellsworth (P'burgh) 16:33.5, Eric McCauley (P'burgh) 16:44.5, Josh Burpoe (SL) 16:56.9, Bobby Grimm (NC) 17:01.2, Tyler Bruce (Schuylerville) 17:07.5

Girls

Division III: Burnt Hills 32, Bethlehem 52, South Glens Falls 139, Mount Anthony Union 152, Lansingburgh 155, Longmeadow 190, Schenectady 266

Top 10 individuals: Mary Kate Champagne (Seton Catholic) 17:47.8, Meaghan Gregory (BH) 18:03.2, Sam Roecker (BH) 18:04.5, Kristin Kenney (BC) 18:14.8, Genna Hartung (SC) 18:32.7, Kristin Peck (BC) 18:56.1, McKenzie Krause (MAU) 19:00.9, Martha Brown (BH) 19:13.1, Carolyn Herkenham (BH) 19:22.0, Rachel Cyrus (BH) 19:26.4

Division II: Broadalbin-Perth 66, Voorheesville 73, Cobleskill 93, Northeastern Clinton 94, Sullivan West 119, Beekmantown 177, Saranac Lake 181, Saranac Central 235, Chatham 246, Plattsburgh 251

Top 10 individuals: Hilary Edmunds (V'ville) 19:20.8, Elizabeth Ferlazzo (BP) 19:33.6, Alex Kuhl (BP) 19:39.8, Brittany Trahan (NC)

19:41.8, Nicole Wojciechowski (BP) 19:45.9, Chantal Little (V'ville) 19:58.4, Anilese Mau (Cob) 20:01.9, Rianne Erlwein (SW) 20:02.5, Rachel Wysocki (Schuylerville) 20:04.7, Sandra Garcia-Fine (Cob) 20:08.7

FOOTBALL

Albany Academy 28, RCS 7

First quarter

RCS — Zach Deering 1-yard run (Justin Tofinchino kick)

Second quarter

AA — Dion Lewis 51-yard run (A.J. DeLago kick)

Third quarter

AA — Lewis 75-yard pass from Pat Lyman (DeLago kick)

AA — Jarid Hotaling 41-yard pass from Everett Tune (DeLago kick)

Fourth quarter

AA — Lewis 10-yard run (DeLago kick)

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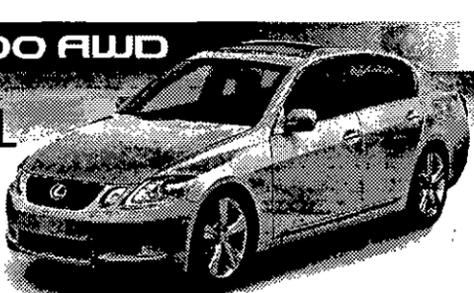
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News & Notes

BBC sign-ups for 2006-07 continue

The Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) is registering players for its 2006-07 recreational league season.

The league now includes co-ed programs for children in grades three through 12. The third- and fourth-grade program is new this year after the BBC added the Elsmere Basketball Club.

The third- and fourth-grade program begins in November. Games are played one day a week through February.

The fifth- through eighth-grade program also begins in November and runs through March. The program includes one practice per week and games on Sundays at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The high school program runs from December through March, with games played on Saturdays.

Space is limited. To register, visit the club's Web site at www.bethlehembasketballclub.com.

For information, call Reid Sperber at 439-6635.

YMCA leagues start Oct. 28

The Guilderland YMCA youth basketball program begins Oct. 28.

The program is open to children in kindergarten through ninth grade. Each week, children learn passing, shooting, dribbling and defense from experienced volunteer coaches.

The first two sessions are practice only. Weeks four through nine include a 30-minute practice before a league game.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students play on Saturdays, with the first group starting at 9 a.m. Grades six and seven play on Friday nights, while grades eight and nine play on Sundays.

All sessions take place at the Guilderland YMCA on Winding Brook Drive. The cost is \$58 per player for YMCA members. Non members can join with the purchase of a limited membership.

For information, call Aaron Donahue at 456-3634.

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Several Albany Academy defenders try to stop Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk fullback Jared Fortier during last Saturday's Reinfurt Division game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Lewis leads Cadets past Indians

Junior tailback scores three touchdowns in victory

By ROB JONAS

When Albany Academy needed a big play, Dion Lewis provided it.

