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Test well sparks controversy

By Peter Hanson

During a heated discussion that took up most of the Bethlehem town board's June 10 meeting, opposing parties in the water system debate squared off over who should dig a new test well. Ultimately, the board decided to let a company it is suing for negligence do the work because the company will absorb most of the cost.



Burns

On June 5, John Brust of Rust Environmental & Infrastructure, one of two firms the town is suing because the \$13.9 million groundwater infiltration system has not performed up to expectations, offered to dig the test well.

This move followed a May 13 vote by the town board to spend \$52,000

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Eagle Newspapers buy Spotlight

By Susan Graves

After 18 years as publisher of Spotlight Newspapers, the Capital District's premier suburban newspaper group, Richard Ahlstrom is stepping down.

On July 1, Eagle Newspapers, which publishes 12 weekly newspapers serving 130,000 readers in the Syracuse area, will take over. Eagle also publishes two monthly publications.

Ahlstrom moved to Delmar from the New York City area, after "retiring" from a career with the *Daily News* as head of its production department and at Gannett's Westchester and Rockland newspapers as vice president of production.

"I was looking for a weekly, and this area had a lot of growth potential," Ahlstrom, who just turned 73, said. When he bought *The Spotlight*, there was only one paper, published in an eight-and-a-half-by-eleven-inch format. He converted the paper to a tabloid size and expanded local news coverage of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

In 1989, Ahlstrom started the *Colonie*



Dick and Mary Ahlstrom look forward to their real retirement.

Spotlight and in 1991 added the *Loudonville Weekly*.

In the early days of Ahlstrom's tenure, there were four full and two part-time employees. Today *Spotlight Newspapers* has 18 full and 14 part-time employees, as well as a number of columnists and correspondents.

Ahlstrom said he enjoyed being part of "the growth of community newspapers, serving the community and reporting local news of our communities like nobody

else in the world does."

He said what's impressed him most about the news business is its power, but equally, "the responsibility not to use it. It's bigger than we are as individuals."

Ahlstrom and his wife Mary's service to the community has not gone unnoticed. In 1987, he received the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award, and she was honored as an Enterprising Woman of the Year in 1997. He also received the Masons' DeWitt Clinton Award in 1992.

This year, Ahlstrom was one of the co-chairs of Feestelijk '98, a townwide theater and arts event in Bethlehem. Ahlstrom is on the board of directors of Harris Publishing Co., is a former board member of the Bethlehem chamber, and a founding member of Community Partnerships in Bethlehem and Colonie.

Ahlstrom said the sale to Eagle should bode well for the newspapers and the communities they serve.

"At the present time, many smaller weeklies are being sold to national chains for substantial amounts of money, but in my opinion, chains are more interested in the bottom line than in service to the community," Ahlstrom said. "I'm very pleased to transfer ownership of *Spotlight Newspapers* to a publisher who will improve the product with advanced technology and who will continue the emphasis on local community news."

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Vandalism signals end of senior prank day

By Peter Hanson

Although senior pranks have been an annual rite of passage at Bethlehem Central High School, this year's prank got out of hand, police and school officials say. About 200 members of the senior class earned detention time, and Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan said about 12 students may face felony charges.

School Superintendent Les Loomis said the administration is taking the incident very seriously. "All of the students involved will face stiff penalties," he said. "The students' actions created a dangerous situation."

The prank occurred during the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 10. Students glued classroom doors shut, damaged about 10 desks, jammed drinking fountains with dirt and spread Crisco on hallway floors.

"Because of the conditions at the high school, we were unable to begin class (on time) last Wednesday," Loomis said. "It was a significant disruption of education at a time when students and faculty are most focused on the importance of finals."

Friday was the last day of classes at BCHS, and Loomis said high school students lost valuable review time because of the vandalism. Graduation is scheduled

for Friday, June 26, and the students who committed the vandalism may be forbidden from participating in commencement exercises.

"Denial of the graduation ceremony (is something) we don't take lightly," Loomis said. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime event. Denying it punishes the students' families as well."

Once students arrived Wednesday morning, they were told to gather in com-

class has about 325 members.

Three police officers joined students at the park to ensure they weren't drinking, and Loomis went to the park to address the students. He laid out the penalties for their actions, and said students were "very



This administration will ensure that, in the future, there is no such thing as a senior prank.

Les Loomis

mon areas, with seniors meeting in the high school's lower gym. Based on the extent of damage to their homerooms, students were released from the assembly by grade level.

Just after the senior class was told it could head to homeroom, at about 8:15 a.m., a student initiated a walkout by blowing a whistle, at which time about 200 seniors left school and walked to Elm Avenue Park. Loomis said the 1998 senior

Tea time



Elena Riback and Kate Conway pour tea at Slingerlands School's Japanese Festival.

Constance Pakatar

Bouton names '98 valedictorian, salutatorian

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville's valedictorian, Phil Erner, is hoping that his college will provide the same comfortable feel that Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has, while also allowing him to meet a more diverse population.

Erner will matriculate at Tufts University in Boston. "The population is small enough that the people are friendly, and seem like a family," Erner said of Tufts, which has an undergraduate population of about 5000. "Tufts is a small university, and I'm used to that. It seems like the kind of atmosphere I got from Voorheesville. When I visited, I had the sense that everyone was happy and has respect for each other," Erner said.

Erner said Tuft's location also played an important role in his college decision. "Boston is a great city," he said. "There are so many colleges in the area, and there's a diverse group of people."

Erner was impressed by Tuft's curriculum, which he found to be geared towards undergraduates. Although he says he's "completely undecided" about a major, he's



Phil Erner

leaning towards sciences, with the opportunity to do research a big draw. "Tufts offers the opportunity to jump into doing research," he said. "Since it's the professors who teach the courses, it seems like there will be better research opportunities there."

Still, Erner said that he will miss Voorheesville. "I'll miss the people," he said. "I've had a lot of great teachers."

Erner said one of his best high school experiences was his involvement with student government, where he helped found Voorheesville's student court. "I'm glad I was able to contribute to the school that way," Erner said. "The court gives students some control over their discipline. I think students will see a peer's decision as fair." Erner said working on the court gave him added respect for the school's administration. "I was impressed with the administration's willingness to cooperate with us," Erner said. "They were very flexible and open-minded, and it's led to positive change at the school. For a public school, this is the best."

Erner was active in a number of extracurricular activities, and was president of the National Honor Society. He was also a member of the stage band, wrote a column for the school newspaper, and belonged to the poetry and philosophy clubs. Erner played varsity baseball at Voorheesville. "I hardly played in any games, but I learned a lot at practices, and liked the feeling of being on a team."

Erner was modest about awards he had won, reluctantly disclosing that he'd received 17 school awards. "It was overwhelming at times," he said.

Erner came to Voorheesville for high school; prior to that, he and his family lived in Delmar and he attended Hebrew Academy.

Tufts' vibrant Jewish community was another draw for Erner. "Because of Hebrew Academy and my family, I'm very aware of Judaism," he said. "I don't know how much Judaism I'll look for at Tufts, but there are a lot of social and religious activities based around it. It's something that a group of people can say 'We share this' about, and it's a good start on relationships."

By Katherine McCarthy

Joseph Arena, salutatorian at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville, is clear about his future. "I like the clean-cut, white-collar business type," Arena said. "I took a business class my junior year, and thought it really fit my personality." Arena was also president of the school's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America.

Arena's choice of college reflects his career goal. Come September, he'll be at Binghamton University, in the management school's honors program. Arena's sister, Cristie, is a senior at the school.

"I might concentrate in business math or accounting at Binghamton," Arena said. "Binghamton has a management program associated with Price Waterhouse, which would pretty well secure me a job in accounting. Binghamton also has a program where you can get your MBA in five years, but I might also do four years in their management program, and get an MBA elsewhere."

Arena is looking forward to college, after living in Voorheesville "essentially all my life." The Arena family moved to Voorheesville from New York City when Joe was a second-grader. "Being in a small school has its advantages and disadvantages," Arena said. "It's a close knit community, and you know everybody. Sometimes you don't want to know everybody, but it's been a good place to live. It's definitely good to have smaller classes in school, and be able to get help."

Arena said that what he liked about his classes was the competition of striving to be the best. "I've always been able to work hard and



Joseph Arena

achieve a goal," he said. "Anything that I do, I'm really hard on myself. I'm basically a perfectionist."

His perfectionism paid off in his class rank, and also garnered him several awards. He is vice president of the National Honor Society, and was on the high honor roll. He won the school's business prize, and Spanish prize for maintaining the highest average in the class, something he did during all four years of high school. Arena also received a Dollars for Scholars scholarship.

Arena was honored with the Sports Foundation's scholar athlete award, and attended a special dinner for Capital District student athletes.

"I love sports," Arena said, "I've played them all my life." It's no surprise that he's already an expert at the businessman's game of golf, and played on the varsity golf team for three years at Voorheesville. He also played varsity baseball in 11th and 12th grades.

Arena cited his experience with the American Legion Boys State conference as one of the highlights of his high school career. "It was tough at the beginning," he said, "with its physical regimen. In retrospect, it was a great experience. I learned a lot about discipline. Boys State was all about making your own state government, and finding out how the Legislature works. It was interesting to see how that physical discipline ties in with politics."



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Four Corners renovation draws new businesses

Takeout restaurant, The Deli, to open July 1

By Peter Hanson

Delmar residents driving through the busy Four Corners intersection may have noticed a few changes on the Kenwood Avenue side of the street. The two-story brick building that includes four apartments and four retail sites has been getting a makeover.

"When I'm up there painting on the ladder, people drive by honking their horns to say hi," Tom Marino said. "I don't think you get that in a lot of areas."

In his 21 years as proprietor of Le Shoppe, a hair salon located in the 397 Kenwood Ave. building, Marino has grown accustomed to casual greetings from passersby. He said friendly relations with customers and neighbors were part of what made him and his partner, John Schwarz, want to buy the building.

"About four years ago, we tried to purchase the building from the previous owner, Virginia Green," Marino said. "At the last minute, her lawyer advised her not to do it."

When the Green's family business folded last year, the building went into foreclosure and Marino began negotiating with Cohoes Savings Bank, which administrated the foreclosure. "They were terrific," Marino said. "Within five weeks of our first conversation, we owned the building. On Dec. 1, we closed the deal."

Marino declined to say how much he paid, but said after spending nearly a quarter of a century in the building, he'd grown anxious about not having an active role in its maintenance.