Lewis gained more than 250 all purpose yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Cadets to a 28-7 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk in last Saturday's class B Reinfurt Division game.

The loss dropped the Indians into third place in the division and

earned them a road trip to Broadalbin-Perth for a class B quarter-final playoff game Friday night.

"They're (Broadalbin-Perth) a quality club. We'd better come out with our helmets on, or else we won't be back here in two weeks," said RCS coach Gary VanDerzee.

The Indians (2-2 division, 5-2 overall) played evenly with Albany Academy for most of the game. The only difference was the Cadets came up with several big plays, while the Indians could not finish off their drives.

After quarterback Zach Deering scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter to give RCS a

7-0 lead, Lewis went to work. The junior tailback found an opening and ran 51 yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter. A.J. DeLago added the extra point to tie the game at 7.

RCS continued to move the ball on the ground behind tailback Pat Filkins and fullback Jared Fortier, who combined to rush for nearly 170 yards. But just as the Indians built some momentum, Albany Academy's defense tightened to stop them well short of the end zone.

The Indians' inability to finish drives caught up to them in the third quarter. RCS punted the ball

deep into Albany Academy territory and thought it had pinned the Cadets. But on third-down-and-long at the Cadets' 25, Pat Lyman threw a sideline pass to Lewis. Lewis slipped one tackler and took off for the end zone for a touchdown. DeLago's extra point put the Cadets ahead 14-7.

A bad bounce set up another Albany Academy touchdown later in the third quarter. A Cadets' punt bounced off Deering, who had set up near his own 40-yard line for a return. Albany Academy fell on the ball to retain possession. Three plays later, Jarid

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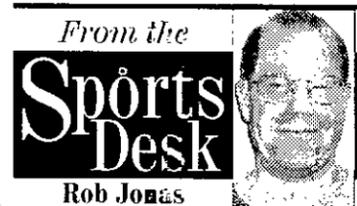
Lord Stanley's cup pays another visit

By ROB JONAS

Lord Stanley's cup paid another visit to Pepsi Arena last Saturday for the Albany River Rats' home opener, and once again area hockey fans had the chance to touch and stand near the venerable trophy to get their pictures taken.

The only rule was they couldn't lift it. That right is reserved only for the chosen few who battled all year to become the National Hockey League's champions — and the one man from the Hockey Hall of Fame who is its caretaker. And that guy has to wear gloves in order to lift the chalice.

I got my five minutes of face time with the cup two hours before the puck dropped between Albany and Hamilton courtesy of



River Rats' President/CEO S. Garen Szablewski, who saw me standing outside the arena waiting for the press gate to open. He led me inside the lower level of the arena to a cartined-off area, where Lord Stanley was getting attention from members of the Ice Mice dance team (not many 113-year olds can get young women to take pictures of them).

This being the second time I've visited Lord Stanley, I decided to take a close look at the engravings along each ring. The latest cham-

pion, the Carolina Hurricanes, owned the bottom rung all to itself because a new one needed to be added after Tampa Bay earned the right to hold it in 2004 (when one rung is filled up, a new one is started and the others are bumped up a spot). All the players were listed, as were the coaching staff and all the front office people. If you were employed by the Hurricanes in the 2005-06 season, your name is probably on it.

That's one of the things that makes the Stanley Cup unique among professional sports trophies — the league engraves your name on the trophy, where it remains until they need to clear a rung to make room for the next one. From what I could tell, it would take at least 20 years to go from bottom rung to the Hockey

Hall of Fame in Toronto (which is where the old rungs are sent after being bumped off). Though it's not an eternity, it's still long enough to show your kids (and possibly your grandkids) if you're one of the lucky ones to get your name on there.

Another thing that makes the cup unique is that every player and coach gets to spend a day with it. Some choose to just bring Lord Stanley home and let family and friends hold it. Others bring it to their hometown rinks, high schools or — in the case of Carolina goaltender Cam Ward — a bowling alley.

(Personally, if I ever had a chance to spend the day with the Stanley Cup, I'd take it to the edge of Overlook at Thatcher State

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Time well spent

The road to recovery can be long, but worth the time

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

When Christine McNamara accepted Equinox' Orion Client Award for Personal Achievement in September, it was her children who were foremost in her mind.

"I hope that this image can replace the one of their mother in jail," she said, her voice just a tiny bit shaky as she addressed Equinox board members, counselors and friends, but primarily the four grown children, their significant others, and the 18-month-old granddaughter who had traveled from Orange County to Albany to watch her accept the tangible evidence of a life turned around.

"We give this award to someone who has triumphed over adversity, overcome a personal challenge, and is a contributing member of society," said Mary Seeley, executive director of Equinox, a community services agency in Albany. "The nomination comes from within Equinox."

McNamara's counselor, Melissa Loson, nominated her for the award.

"To be nominated, you have to have participated in two out of three of our programs," Loson, 34, said. "Christine participated in the domestic violence and substance abuse programs. We look for someone who is alcohol and drug-free, not in an abusive relationship, and who gives back to the community. Christine was able to achieve all those things in a two-year period. That's outstanding."

McNamara gives back to the community by sharing her story, something she hopes might help others. She speaks matter-of-factly, and with plenty of tears and laughter.

"I grew up in a beautiful apartment in the Bronx, in Riverdale," McNamara, 50, said. Her father was the vice president of a major insurance company, and a state Assemblyman. Her mother was a Hunter College graduate; and she had one brother.

"I went to Catholic schools, and after I graduated from high school, I went to secretarial school," she said. "I worked at Equitable Life in Manhattan."

Life started to shift a little bit when McNamara met Johnny at a local hangout.

"I'd tell you I didn't drink in those days," she said. "I'd have a few, maybe get my buzz on."

McNamara described her future husband as a good-looking man.

"I was heavy in those days, and not feeling good about myself," she said. "My mother told me I was nothing, and Johnny told me he loved me."

Married in 1976, McNamara's daughters were born in 1977 and 1978, and her husband's cocaine and heroine use was heavy. When her father died in 1978, her own drinking worsened.

"I started drinking, and getting beaten," she said. "If I drank, I kept my mouth shut."

When her daughters were young, McNamara's mother had them taken away from her for a time, and McNamara went to 28 days of rehab in Manhattan. After that, she remained sober for five years.

After a while, though, chaos ensued.

"Johnny had a girlfriend, and he was beating me," she said. "I was afraid to throw him out; I was afraid to be alone."

In 1986, McNamara's twin sons were born. In 1989, she got a job at the accounting firm Peat Marwick.

"I threw Johnny out, and divorced him in 1991," she said. "I wanted to get into law, and I got a job at a top law firm — my dream. I moved from the Bronx to Orange County. The twins were 3, and I had a friend there with a son the same age, who watched them while I worked. My daughters were 11 and 12."

McNamara described things as status quo, until the cocaine use of the 1990s drew her in. "I saw the messengers getting coke for the attorneys, and friends were snorting it, too," she said. "I kept saying to myself, 'I can't drink, but this isn't drinking.'"

The drug use cost McNamara her job at the New York law firm, and she got a local job in Orange County. Unable to afford cocaine, she went back to drinking.

"I got my first DWI," she said, "and the boys went to a foster home for six months. My oldest daughter was in a group home. I had no support, and I felt like a fish out of water."

Eventually, McNamara found herself working two jobs, one as a cocktail waitress at a local Ramada.

"I made as much as a waitress

and bartender as I had in downtown Manhattan," she said. But substance abuse had re-entered McNamara's life in a big way.

"I thought I was cured," she said. "I had stayed away so long. But when you pick up, you don't

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Christine McNamara

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A second DWI in four years meant that McNamara lost her driver's license, and was placed on five years probation. With no transportation, she took small jobs she could walk to — at a pizza shop, at a gas station.

"I couldn't pay the rent, and I was drinking every day," she said. Her apartment became a hotel room, which became a car, and McNamara recalled one Christmas she spent with her sons sleeping in a friend's body shop.

One day, her teenage sons came to tell her that because she hadn't gone to her probation officer, there was a warrant out for her arrest.

McNamara turned herself in, expecting a slap on the wrist. Instead, she said, "they slapped handcuffs on me, and I went to jail."