"The initial owner took great care of the building," he said, but under Green's ownership, "not too much got done. We've been watching (the building) deteriorate."

Now that he and Schwarz, doing business as J & T Associates, are landlords, they've made an aggressive effort to get the building back in shape. "The first thing I did was call the town about our sidewalks," Marino said, explaining the cement was cracked and jagged. "As soon as it was spring, they did our sidewalks over."

Next, Marino had the free-standing four-car garage to the rear of the building torn down and replaced by fresh blacktop. Then came the painting, which Marino has done mostly by himself. "I've been painting the front of the building piecemeal every day after work for two hours," he said. "I'm almost done with the bottom."



Tom Marino

The Bethlehem Garden Club redid planters by the storefronts; and Marino said awnings will be arriving shortly. "The back still needs a lot of work," he said. "We're going to make it more of an entrance so it doesn't look so worn down."

But the biggest change that's occurred since J & T Associates took ownership is the building's vacancies have been filled. Now, all four apartments are rented and two new businesses have filled the downstairs sites.

Mitchie's, a children's store, opened recently, and The Deli, a takeout restaurant, is scheduled to open July 1. The Deli is an offshoot of Ocean Deck seafood, which has been in the building for four years. Bruce Hess, 31, the owner of both concerns, said he thinks his shop will be a good fit with other restaurants in town. "Our menu's going to have a lot more to choose from," he said.

Hess, who began his food service career cooking at Toll Gate Ice Cream in Slingerlands, said The Deli will offer sandwiches, salads, ice cream and different dinner specials every night. He guessed a takeout lunch with a drink and a side order would cost about \$5.

Marino said the speed with which vacancies were filled is consistent with the building's history. "It's never been vacant very long," he said. "It seems to be a pretty good corner."

Marino said he's got even more renovation work planned for the future. "Luckily, my partner is in plumbing, so little by little, we've been replacing the electrical and plumbing," he said.

Marino, a Albany native whose entire family lives in the Capital District, said he's dedicated to keeping his business in Delmar because his customers have become like family.

"We've done kids from the time they had their first haircuts to the time they go to college," Marino said. "People come in and they're comfortable. I think that's more important than anything else."

Marino said he's watched the ebb and flow of businesses in downtown Delmar for years and thinks the fluctuation that's been happening of late is settling down.

"I feel bad sometimes when I see empty spaces along Delaware Avenue," he said. "But I think (the avenue) will come back. There's enough people out here to support a lot of different businesses."

New Scotland owes FEMA \$33K

By Lisa K. Kelly

In a letter dated May 22, the New York State Emergency Management Office told the town of New Scotland to give back \$33,621 because the Federal Emergency Management Agency mistakenly approved too much money.

Town Supervisor Herb Reilly said he wasn't sure why FEMA was asking for the money to be returned.

"Funds were approved in October 1996 for the wrong amount," said Hans Hallman, spokesman for the state Emergency Management Office. "It was just a paperwork error."

The FEMA money was given to the town in October 1996 to help repair flood damage that occurred in January 1996. The total of the FEMA grant was \$441,597.

Reilly said the repairs cost more than expected and another application had to be submitted to FEMA requesting more money.

"We're waiting for another reimbursement check from FEMA because we overspent on repairs," Reilly said. "We're expecting about \$147,840."

Hallman said FEMA will just subtract the \$33,621 from what it owes the town.

"That's good news because we have a tight budget," Reilly said.

Although Reilly said it would not be difficult to help FEMA correct its mistake, the other members of the New Scotland town board were upset about FEMA's reimbursement request.

Funds were approved in 1996 for the wrong amount. It was just a paperwork error.

Hans Hallman

During the board's June 10 meeting, Reilly and the board members discussed where the money was going to come from. Board members were angry with Reilly because he didn't put the FEMA money in a separate account so it could be monitored, in case something like this happened.

"I'm upset that we have to give \$33,621 back," said board member Michael Fields. "And because of our record keeping, we don't know where it is."

"Can we justify where that money went?" asked board member Mark Dempf.

Reilly said the money was put into the highway department's budget because the department had already expended the money for the project and the FEMA money was a reimbursement.

"We were never informed of this money being put into the budget," said highway superintendent Darrell Duncan.

Fields said that he was supposed to put the money in a separate account so it could be monitored.

"But you didn't," Fields said. "Where did you put it?"

"It's in the highway department," Reilly repeated.

"Give us a paper trail so we can see where to take it out of," said Dempf.

Dempf said if the money is in the highway department, he doesn't want to arbitrarily take money from the department's budget. "I want to make sure that Darrell isn't left short with no salt, sand or overtime (funds for plowing)."

Reilly assured board members that the money is in the highway department and that he has a paper trail from the time the FEMA checks came into town hall until they were deposited.

Toole marks 40 years in priesthood

By Lisa K. Kelly

A good life is what attracted the Rev. Arthur Toole of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville to the priesthood 40 years ago.

"I joined because I saw my brother and other priests I knew enjoying their lives helping people, hearing confessions, working with the young and taking care of the sick," Toole said.

Toole said his older brother Jim influenced his decision to join the priesthood because he made church work seem important. "He seemed to get a lot of satisfaction from his work with the people he counseled and the people he brought into the church," Toole added.

Toole, one of five children, was born in Hudson Falls and grew up in Fort Edward. He entered the seminary at age 20, attending both St. Andrew's in Rochester and St. Joseph's in Yonkers.

He was ordained by Bishop William Scully in May, 1958 at age 28. Sadly, his brother Jim died of a kidney disorder the following September.

After serving as an assistant at various parishes, Toole became pastor of his first church, St. Vincent's in Cobleskill, in 1971.

"(Becoming pastor) was like a breakthrough," Toole said, "because in a sense you become your own boss. You're not really your own boss, because the bishop is your boss, but you have more freedom than being an assistant pastor."

Toole has been pastor at St. Matthew's since 1976.

Former associate pastor, the Rev. John O'Grady, has been with the parish part-time for 26 years. He said that "Toole carried on the traditions of the Rev. John Keefe (former pastor) by encouraging full participation of all parishioners."



The Rev. Arthur Toole

O'Grady said the church has grown tremendously under Toole's direction and now has more than 900 families.

The original church, built in 1962, only held 200 people. It was expanded 15 years ago to accommodate 400 people. O'Grady credits Toole's way of making people feel welcome for the way the parish has grown.

Parish secretary Karen Finnessey said, "(Toole) has a really good balance and knows how to relate to people."

Toole said he thinks the parish has grown because so many people are interested in spirituality. "I think there is a deep interest in faith even among the young," Toole said. "They don't always go to church, but on the other hand, they seem interested spiritually."

St. Matthew's has very active religious education and youth ministry programs. Parish youth attend national conferences, assist at church events and raise funds.

Toole said the youth ministry

also tries to get involved in social issues such as helping the homeless.

Toole has been instrumental in the development of different parish groups including new religious education programs and the church's liturgical committee.

Parishioners also developed the newly renamed New Scotland Food Pantry to help all needy members of the community.

Another of Toole's accomplishments has been the year-old parish center that bears his name.

Finnessey said before the parish center was built, all social, church and educational events were held in the church. The new center has a social hall, two offices and eight classrooms.

Toole recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. "It was a wonderful celebration," Toole said.

The church was decked with red and white flags, banners and flowers. After an anniversary Mass, the parish honored Toole with a reception in the parish center.

More than 500 friends and family members attended the celebration on May 31. There was a private dinner for Toole's family and closest friends afterward.

Toole received the surprise gift of a Papal blessing from the Vatican. "It's very meaningful to get a blessing from the head of the church," he said.

Toole, 68, doesn't have any regrets about his life decision. "There have always been times of discouragement and doubts," Toole adds, "But nothing specific to make me doubt (my choice)."

He hopes to continue at St. Matthew's until his retirement and then plans to help out at the parish, health permitting. "I plan to retire sometime before 75," Toole added.

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Elm Avenue Park celebrating 25th

By Peter Hanson

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is ready to party. This weekend, the department is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Elm Avenue Park with a pair of festivals.



Austin

On Friday, June 19, the local rock band Hair of the Dog will perform by the pool from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.; refreshments and gourmet coffees will be available. The pool will stay open late for the occasion.

"The way we've been promoting it is, let us watch the kids in the pool why you enjoy Hair of the Dog," said parks and recreation administrator David Austin.

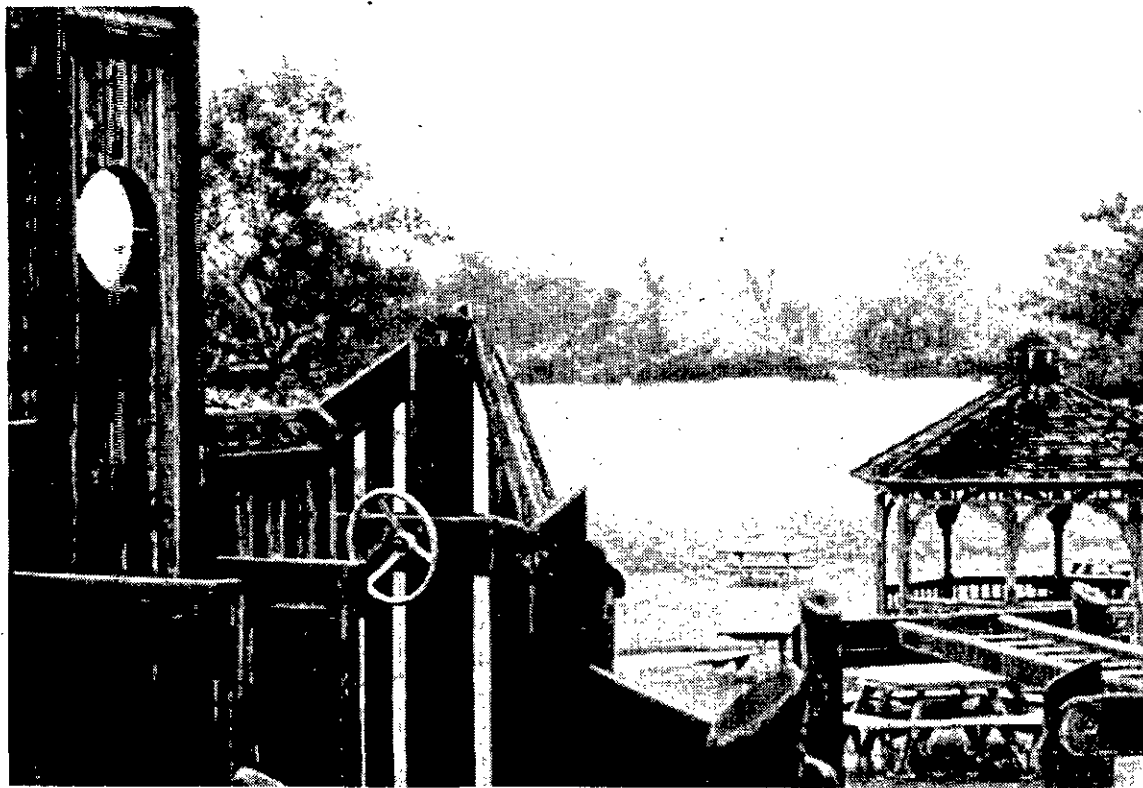
And on Sunday, June 21, children's entertainers will be on hand from 1 to 4 p.m. "It's one of the larger events we've had in recent years," Austin said. "We're calling it Bethlehem's biggest birthday party." The event will feature clowns, a magic show, dancing, rides and music by Kevin Thompson.