"I thought it couldn't happen to me," she said. "I came from a good background. I could work."

Jail brought a literal sobering to McNamara's life.

"When I was in jail, my twins were graduating from high school," McNamara said. "It should have been the happiest day of my life, but I thought about my sons. How must my kids have felt when people asked where their mother was and they had to say, 'She's in jail? I'm not grateful that I was in jail, but I needed that.'"

At her sentencing, McNamara faced one to three years in jail — or rehab.

"The Orange County sheriff drove me to Hope House in Albany," McNamara said. "I had a plastic bag with my underwear; that was all."

McNamara spent a year in the strict structure of Hope House.

"You went no place alone until you were trusted," she said. "You were urine-tested every time you

left the house."

McNamara said Hope House also worked with her to find the reason for her addiction. "When they found out that the underlying cause was domestic violence, they sent me to Equinox," she said. "At Equinox, I faced a lot of demons. My mother gave me Valium when I was 11 for panic attacks. My father hit me, then told me he loved me. I had to deal with him as an abuser."

McNamara has been sober for two years and four months now, and even as she talks about her demons, she says, "I keep one thing up front. It was me."

Getting the Equinox award was "unchartered water," she said.

"When I found out I was getting it, I thought, 'Why am I getting something for something I should have been doing?'" she said. "Melissa tells me I have to give myself credit."

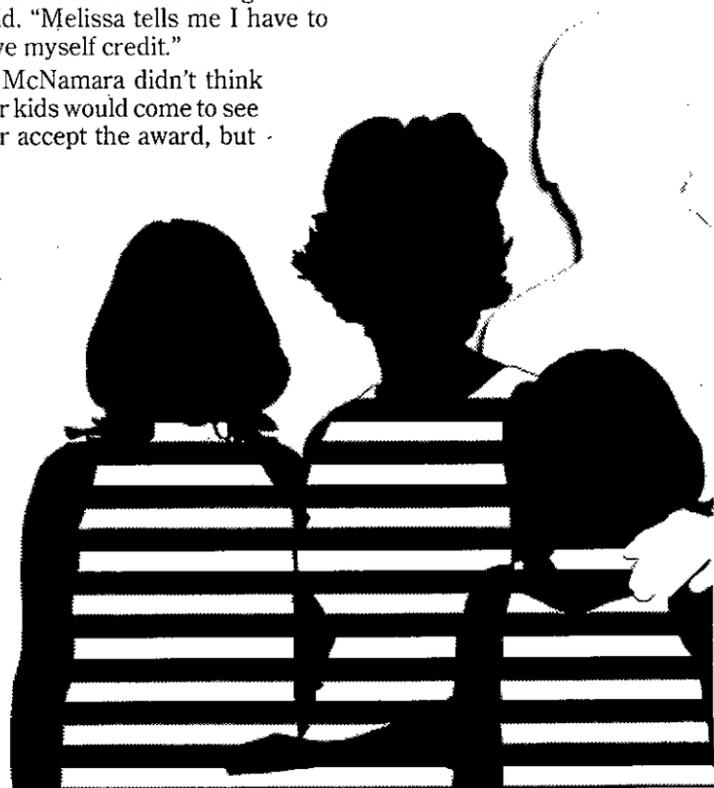
McNamara didn't think her kids would come to see her accept the award, but

they did.

"There was a phone chain reaction when I told them," she said. "I have apologized to my kids 25 times over. I have to build their trust back, and I'm lucky they're allowing me back. I continued a cycle, and I'm sorry my children were in it."

McNamara now lives in a one-bedroom apartment and works two jobs. Her computer's screensaver is a picture of one of her sons and her granddaughter, and her cell phone rings with frequent calls from her children. Her son called her move, and last Christmas, she said, she treated herself to a good, long cry. "It's not the body shop, is it?" asked her son who had come to spend the day with her.

"I make plans, but I stay in the day," McNamara said. "I can't get back the time I lost. I have my kids back, and I don't want to lose any more time."



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Finance *in the* Spotlight

The charitable trust: how to make a difference while earning and donating money

By Ruth H. Mahoney
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Abraham Lincoln, in a time of depression, once said, "I would just as soon die, but I've done nothing yet to make anyone remember that I have lived."