"I think it's a special year for the park," Austin said. "The park has grown a lot in 25 years. It's something the town is fortunate to have, because it's a large facility with a lot of services."

Although it opened on Memorial Day in 1973, the park's roots stem back to 1972, when the town bought 40 acres and began developing them for recreational use. Since then, changes to the park — some major, some minor — have occurred nearly every year. Today, the park is comprised of about 160 acres.

Featuring pools, playing fields and pavilions, the park is used year-round by town residents. As a measure of how attendance has grown over the years, Austin said 103,000 people visited the park in 1984 and 187,846 came last year.

As the park has evolved, some



The large playground in Elm Avenue Park was installed in 1991.

Constance Pakatar

of its attractions have proven more useful than previously imagined. For instance, Austin said, the park's trail was designed as a "fitness trail" with spaces where joggers could stop and exercise while they were running.

"The run really has turned into a nice nature trail," Austin said. "It's just a beautiful place to walk, because it winds through the woods and down into the valley. It's very tranquil back there."

On the occasion of the park's 25th anniversary, Austin described some of the highlights of the park's growth over the years.

- In 1973, the park opened with an Olympic-sized pool, a diving pool, two kiddie pools, a bathhouse and tennis courts.

- In 1975, the department's administration building, located at 261 Elm Ave. in the park, was constructed.

- In 1976, maintenance and storage buildings were added, as well as four more tennis courts, an

intermediate size pool and a few playing fields.

- In 1977, the town purchased 79 more acres for the park and constructed two small picnic pavilions.

- In 1980, the town made its most recent land acquisition for the park, adding 41 acres.

- In 1981, the fitness trail was established.

- In 1983, GE Selkirk donated the park's large picnic pavilion. Rentals of the pavilions are one of the park's sources of income.

- In 1984, a small playground was built.

- In 1987, more playing fields were added, and in 1988, a large storage building was constructed.

- In 1991, the park's large playground was constructed.

- In 1993, another playing field was added and parking areas were expanded; this led the way to the construction of a new exit from the park in 1994.

- In 1996, another playing field was added near Line Drive on the north side of the park, and last year, soccer fields were put in place.

Today, the park borders the Delmar Bypass Extension to the north and Route 32 to the east. Its southern and western sides abut private property.

"The usable land is pretty much at capacity right now," Austin said.

Austin said money for the park comes from general fund tax dollars as well as pavilion rental fees, the leases on concession stands and pool and parking fees.

"Elm Avenue Park will generate about \$110,000 this year," Austin said. "That doesn't cover all the costs of operating the park, but it covers a lot of them."

Austin said that during his 10 years as administrator of parks and recreation and the nine years he spent as assistant director, residents and town officials have always been willing to support the park's needs.

"I think the supervisors and the town boards I've worked for have been very understanding of the need to expand the park, especially in the last five or six years," Austin said.

"You know, the park is like a 25-year-old house," he added. "We have a large investment here, and we have to maintain it."

For information about the park's anniversary celebrations, call 439-4131.

Food stamp rep to visit town hall

Bethlehem Senior Services, the food pantry and Albany County Social Services Department sponsor a Nutrition Assistance Program for residents of any age living in our area.

A representative from the Food Stamp Division will be at Bethlehem town hall the first Monday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon to assist individuals with applications or recertifications.

Appointments can be made for private 45 minute conferences by calling 439-4955 ext. 173.

Glenmont church celebrates 40th

Glenmont Community Reformed Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a weekend of events.

A reception featuring a look at the church's history is planned for Friday, June 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. A family picnic will be held on Saturday, June 20, at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

The day includes a hot dog lunch at noon, fun and games and dinner at 5 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3 to 12. The picnic is free for children ages 2 and under.

The weekend will end with a special commemorative service on Sunday, June 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the church on Chapel Lane.

For reception and/or picnic reservations, call Sally Wiggand at 465-8415.

A white glass Christmas ornament with a rendering of the church in gold, is being sold to commemorate the anniversary.

Ornaments cost \$10 each. To place an order, call Lynda Schoonbeck at 463-6806.

Five Rivers offers wildflower walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a wildflower walk on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m.

The walk will focus on the many common wildflowers we have known all our lives, but were actually brought to this country from Europe, Asia or Africa centuries ago. Brief histories of introduced and native flowering plants will be highlighted.

The program is free of charge. Participants should dress for the outdoors and wear comfortable shoes. For information, call 475-0291.

New Scotland Museum sets summer hours

The New Scotland Museum, located just off Route 85 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Scotland, will be open Sundays through Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

During July and August the museum, which tells the history of the town of New Scotland, will also be open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

A new exhibit features a diorama of the hamlet of New Scotland.

For information, call Ann Eberle at 765-2071.

Rev's kitchen to serve lunch

Rev's Country Kitchen at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church at 65 Willowbrook Ave. will serve summer lunches every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A la carte lunches will feature homemade soup, a salad plate of the day, special of the day (meat, potato and vegetable), hot dogs, beverages and a variety of homemade desserts.

Takeouts will be available and deliveries can be made to area businesses.

The church's thrift shop will be open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 767-2281.



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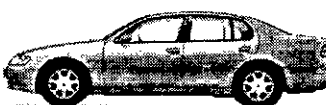
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Controversy

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on the well, which may reveal whether enough water can be drawn from the Hudson River aquifer to pump six million gallons per day (gpd) through the system.

Brust offered to share the cost of the well with J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, the other firm the town is suing. Fraser designed the bulk of the water system, and Rust designed the \$1.5 million intake gallery.

The debate at last week's meeting began when Robert J. Alessi, the attorney representing the town in its suits against Rust and Fraser, explained Brust's offer.

"I'm going to be circumspect, but I hope the information I give you is enough for you to make your decision," he said, explaining that answering too many questions about the proposal during a public meeting might compromise the town's legal position. "Tonight, particularly, (this discussion) is sensitive."

Identical proposals

Alessi said Rust's proposal is identical to the one prepared by O'Brien & Gere, the engineering firm the town is using to study the water system, and said O'Brien & Gere would still be involved even though another firm would do the actual work.

"O'Brien & Gere will be overseeing and evaluating whatever Rust would do," he said. "O'Brien & Gere would prepare a report, just as they would have in the original proposal."

O'Brien & Gere plans to charge \$18,000 to oversee the project. In the original proposal, \$28,000 was allocated for oversight and \$26,000 for actual construction. This means accepting Rust's offer would save the town about \$35,000, not the full \$52,000 as previously reported.

"I am mindful that the parties who are proposing to doing this are parties in a lawsuit," Alessi said. "O'Brien & Gere has assured me that the integrity of the testing, the integrity of the data and the integrity of results will not be impacted."

Alessi declined to explain the legal ramifications of accepting Rust's proposal, but said, "We have our reasons, from a litigation position, for recommending this."

Board member Doris Davis asked Alessi if Rust or Fraser could use the test well against the town in court as proof the town "trusts their competence."

"No," Alessi said. "There would be a stipulation that... neither party would be able to use this event in litigation." Alessi said that even though Rust and Fraser couldn't use the test well in court, they might use it "in the public arena" to prove good faith.

A dissenting voice

Alessi said he thinks Rust offered help in order to reduce monetary damages the town will seek in court. "I have thought through all the nefarious reasons why (they might have made the offer)," he said, "and I am comfortable that... we are protected."

Susan Burns, the board's only Democrat, then began to debate with Alessi and Anthony Geiss, the O'Brien & Gere engineer who was at the meeting, about what she saw as vague language in Rust's offer.

"Let's have some common sense," she said. "I may be a skeptic, but you don't get something for nothing." Burns introduced a motion to table the proposal pending further investigation, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Burns then raised a host of questions, stating that information about the well had been kept from her. Burns also accused Alessi of making inaccurate statements. Alessi, Geiss and town Supervisor Sheila Fuller all tried to correct what they saw as a misunderstanding on Burns' part, but Burns insisted she had not been given the same information as other board members.

Although Alessi, Geiss and Fuller repeatedly said Rust's proposal is virtually the same as O'Brien & Gere's, Burns said she didn't feel comfortable voting until she saw a full proposal in writing.

Fuller asked Alessi to elaborate on the legal ramifications of Rust's proposal. "What is the down side if we don't accept this proposal?" she asked. "Is that an opportunity for (Rust and Fraser) to say they've helped?"

"Most of the down sides, I would not want to discuss in public," Alessi answered. He did say that if the town turns Rust's offer down, the town might have difficulty recovering the test well costs because Rust had offered to mitigate those costs.

Clearwater queries

Prior to the board's vote, three members of the citizens' group Clearwater for Bethlehem grilled Alessi and Geiss about the proposal. Sherwood Davies asked Geiss a number of technical questions and expressed his concern that water near the proposed test well site is laden with iron. Geiss assured Davies that wasn't a problem.

Davies asked how much it would cost to convert the test well into a production well if it proved able to draw one million gpd, which would make a substantial contribution to the water system's output. Geiss estimated the cost at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Although O'Brien & Gere's original proposal called for construction of the well in mid-June, Geiss said, "We haven't started

any work because the Rust proposal came up before we could get started."

Clearwater's Linda Burtis thanked the board for allowing discussion before voting, but became embroiled in terse exchanges with Davis and Fuller when she repeated her longtime concerns about the water system as a whole.