In today's America, so many of us, like Lincoln, want to leave our mark. We want our hard work, determination, talents and energy to mean something. We want to make a difference, and we want to make a contribution to a cause greater than ourselves.

Just what this contribution is varies greatly from individual to individual. For some it is volunteering at a local nonprofit that is short on human capital. For

others it is making a monetary donation, offering financial support to the organizations that labor within our communities to improve the overall quality of life. Some people have ambitions greater than that—some want to leave a legacy that will carry forward in time. Whatever the case may be, whatever the motivators, the end result is always the same. Giving time and money to nonprofit organizations is good for the economy and good for the communities in which we live and work.

MAKE CHARITABLE GIVING A WAY OF LIFE

In 2005, Americans donated an estimated \$260.28 billion dollars to nonprofit organizations—an increase of nearly \$15 billion from 2004. Of that increase,

approximately \$7.5 billion dollars were directed toward relief efforts for the tsunami in south Asia, Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters around the globe. So despite concerns that nonprofits would suffer due to the public and private response to last year's natural disasters, the fact of the matter is that Americans did not redirect donations in 2005, they gave more.

These numbers do not surprise many people who work in the nonprofit sector, nor does it surprise professionals who work in trust and estate planning, because Americans are a generous and compassionate people—charity is a way of life.

Why do Americans give so generously? Three reasons:

1. compassion,

2. a desire to share wealth, and (and this is a big "and")
3. tax relief.

There are many ways to give. The most popular is outright gifts of cash or assets to a charity, which are given with no strings attached and are generally tax deductible from both income tax and estate tax assessments. However, if you want to leverage U.S. tax law and maximize the benefit of both lifetime and after-death gifts, then you might consider a charitable trust.

A trust is an agreement under which money or other assets are held and managed by a person or corporation for the benefit of another. A charitable trust extends the benefits, immediately or eventually, to the public through a charity. It can offer many tax advantages to the grantor (the person establishing/funding the trust) and/or the designated charity.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Different types of charitable trusts exist, each with different benefits for the grantor. However, most trusts provide personal and financial protection and security for beneficiaries, tax advantages and a means to realize philanthropic goals.

— Charitable Remainder Trusts

Offered as either an annuity trust or unitrust, charitable remainder trusts allow you to give a future interest in an asset to charity, while keeping an income stream for you or for another beneficiary. Based on the terms of the trust agreement, you can receive either a fixed or variable income from the yields on that investment for the remainder of your life. Upon death, the original principal of the investment will remain and will be passed to the charity, reducing the amount of tax due from your estate.

— Charitable Lead Trust

The charitable lead trust is like a remainder trust except that the charity begins receiving the interest or dividends immediately and continues to receive a regular income from the trust during your life. When you die, the principle of the trust account goes to a beneficiary of your choosing. As with a charitable remainder trust, a considerable advantage is that your estate will be able to deduct the value of the trust income from the estate tax bill.

— Pooled Income Trust

Pooled income trusts operate like a mutual fund in that the charity receives contributions from a number of donors then pools the donations to form one big trust. The charity then invests the money and pays interest to the contributors based on the amount of their donations, thus providing them with a lifetime of income. With the pooled income trust, the charity sets up the trust and manages the paperwork. This makes it easier to establish the trust. It does not, however, always provide individuals with the flexibility to pick and choose the organizations they wish to support. The Community Foundation for the Capital Region is an excellent example of a pooled income trust.

ESTABLISHING A TRUST

U.S. tax law is designed to encourage people to make charitable gifts. However, to qualify for a charitable deduction, specific formats must be followed, and the charitable beneficiary must meet

complex tax law standards set by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore it is advisable to seek out a skilled professional to serve as your trustee and help you establish and manage your trust. Traits to look for in a trustee include:

- stability and availability,
- financial expertise, and



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- management and administrative expertise.

Whether you opt to select an individual or use a corporation such as a bank, these qualities are so important because a trustee is responsible for investing trust assets, performing tax planning for the trust, distributing trust income or principal and maintaining transaction and operational records.