At one point, Alessi asked Burtis to cease a line of questioning. "All we're going to do is provide fodder for the defendants (in the lawsuit)," he said.

Burtis asked several times if accepting Rust's proposal jeopardized the town's legal position, and town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz assured her it would not.

Burtis queried the board about why it didn't support Burns' motion to wait two weeks before vot-

ing on Rust's proposal. "We have a new board member who is raising question after question," she said, "and yet every vote has been unanimous to move along."

Davis reminded Burtis how many years the town has spent trying to correct its water problems, then said, "We need to move forward."

Clearwater member Bill Kelleher said he supported Rust's proposal because he feels it proves the town gave Rust a chance to fix the water system. Kelleher said he thinks this is good legal strategy.

As the discussion drew to a close, Alessi commented, "This just goes to show what happens when you try to disclose fully." The board then voted 4-1 to accept Rust's proposal, with work scheduled to begin June 15. Burns' was the only negative vote.

Rust offers its side of the story

By Peter Hanson

After lying low through most of the legal battling over Bethlehem's water system, representatives of Rust Environmental & Infrastructure offered their side of the story this week. In a brief phone interview with *The Spotlight*, vice president John Brust said many statements attorneys have made about his firm are wrong.

"We were not a designer on the water system," Brust said. "We did a hydrogeologic survey and we ran some predictive models." Brust and his company's attorney, Roland Cavalier of Harris, Beach, Wilcox, said Rust only made recommendations, not all of which were executed by water system designers.

Furthermore, Cavalier said Brust's June 5 offer to dig a test well doesn't represent a sudden turnabout. "Rust made the offer over a year ago in writing, before there was any litigation," Cavalier said.

Brust, who said he was disappointed when his company was brought into the lawsuit, said he stands by the work he did for the town.

When the water system's problems became evident, Brust said, "The first thing I did was tell town officials we wanted to help. We don't walk

away from clients with problems."

Brust said he's stayed out of the fray on purpose during the past few months. "I've been very quiet," he said. "I'm not going to go into the papers and fight with a customer. The town has been a good customer, and Fraser has been a good customer."

Cavalier said Brust decided to speak up now because misinformation about his firm is being disseminated.

One of the most widely-discussed developments of the town's water litigation has been the entrance of Rust into the suit. Rust, which did subcontract work for the water system's designer, J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, is in a position to pay more monetary damages than Fraser.

Cavalier said he's not surprised Rust was brought into the suit. "It's standard operating procedure to sue everyone in sight, then let the facts sort themselves out," Cavalier said.

Brust and Cavalier requested an opportunity to discuss their side of the story in a formal interview with *The Spotlight*. The date of that interview has not yet been set.

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Not shy, but retiring

Dick Ahlstrom will retire at the end of the month, and Spotlight Newspapers will have a new owner.

Dick Ahlstrom bought *The Spotlight* 18 years ago "as a little retirement venture" after a long career with the *New York Daily News*. Dick and Mary Ahlstrom both thought that Delmar would be a nice place to retire. Eighteen years later, they still do. When Dick announced his "new retirement venture" last week, there were tears and gloomy faces at the Spotlight office, soon followed by thank yous and we'll miss you from the staff.

Under Ahlstrom's leadership *The Spotlight* became a full-fledged newspaper, and sister papers, the *Colonie Spotlight* and *Loudonville Weekly* were established.

To us, the Ahlstroms are more than "bosses." They are more like family — like parents who always try to do the right thing — like longtime trusted friends. They gave us opportunity to grow and flourish and helped us move on when we failed.

We want them to know how much we have appreciated their support and guidance, their humor and wisdom and their strength. We have learned from them and will not forget them. (And, Mary, we hope you keep us on your "prayer list").

We also welcome new owner Stewart Hancock, who will officially take over July 1. Hancock is publisher of Eagle Newspapers, comprised of 12 weeklies in the Syracuse area. Hancock, who champions local news coverage, should fit right in in Bethlehem, New Scotland and Colonie.

Getting on with it

After a tumultuous town board meeting last week, Bethlehem's beleaguered water system will face another test to determine whether it can be salvaged. The board voted 4-1 to allow Rust Environmental & Infrastructure (a company that is currently being sued by the town) to build a well at the current site.

Although, it seems unusual in light of the current lawsuit, the decision to have Rust to the work will save the town \$32,000 and saving that kind of money makes sense. In light of this fact, and with board attorney Bob Alessi's assurances and the engineering firm of O'Brien & Gere overseeing the construction of the new well, the board likely did the right thing.

The important thing is to get to the root of the problem so that it can be finally solved. The board won't solve the problem by studying it further; the issue has already been on the table for too long.

Dad's big day

Father's Day has always played second fiddle to Mother's Day in the realm of minor American restaurant-greeting card holidays.

Tom Murnane's Point of View on the subject of becoming a new father illustrates why — from the physical ordeal of childbirth through most of two decades of child rearing, mothers are traditionally, perhaps even genetically programmed, to be the parent closer to the child.

Yet fathers are undeniably essential to raising healthy children, as study after study has revealed the dire sociological impact of the American epidemic of single-parent-hood.

A supportive, provident father provides a role model for sons and a male benchmark for daughters. And the modern father's role has evolved beyond mere bread-winning and discipline, with more dads than ever helping out with household chores, soccer commuting and school volunteering.

Above all, as Murnane makes clear, fathers provide children with a second dose of unconditional love. That alone should be worth a good dinner and a card.

Editorials

Baby brings changes for new dad

By Tom Murnane

The writer is a former Spotlight reporter.

My wife Norreida gave birth to our daughter Margaret on June 7 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Here we were in the delivery room, Norreida; our 13-year-old daughter Melissa; our friend Rachel and Norreida's mother Melody.

Point of View

We were the cheering section Norreida had wanted for her natural childbirth, holding her and helping her know when the nurse and doctors wanted her to breathe or push (and often telling the doctor and nurse when Norreida was demanding to push).

And because all those childbirth books say to be totally supportive of the mother in the delivery room, I didn't say anything when Norreida grabbed a handful of my hair (still attached) for leverage when she began pushing.

And I even feigned a smile as she began choking me when simply grabbing my hair was no longer sufficient.

It was when Norreida began grimacing and growling like Lou Ferrigno's 1970s version of the Incredible Hulk, though, that her mother began to see her in the same light I had since we met five years earlier in college — as an incredibly strong, determined woman.

Later, Melody told Norreida as much, saying she was awed by seeing her go through the delivery without the help of any drugs.

But I didn't hear any of this, because I was in an adjoining room, leaning over the warmer where little Margaret had been taken.

Alone with my new daughter while the doctors and nurses took care of Norreida behind me, the tears began to flow freely as nine months of anticipation were sud-



The Murnane family, Tom, Norreida, baby Margaret and Melissa Severson.

denly over.

Until now, the real work had been Norreida's, but no more. Suddenly, in mere moments, fatherhood was staring up at me in this beautiful, 8 pound, 13 ounce baby with a full head of dark hair.

True, for more than two years I had already been a father to Melissa, Norreida's daughter from a previous marriage. But there's something quite humbling at the prospect of being the father of a newborn child.

Thoughts rushed through my head as I wiped away my tears. I loved my new daughter with all my heart, but several questions lingered. What kind of father would I be to her? Was I ready to teach, guide and prepare her to eventually venture out on her own into the world?

Yes and no were the answers I found.

As far as providing all of the love and support a person can for a child, I know in my heart I was always meant to be a father.

I have loved caring for Melissa, knowing this now young woman depends on me for everything from providing a roof over her head,

food on the table, encouragement in school and taxi service to the mall as well as serving as a watchdog for boys and, sometimes, just being there to listen.

And with Margaret last week, I'll never forget the sheer joy of holding her for the first time. But on another front, I realized I still had some growing up to do.

With Melissa and even more with Margaret, I've been forced to do just that, sending Peter Pan kicking and screaming into that good night.

I also understand that if I'm going to be a good father, I can't always do it alone.

Along the way, I have had several excellent role models, beginning with my own mother and father, who taught me, above all else, the art of patience.

Like me, I know it might be a couple of decades before my own children begin to understand what I have tried to do for them. Even at age 33, I know I still haven't come close to thanking my folks enough for everything they did on my behalf.

Then there was Jay Gallagher,

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the boss for my internship with Gannett News Service. Only now do I fully appreciate the pressure he was under to have his reporters' stories finished by 3 p.m. on the days his daughter had a soccer game (aka the dreaded "soccer deadlines").

Somehow, Jay was able to find that elusive balance between work and family. I didn't think this was possible, but others in the business whom I also respect have shown me that Jay's approach is no fluke.

Then there are my friends, one or two of whom I am especially grateful to for reminding me that I have to finish my college degree as soon as possible if I hope to be a better provider.

But of all the guides I have for being a good father, I'd have to say my best teacher is my wife.

Following a divorce that left her alone at age 23 with a four-year-old daughter, Norreida moved back to New York and earned her college degree.

Meanwhile, Melissa stayed with Norreida's father and stepmother up north in Whitehall, to and from which Norreida commuted each weekend to see her daughter.

Being separated from Melissa broke her heart, but Norreida knew exactly what she had to do for them to have a better life together.

Norreida's mother saw that same determination in her daughter's face last week in the delivery room.

And remembering how much Norreida had sacrificed for Melissa also serves as a source of inspiration for just about everything I do.

For example, I recently gave up a journalism fellowship to be with my wife for Margaret's very, very late arrival.

I had applied for the fellowship last year and it meant a great deal to me, but it didn't even register in comparison to the importance of being there for my wife and baby.

Perhaps a couple of decades from now, Margaret will begin to understand how simple a choice it was.

I can wait, though. After all, I learned from the best.

Writer praises Dem councilwoman

Editor, The Spotlight:

History was made at last week's town board meeting when Councilwoman Susan Burns (who happens to come from a different party than everyone else on the board) did something that no one has had the courage to do in the seven years that the water issue has been around — she voted nay, rather than yea.

Up until that moment last Wednesday, every vote had been a unanimous yea. Over and over again, board members rubber-stamped the disastrous decisions made by town Supervisor Sheila Fuller — decisions that could still have us drinking from the Hudson River, as well as leave the community with both dried up wells and a \$13 million tab.

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It boggles my mind to even imagine that there wasn't one time when someone on the board might have seen the right thing to do would have been to think independently, or simply listen to the voice of the people — whether it was weighing the pros and cons of dredging the river, or taking seriously the suggestions for Clearwater for Bethlehem engineer Bill Kelleher, who predicted as early as 1991 that the wells would clog up. Indeed, they have clogged up, and Bethlehem's new water system is in jeopardy.

Susan Burns is more than a breath of fresh air on the town

board. She is an opportunity to see the democratic process really happen in Bethlehem. The good news is that you can see it tonight, June 17, at 7 p.m. on TV31.

Linda Anne Burtis

Clearwater for Bethlehem founder

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Garden tour was wonderful

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Garden Tour was a wonderful event. A big applause to Bethlehem First and their volunteers, and the homeowners with the beautiful gardens and the hostesses from Bethlehem Garden Club.

It was a thrill to walk through the yards of people who take so much care and pride in making their

homes so beautiful. I loved talking to some of the homeowners who were giving tours and answering questions. All their hard work showed, and all really enjoyed it. What a great annual event. What a great town we live in.

Nancy Karins Mendick
Glenmont

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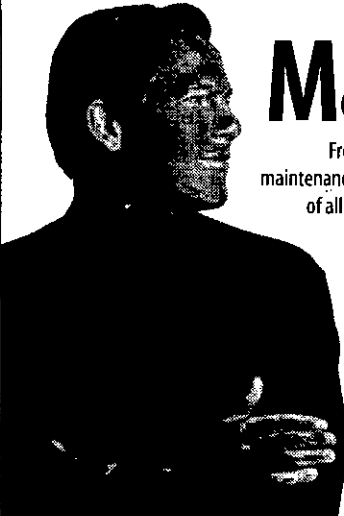


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Mom shows gratitude to Slingerlands nurses

Editor, The Spotlight:

As my daughter Maia winds up fifth grade at Slingerlands, I realize the need to loudly thank two unsung heroes, Eileen Perkins and Lynn Horne, the school nurses.

Mrs. Perkins' kind and gentle skill can handle everything from sudden and acute illness to hurt feelings. Her great sense of humor and respectful relationship with the kids provide a safe, loving atmosphere.

Mrs. Horne's presence this year has added even more medical expertise. Her diligent work informing parents of all current health information, especially the recent Epi-Pen recalls, is a true asset to the community.

I feel very fortunate to have had

the excellent quality of medical care for my child's school days. But equally important and valuable has been the warm nurturing.

How many times in the past five years has a hug or a tease from Mrs. Perkins turned a sad moment into a happy one — as many as the Band-aids and ice packs dispensed.

Thank you Eileen and Lynne.

Jean DePorte
Delmar

Clarification

Elm Avenue Lutheran Church was inadvertently omitted in Helen Adler's letter of appreciation from HILL for the use of local meeting sites.

Parent supports contract for BCUEA

Editor, The Spotlight:

As an educator and parent of a Bethlehem Central Middle School student, I would like to voice my support for members of the Bethlehem Central Employees Association in their attempt to negotiate a fair contract with the Bethlehem school board.

True excellence in education can only be achieved when the school community is characterized by justice and fairness for all its members — including the workers who transport students

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and provide cafeteria services. BCUEA members have gone two years without improvements in pay, benefits and working conditions — a time in which local schools have reaped the benefits of record surpluses in the state coffers. Educational excellence must be judged by much more than students receiving high test scores and academic accolades.

Educational excellence also includes understanding and acting on principles of justice and fairness within a democracy.

Corporate America is systematically destroying millions of decent-paying public sector jobs for working people. I urge the Bethlehem school board to resist privatization of public education and give BCUEA a fair contract now.

E. Wayne Ross
Albany

BCAA pres says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association held its 53rd Awards Picnic at the town park June 4. This end-of-the-year event honors our student athletes. This year, we again had 19 scholar/athletic teams recognized in addition to the teams participating in Sectional playoffs.

At this time, I would like to thank Alan Lobel of Lobel Wholesale Distributors for his generous donation toward the picnic and to Price Chopper for its generous contributions and support to offset the cost of the event.

The BCAA is an organization that supports our athletes and coaches through scholarships for camps and senior scholarships in addition to providing all the

award plaques for the teams. We also supply a support system for all 65 teams. Money raised through our fund-raisers, most specifically the All Sports Book go directly back to our teams. If you received a patron/sponsor letter and have not responded, there is still time. Please send it in so you can be part of helping our athletes of all ages.

This year, we said farewell and thank you to three very special people who have given so much of their lives to the athletes in our district — Brad and Mary Snyder and Bruce Svare.

Brad and Mary we wish you well and will truly miss you.

Marge Kanuk
BCAA president

BCHS kids set example for peers

Editor, The Spotlight:

First of all, I would like to thank Bethlehem Central High School prom organizers for giving me the pleasure of entertaining this year. However, that is not the reason for this letter. I feel as though in this day and age, high school kids need to hear something positive about themselves and their generation.

With all the negative publicity in the media and all of the confusion that kids face today, it is sometimes easy for teen-agers to forget that they are not always what society has branded them to be.

With that said, I wanted to let all of the students, parents and faculty of BCHS know that they are doing something very right. On average, I deal directly with about 30 schools a year and I have never met and worked with such a group of kids. They were respectful, fun-loving, extremely well-mannered — in a word — classy. They proved that a class can get together and just have fun without the need for fighting, vulgarity or foreign substances. As I am only a few years older than the students who were in attendance, I have witnessed both sides of what my generation is capable of, and as long as the students of Bethlehem continue in the direction they are going, there will be an important place for them in the future.

I tip my hat to BCHS!

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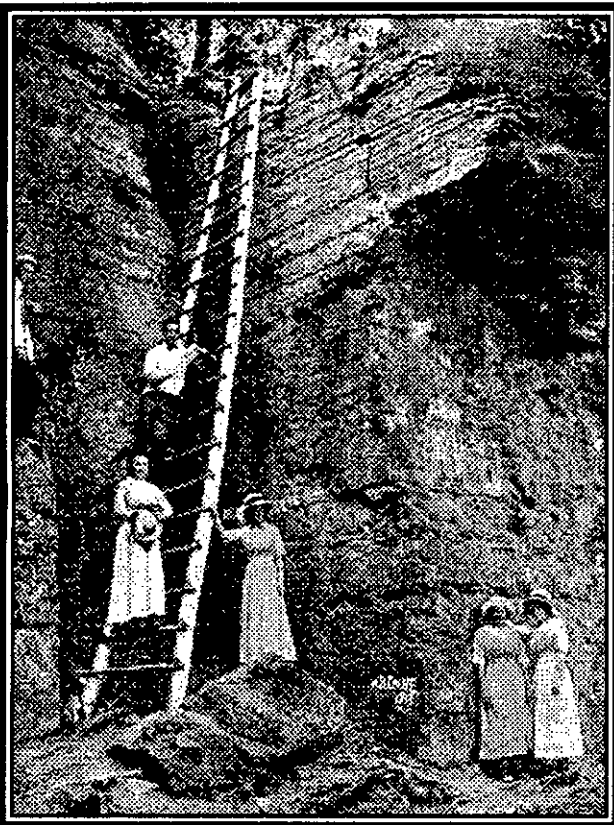
Highway crew deserves our thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

It's time for a big thank you to Bethlehem's highway superintendent Gregg Sagendorph and his staff for the excellence with which they performed and are still performing the clean up of debris left by the recent thunderstorm.

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Attend public fireworks displays to avoid harm

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the more than 1,200 eye physicians and surgeons who are members of the New York State Ophthalmological Society, I am writing to encourage readers to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday safely and responsibly by attending public fireworks displays rather than using fireworks at home.

Many people are unaware of the very real dangers that fireworks pose to eye safety, and the staggering incidence of accidents and loss of vision that occur each year.

- Approximately 2,000 eye injuries are caused each year by use of consumer fireworks.

- About one-third of these injuries result in permanent eye damage and one-quarter in permanent vision loss or blindness.

- Almost one in 20 fireworks-related eye injury victims lose all useful vision or require removal of the eye.

Letters

One fourth of all eye injuries are inflicted by bystanders.

- The single most dangerous type of firework is the bottle rocket, which flies erratically and causes bystander injuries. The bottles and cans used to launch them often explode, showering fragments of glass and metal.

- Sparklers, often given to young children, burn at 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, a temperature nearly hot enough to melt gold.

Attending a fireworks display on the Fourth is a safe and patriotic way to honor our tradition of independence, our shared values and our hopes for a healthy future.

Samuel Packer, M.D.

NYSOS president

Many helped to make Honors Dinner a success

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Central Middle School PTA would like to congratulate all the eighth-grade students who were recognized at the Honors Dinner by the PTA. The event celebrates their academic achievements during middle school years. Our hats are off to you!

The PTA would also like to thank all the families who contributed to the evening's success with their wonderful salads and desserts. We wish to give special thanks to the parents, BCMS staff and students who gave their time on the evening of the dinner - Karen Ayers, Bobbie Amiri, Kandy Bradley, Nancy Heinzen, Susan Nerod, Kelly Kovey, Leah Mosall and Beth Mosall.

The following local businesses also deserve recognition for their help with this event - McCarroll's The Village Butcher, Price Chopper and Delmar Beverage Center.

Without our good neighbors, these events would not be as wonderful.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to Steve Lobban for his guidance of our students and Dave Palmer, our guest speaker. He will be missed.

Jeff Zogg

PTA president

Nanci Mosall

Honors Dinner chairwoman

Fax it to us

Why not fax your letters to *The Spotlight* at 439-0609? Remember, all letters must carry the writer's signature, address and phone number.

BC senior unhappy with administrators

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a graduating student of Bethlehem Central High School, I would say that I have had a most valuable four years at the school. I have had great academic opportunities and experiences, and I feel that some of the best and nicest teachers I have had (and will ever have) taught me at Bethlehem.

But mostly, I have benefited from a social scene at the school and forged close and strong friendships. As a student, I have benefited as well by learning new and better ways to communicate with my peers, and I have twice served as an officer for the class of 1998. I feel proud to be a member of this closely-knit class, in which there are many different and unique students.

However, in our last week of school, the class of '98 has looked bad because of two over-the-top senior pranks, in which property and faculty were injured. Though both incidents weren't intended maliciously, and the students involved were good students, there will undoubtedly be consequences on the school and its students for years to come.