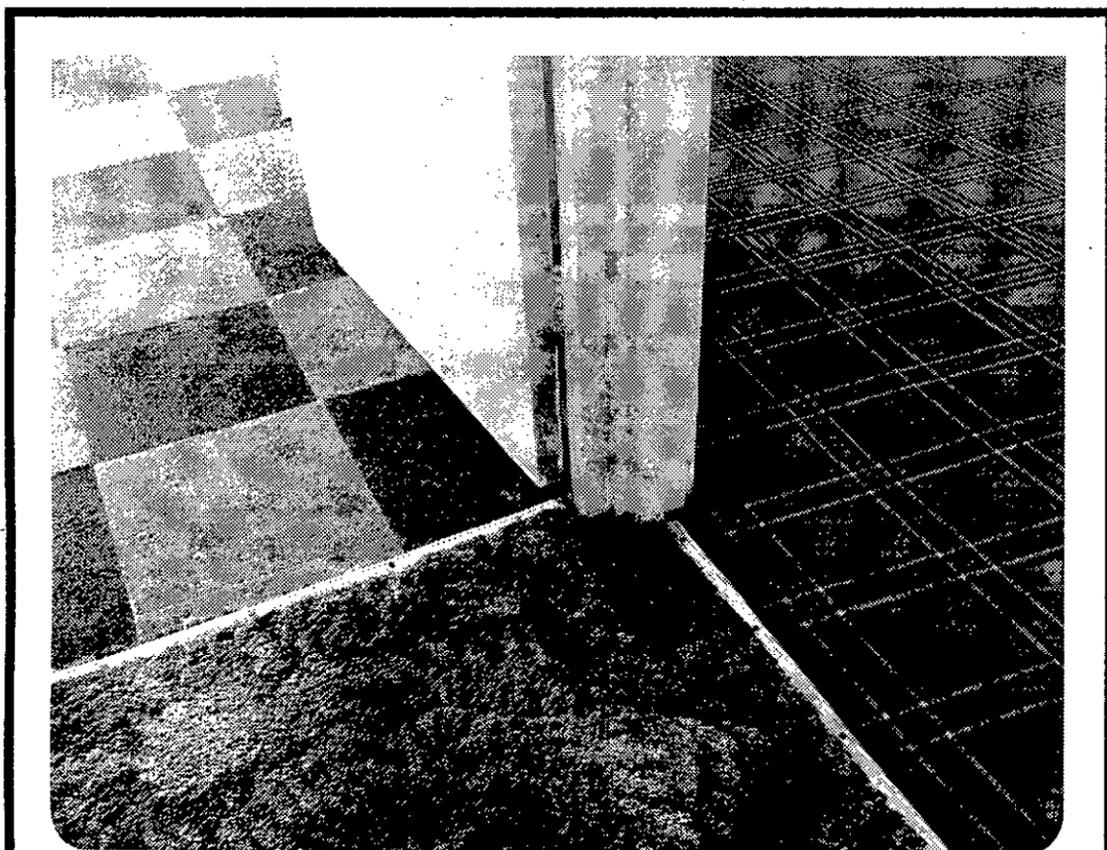
Considering these factors, many people choose a corporate trustee, because they have the advantage of established systems, procedures and personnel to ensure that your trust is managed effectively and efficiently. A corporate trustee has proven experience in doing exactly what you need done. This includes handling all aspects of your trust with the objectivity and competence necessary to safeguard the trust assets and the welfare of the trust's beneficiaries.

LEAVING A LEGACY

When Abraham Lincoln exhaled his last breath of life on April 15, 1865, many years had passed since his suicidal depression. An extended run of political frustration, marked by failed attempts to win a congressional seat, gave way to a life of public service and a presidency that helped keep the United States from splitting. Political and professional adversaries, men he railed against at various points throughout his life, comprised his administration and were now his greatest admirers, including Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, who on Lincoln's death remarked, "Now he belongs to the ages."

While the majority of Americans will most likely never "belong to the ages," the lesson that can be learned from Lincoln's life is that we can always strive to leave our mark. Giving to charity (more than 1,550 nonprofit agencies are found in the Capital Region, which employ more than 60,000 residents) is an accessible vehicle to make this happen. Because not only do nonprofits enhance our quality of life and promote human dignity and compassion, they also provide opportunities for volunteerism and participation in civic life, as well as strengthen the infrastructure of the region we call home.

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