Though these particular pranks shouldn't be regarded as acceptable, they were the inevitable result of a school environment in which there is a miscommunication between the administration and the student body.

Until the administration of BCHS can improve its relations with students, these same results will be heaped upon the school and its students, in the form of immature backlashes by the stu-

dents to an administration unwilling to communicate.

One such reason BCHS students foolishly feel inclined to commit such acts is because they feel a general disrespect toward the school which, for the most part, fosters this view by often not listening when students have complaints and suggestions. By turning a deaf ear to the students, the administration only encourages acts of destruction and disrespect.

I feel I am a good example of a student who has had trouble communicating with the administration. This spring, when an employee of the school exaggerated and lied on a discipline referral slip about me, my complaints went unheard with the exception of one dean, who didn't happen to be my own.

On other occasions I have also felt that other reasonable complaints haven't been heard. For example, at another time this year, when I wrote a mature and clear proposal to speak to the Student Senate (a wing of student government weakly associated with rule making) about a Walkman and electronic device issue and was

promised a chance to speak, I never received the chance and wasn't given a reason. And I am not alone.

The students of BCHS must take a mature attempt to ask that their voices be heard. The administration must listen to create better relations with students.

Students who are not heard, must show up in numbers at school board and student government meetings and communicate peacefully and maturely.

If this relationship can exist, and students are treated as adults, then students will be expected to, and will act like adults. If students and administration act like adults, then the end-of-the-year pranks and destruction will not occur. A healthy relationship between students and administration must take effect.

Paul Lane Esmond

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William Thomas — Hamilton College Book Award

Calvin Miaw — Harvard Book Award

Lily Corrigan — Williams College Book Award

Jessica Berlow — Smith College Book Award

Lily Rabinoff-Goldman — Wellesley College Book Award

Amy Napper — Clarkson High School Leadership Award

Lisa Jacobs — Clarkson Achievement Award

Caryn Barnet — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award

Calvin Miaw — Bausch and Lomb Science Award

Joshua Ferrentino and Elizabeth Fox Solomon — Society of the Mayflower Descendants Award

Grace Ting — Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award

Scheherazade Lacy — RIT/USA Quality Cup Medal and Scholarship Program

Melissa Rifkin — Xerox Award Winner

Eamonn Brennan and Jill Foster — Supervisor's Young Artist

Awards

Emily Hitter and Peter Wagle — Advanced Art Awards

Grace Ting and Lisa Chang — Advanced Photography

Jeremy Arenos — Photography Award

Marcy Goedeke and Kara Koenig — Advertising Design Award

Lucas Gray, Michelle Yates, Lauren McCarroll, and Claire Vancik-Painting and Drawing Award

Wesley Miaw and Erica St. Lucia — Illustration award

Jean Laraway and Khalid Umar — Sculpture Award

Andri Bezzola — Ceramics Award

Michelle McManus — Jewelry Award

Kerry McGlynn — Fibers and Fashions Award

Michael Bredderman — Video Art Award

Madison Brookshire — National Council of Teachers of English Writing Awards

William Thomas (1st place) and Louis Sussman (2nd place) — English Department Writing Contest Awards for Poetry

Daniel Laiosa (1st place) and Anna Itov (2nd place) — English Department Writing Contest Awards for Short Stories

Louis Wittig (1st place) and Lily Corrigan — English Department Writing Contest Awards for Essay

Robin Amiri and John Bragle — Survey of Shakespeare Award

Ashley Mettauer, Adam Guzik, Alissa Johnson, Leah Hennessy, Brian Lobel, and Sarah Feedore — The Theater Arts Award

Kristen Reinertsen and Anastasia Limniatis — Comedies Award

Serguei Vassilvitskii and Emma Samelson-Jones — Mathematics Department/Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Award

Emily Prudente — John Philip Sousa Band Award

Tariq Sheikh — Director's Award for Band

Matthew Cook — Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Sara Hughes — National School Orchestra Award

Rachel Arcus and James Bell — National School Choral Award

Kathleen Moon — Senior Service Award for Choral

Matthew Cook — 'Semper Fidelis' Award for Music Excellence Presented by the United States Marine Youth Foundation — \$50

Sara Hughes and Elizabeth Marvin — Bethlehem Music Association Award — \$50

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Sara Hughes, Elizabeth Marvin, Calvin Miaw and Emily Prudente — New York State Music Association All-State Conference

Stephen Demermuth — BCHS Excellence in Technology Education Award

Roberta Cleary — BCHS Excellence in Culinary Arts Award

Rebecca Wiggand — BCHS Excellence in Child and Family Learning

Thomas Rydberg — BCHS Excellence in Apprenticeship

Brian Davies — Marine Corps Distinctive Athlete Awards

Amy Venter, Timothy Kavanagh — Army Scholar-Athlete Award

Sarah MacDowell — BCHS Award Excellence in Spanish

Rachel Frone — BCHS Award Outstanding Achievement in Spanish

Elizabeth Anderson — BCHS Award Excellence in French

Cecilia Logue — BCHS Award Outstanding Achievement in French

The American Classical League and The National Junior Classical League Award: Gold Medal — David Elefante, Danielle Blanch, Sam Abrams, Bridget Murray, Lily Corrigan, Rebecca Hoghe, Christine D'Aleo, Rachel Copp, Kristen Lytle, Mathew Via and William White.

Silver Medal and Certificate: Kim Hitter, Rebecca Maskin, Emily Kerwin, Melanie Baker, Adam Guzik, Michelle Kagan, Nicole Privitera, Andrea Prudente, Alissa Kind, Lauren Murray, Andrew Hayes, Mary Gecewicz and Anne McEwan.

Excellent Achievement on the National Latin Exam — Joshua Myer, Gen Gnacik, Irie Dunne, Lauren Peterson, Charles Abba,

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Brian Davies — Herman Brown Award

Paul Esmond — Karner Psychological/Eugene Debs Award

Amy Venter — The DARAmerican History Award Tawasentha Chapter

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Erin Virgil — Slingerlands PTA Senior Award

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Gavin Burt — Greater Capital Region Business and Professional Women's Club

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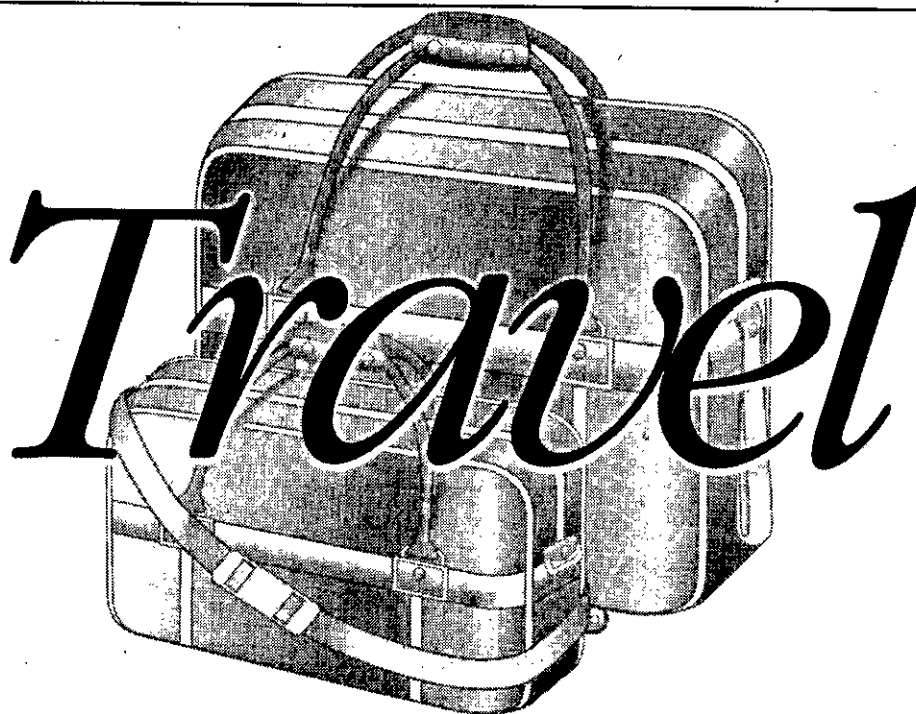
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Delmar dentist offers orthodontics
Gary Nelson, a general dentist with offices at 274 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, was recently awarded board-eligible status in the International Association of Orthodontics.

To achieve such a level, Nelson was required to present many completed orthodontic cases (of varying degrees of difficulty) before a board of his peers and orthodontic examiners. In addition, he has completed more than 500 hours in continuing education in the field of orthodontics.

Nelson's office offers a full range of general dentistry and comprehensive orthodontic treatment for children and adults.

Local marine aboard ship
Marine Cpl. James Banahan, son of James and Bonnie Banahan Sr. of Selkirk, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

Banahan is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

Church to serve strawberry supper

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will dish up a strawberry supper on Saturday, June 20, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. For reservations, call 767-9693.

TOPS group meets at Delmar church

ATOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group meets Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue.

The group motivates people to think of sensible ways to lose weight through group participation and sharing. For information, call 432-5709.

Delmar library sets volunteer workshop

Bethlehem Public Library has schedule a summer volunteer workshop for Friday, June 26, at 11 a.m. for youth in sixth-grade and up.

Volunteers help at the summer reading club desk, with special summer programs and by reading to children.

All volunteers, regardless of previous library service, must register, fill out a permission slip, complete the workshop and commit to at least three hours of service.

The workshop is open to individuals who have applications on file. To register, call youth services at 439-9314.

New Scotland OKs cycle shop permit

By Lisa K. Kelly

The New Scotland planning board recently granted a special use permit to Full Throttle Cycle, a parts and accessories business at Stonewell shopping plaza, to expand at the site.

Full Throttle sells parts and accessories for recreation vehicles such as motorcycles, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. The store will expand its services to include motorcycle sales and inspections.

William Piskutz said sales would include used bikes sold on consignment. "We would never have more than two or three bikes in the shop at one time," Piskutz added, "And we would never have any bikes out in front of the store."

The new space will allow Full Throttle Cycle to build a 13 foot by 43 foot garage in back for inspections and repairs. "There will be no work performed on motors," Piskutz said, "so there will be no need to turn bikes on in the garage."

Building Inspector Paul Cantlin said by law there shouldn't be any gasoline in any vehicle inside the store, preventing bikes from being run inside the building.

Piskutz also said bikes won't be stored overnight outside the store. In the shop, there might be one or two stored that couldn't be finished by the end of the day.

In another matter, the board also approved, 5-1, a special use permit for a dog kennel on Frances Spadaro's property at 1910 Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush.

Spadaro's permit allows her to have 10 dogs on the property including the seven Japanese Chins which she raises as show dogs. Additionally, Spadaro will have two Mariema as guard dogs for her prize winning heard of goats.

Approval for the permit came

We would never have more than two or three bikes in the shop at one time.

William Piskutz

when Spadaro agreed to stipulations including storing animal waste along the back of the property and removing it from the barnyard quarterly.

Board chairman Robert Stapf said this stipulation is an attempt to keep the area water from becoming contaminated.

Also, a 4 foot stockade fence would have to be constructed along the front of the house to limit the

dog's view and help keep them from barking at people walking by and attending funerals in the adjacent cemetery.

Spadaro is allowed to house two dogs outside for the purpose of guarding her heard of goats.

In other business, the board approved a special use permit for the construction of a self-supporting communications tower to be built on a site owned and operated by Capital Digitronics situated in the residential forestry district on Tower Road no. 3, off Pinnacle Road in New Scotland.

The F.B.I. will lease the top 40 feet of the tower, allowing the rest to be leased for other uses.

William Caldwell on behalf of Capital Digitronics and the U.S. Justice Department said construction of the tower is part a national re-networking of the F.B.I. which calls for the top 40 feet of towers to be dedicated to the F.B.I.

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Spotlight Bottle drive helps fight cystic fibrosis

(From Page 1)

Eagle Newspapers Publisher Stewart Hancock said his philosophy about community newspapers is, "If it's local, it's news." He also said he believes the Capital District has a solid economy, with plenty of room for growth for a publisher committed to providing community news.

Eagle Newspapers has full-color capability in its own printing plant, which may eventually be used in all three Spotlight papers.

The three papers will continue to focus on local government, school districts and community activities, Hancock said.

Hancock also suggested he might expand in the Capital District market.

And Ahlstrom said he believes all the Spotlights "will take off like a rocket."

Bottle drive helps fight cystic fibrosis

Bring bottles and cans to Grand Union stores through June to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In addition, individuals can donate \$1 or \$2 at the register to help fight cystic fibrosis.

Hannaford Superstores is also sponsoring a bottle drive to help the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through May. For information, call 489-2677.

Woman's hospital expands center

Bellevue Woman's Hospital has expanded the services of its BreastCare Center located on the hospital's main campus on Route 7 in Niskayuna.

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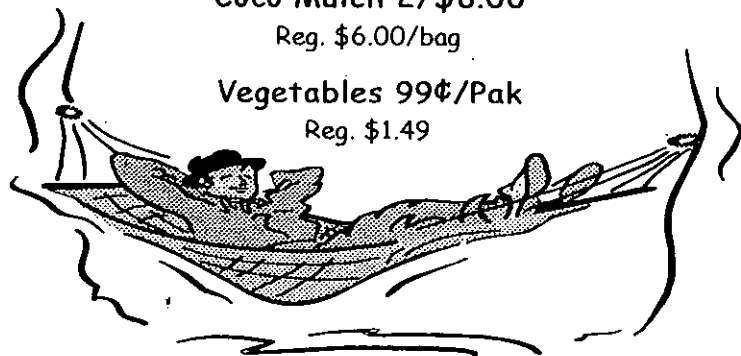
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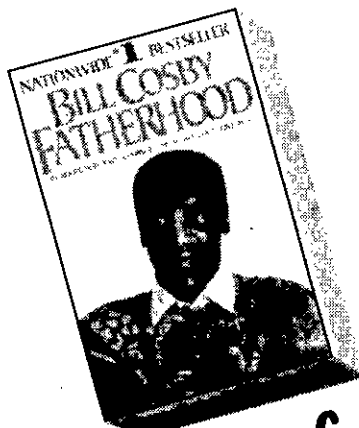
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Bicycle safety day set for June 20

The Coeymans and Ravana police departments are sponsoring an open house and Bicycle Safety Day on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the village office building at 15 Mountain Road in Ravana.

The day will include an obstacle course, bike inspection, safety tips, bicycle equipment giveaways, police equipment displays and station tours.

Participants must be between the ages of 4 and 12, and helmets are required. Refreshments will be available.

Moving up days

Students at Pieter B. Coeymans and Becker elementary schools will observe Moving Up Day on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24.

Riverfest set for June 27

Riverfest is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 10 p.m. at the Coeymans Gazebo at

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RCS Youth Soccer offers camp

RCS Youth Soccer Club will offer a major league soccer camp in Ravana this summer.

Children between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible to participate. Players of all abilities are encour-

aged to attend.

For information, call Gerri Roth at 756-8585.

Ravana proposes historical museum

The Ravana village board is soliciting interest in the formation of a local historical society and museum.

Village hall is being considered as the site of the proposed museum.

Anyone who would like to help preserve artifacts of the area's rich history, should call village hall at 756-8033.

RCS graduate wins fiction contest

Jessica Sengenberger of Feura Bush recently received Union College's Eugene I. Yudis Prize for the best piece of fiction.

Sengenberger is a graduate of Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

Camp Superkids has openings

The American Lung Association of Northeastern New York's Camp Superkids still has openings for children ages 7 to 16 who have asthma.

The one-week session will be held Aug. 16 to 22 on the grounds of Camp Chingachgook on Lake George.

Tuition is \$425 for Camp Superkids and \$445 for sailing camp. Financial assistance is available.

For information or a camp brochure, call the American Lung Association of Northeastern New York at 459-4197.

Institute offers summer seminars

The Cape Cod Summer Educator Seminar Series at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Mass. is accepting registrations through June 20.

The seminar, scheduled for July 19 to 24, is sponsored by the American Institute for Creative Education in Augusta, Maine.

Courses being offered are: connecting reading, writing and mathematics in the classroom; marine studies; children's literature; meeting student needs through multiple intelligence; and managing stress creatively.

Rowing club to give lessons

Burnt Hills Rowing Association will hold learning how to row sessions beginning Monday, June 29, on the Mohawk River. For information, call 399-3636.

Legion to serve breakfast June 21

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Father's Day, June 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.



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School graduation ceremonies top June agenda

Kindergarten graduation is set for Friday, June 19, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium. Parents and family members are invited to attend.

Moving-up day at the elementary school, where students meet briefly with the teacher they will have next year, is on Tuesday, June 23.

Graduation ceremonies for sixth-graders will be on Wednesday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the large gymnasium at the elementary school. Family members are invited to attend.

The last day of classes at the elementary school is Wednesday, June 24, with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m. on the campus of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Learn about water in the garden

Helderledge Farm is hosting a series of talks followed by walks around the nursery on Sundays this month. Programs start at 10 a.m. and last about an hour.

On June 21, the topic will be water in the garden. Participants will learn about ponds, pools, dishes and fountains.

Gardeners of all ages are invited to attend this free program.

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Kiwanis to conduct fall soccer registration

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for its fall soccer program tonight, June 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

The program is open to boys and girls who will be in grades two through six and are residents of the Voorheesville school district or the town of New Scotland.

For information, call Mark Casolo at 765-4402.

Centennial items for sale June 20

Voorheesville's Centennial Committee will sell commemorative items on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Stewart's Shop on South Main Street.

Watches, cups, T-shirts, Henley shirts and flags will be sold. T-shirts are now available in youth sizes.

The sale will be canceled if it rains. For information, call Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748.

Treat dad to breakfast at Legion Sunday

Treat dad to breakfast at American Legion Post 1493 on Father's Day, June 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All-you-can-eat helpings of eggs, ham or sausage, home fries, french toast and beverages cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5 through 12. Children under 5 eat for free.

Take a tour of Indian Ladder Trail

John Boyd Thacher State Park will offer a tour of the Indian Ladder Trail on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m.

Participants will learn how the Helderberg escarpment was formed and why there are underground streams, caves and fossils in this world-known geologic site.

Wear sturdy shoes. To register, call 872-1237.

Extension offers soil testing

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold a soil test clinic on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rice Center on Martin Road.

The first sample costs \$1, subsequent samples are \$2 each.

For information on how to take a soil sample, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Food Pantry group to meet at St. Matthew's

The newly renamed New Scotland Community Food Pantry will meet to elect officers tonight, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. in classroom 1 of St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

All members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome. The interdenominational group serves those in need in the community.

St. Matthew's women to meet

St. Matthew's women's group, Daughters of Mary, will hold a general meeting on Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the parish center on Mountainview Road.

This is the group's last meeting until the fall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Seventh-graders to attend Summer Horizons

Congratulations to seventh-graders Jenica Abram and Catherine Nicholsen who were selected to attend the Summer Horizons Program at Clarkson College in Potsdam.

They will join seventh-graders from across the state to explore opportunities for women in math and science. Abram and Nicholsen

were selected based on their abilities in math and science.

Students win oratorical contest

The school district recently announced the winners of the sixth annual Robert Andrews Oratorical Contest.

Junior Chris Bonham was the high school winner. Earlier in the year, Bonham placed third in the New York State High School Oratorical Contest.

The middle level first-place winner was Rachel Moore. The high school winners for extemporaneous speaking were Sarah Steinkamp, first place, and Brian Kern, second place.

The contest is named for Robert Andrews, a former head of the English department, who died in 1992.

Five Rivers offers evening program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a natural history program on Friday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Participants are invited to bring their families and a picnic supper. There will be a mystery to solve during the course of the evening. Guest speakers and Five Rivers' staff members will work together to add to the mystery. Their talks, plus other clues, hold the key to solving the puzzle.

There will be a \$1.50 charge for Five Rivers Limited members and a \$2 charge for the general public. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, June 23. For information, call 475-0291.

BCHS senior to give recital

Sara Hughes, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, will perform a violin recital on Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave.

Hughes will be accompanied by Rhonda Ballou on piano. The public is invited to this free concert. Refreshments will be served.

Hughes plans to attend Ithaca College in the fall as a music education and performance major.

Church to serve roast beef dinner

Tompson Lake Reformed Church at the junction of Routes 157 and 157A in East Berne will serve a roast beef dinner on Saturday, June 20, at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children.

BCMS student wins essay contest

Bethlehem Central Middle School student Christine Capobianco of Delmar recently won an essay contest sponsored by local Italian-American organizations.

She will receive a \$300 U.S. Savings Bond at a dinner dance on Saturday, June 20, at the Italian Community Center Charitable Foundation of Troy.

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RCS library sets Internet policy

RCS Community Library now provides access to the Internet at two of its public workstations.

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Because of the unpredictable quality of Internet content, Internet users under age 18 will need parental approval.

Story time on June 30

Storyteller Mary Ainslie will present an evening of stories about the stars on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, the program will be on the lawn of the village building; otherwise, it will be in the library.

It's free and designed for family listening. The program is made possible by the Story Circle of the Capital District, through its Tellabration fund-raiser.

Young writers workshop

Registration for the young writers workshop is underway.

It will meet on Tuesday afternoons, July 7 through Aug. 11, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The workshop is open to writers ages 9 and up. Participants are expected to attend at least four of the meetings.

At an evening reception on Wednesday, Aug. 12, the young writers will present their books to the library for long-term loan.

If more than 15 writers enroll, a second section will meet on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.

All participants will be notified of their acceptance.

Summer reading club

The summer reading club encourages kids to read during summer vacation.

They can borrow paperback books during weekly Traveling Library stops and participate in story hour activities.

The Traveling Library schedule is:

- Little Red School House, Coeymans Hollow: Mondays at 7 p.m.

- RCS Community Library: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

- Wyche Park, New Baltimore: Thursdays at 10 p.m.

- Becker Elementary School: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

- Feura Bush Neighborhood Library: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

- Food for Thought Program at P.B. Coeymans School: Weekdays at 10:30 a.m.

Summer reading club activities begin the week of July 6 and end Aug. 13.

Library provides career services

Free career and education advice is available for adults at Bethlehem Public Library's career resource center at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

First-time career seekers, anyone entering the work force and returning students can get help with job searches, resume preparation and educational planning.

Hour-long appointments are available both day and evening.

For an appointment, call 439-9314.

RCS proposes bond for energy conversion

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District would like to take advantage of increased state aid to fund a \$350,000 tank removal and fuel conversion project.

The proposed 10-year bond for energy conversion will cost each taxpayer an average of \$12.50.

For projects approved by voters July 1 and after, the state will pay 78 percent of the cost—rather than 68 percent if the district had voted at the same time as its budget vote.

This will bring the local cost of the project—which must be completed by Dec. 1 to comply with state regulations—to \$9560 per year for 10 years.

On July 1, school district residents will go to the polls as the district asks to borrow the money needed for the energy renovation process and pay it back over a period of 10 years, lessening the tax impact on local residents.

Here's what the project covers:

- At the bus garage, state-mandated removal and replacement of a gasoline tank.

- At the senior high school, necessary tank removal and fuel conversion to natural gas.

- At the board of education office, necessary tank removal and fuel conversion to natural gas.

If the bond is not approved, the district will still have to do the state-mandated work, but will have to increase the 1998-99 budget by \$350,000 to pay for it.

The vote will be held Wednesday, July 1, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at RCS senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena. Any resident who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the RCS district for at least 30 days prior to the election is eligible to vote. Please bring ID to prove residency.

Absentee ballots are available by calling 756-5204.

DAR installs new officers

Tawasentha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution recently installed new officers at its annual dinner at the Fort Orange Club in Albany.

The officers are: Claudia Engelhardt, regent; Caroline Wirth, vice regent; Carolyn Wright, chaplain; Eleanor Turner, recording secretary; Ruth Trudeau, corresponding secretary; Agatha Flores, treasurer;

Audrey Madison, registrar; and Allison Bennett, librarian.

Tawasentha chapter will host the Capital District Roundtable meeting and luncheon on Saturday, June 27, at LaPorto's Sign of the Tree Restaurant at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The chapter has donated lumber to build a stairway to the Tory Cave in John Boyd Thatcher State Park.

Delmar woman receives commission

Elizabeth Dunn has been commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program after receiving a bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dunn is the daughter of Marlyn and Fred Dunn of Delmar.

She is a 1994 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



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Delmar man to head state bar section

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He is graduate of SUNY New Paltz and Albany Law School.

Sandner has served as Albany

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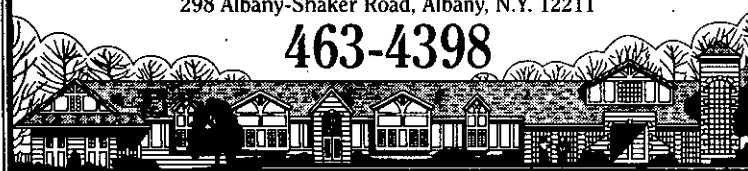
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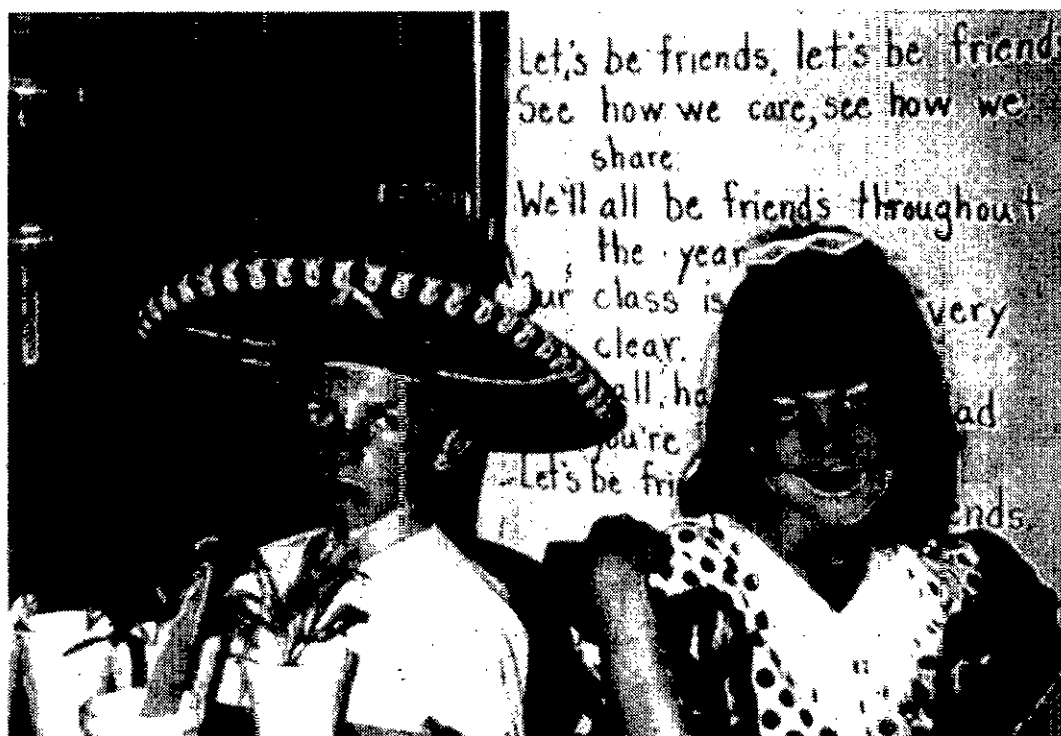
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Voorheesville Elementary second-graders Peter Mertens (in sombrero) and Alyssa Dessingue sell plants before giving a Mexican musical performance. They are students in Linda Spina's class. Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

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BCHS graduate earns honor

BCHS graduate Sarah Elizabeth Whitney, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa recently in Williamsburg, Va.

A summa cum laude graduate of the College of William and Mary, she will begin a doctoral program in English Literature at the University of Virginia this fall.

Helderledge Farm offers garden talks

Helderledge Farm on Picard Road in Voorheesville will hold a series of talks followed by walks around the nursery on Sundays in June.

Programs last about an hour. Gardeners of all ages are invited to attend any or all of these free programs.

Feestelijk site features performers

The Feestelijk Web site now includes a sampling of sights and sounds from student performances at Feestelijk 1998.

You can see and hear the elementary chorus, elementary strings, BCMS Piping Rock, BCMS Sound Sensation, BCMS Stage Band, BCHS Symphony Strings and BCHS Sound System.

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Housing

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Rosemarie Mosmen and Norene Harff, real estate agents for Blackman & DeStefano Real Estate are site coordinators for the Devonshire Hills development in Slingerlands, where houses start in the mid-to-upper \$400,000 range.

"The general market is showing signs of rebounding," Mosmen said.

"That brings movement on the upper end homes. We've been getting quite a few calls about larger houses, and we're starting to see where that

market is picking up."

Mosmen said the homes in Devonshire Hills tend to be 4-bedroom, 3.5 bath houses, usually with a first floor office or den and a three-car garage. The 38 lots are on at least an acre of land.

"The majority of people buying these houses are young people with small children," Mosmen said. "That makes sense; they're going to fill up a large house with children. Also professionals and business people are buying these homes."

Harff is also selling homes in Loudonville's East Ridge

development, where the houses are between 4,500 and 6,500 square feet.

"We've recently had three on the market that sold between \$650,000 and \$900,000," Harff said. "There are some that will cost over \$1 million."

East Ridge borders Schuyler Meadows Country Club. Harff said approximately 10 houses have already been built; three more will be built, and there are five lots left.

"There is a demand for big houses," Harff said, "Although you have to be careful; if the house is too big, then the demand falls."

Harff said East Ridge is desirable because it's new, and it's in the North Colonie school district, known to be a good one.

"Families are buying these homes," she said. "We've seen some transferees, some executive business people and some physicians."

Quality, Harff said, is something people look for in their homes. "People are concerned about the resale value," Harff said, "So the main thing they're looking for is quality, particularly in the building amenities."

Lee Rosen of Rosen Development in Delmar said that people in the Capital District are definitely looking for value in their homes. "We feel it's a very price-conscious market," Rosen said.

"This is a traditional working and professional class market—with doctors, lawyers, accountants and state workers—who are here for the quality of life the area affords. People are definitely looking for value, and

that's what we try to pay attention to."

Rosen said people are doing more at home, which influences the trend toward bigger homes.

"People are looking for larger living areas that are more functional than formal," Rosen said. "They're looking for a family room, larger kitchens, larger baths and bedrooms. Three-car garages are also something families need."

Rosen said improved construction materials allow people to build larger houses than in the past. "Insulation is better now," he said, "so you can have higher ceilings or bigger rooms, and still afford to heat them. A heating bill on a larger, newer home could be less than on a smaller, older house."

Rosen, whose company developed Colonial Acres in the 1960s and whose current project is Haswell Farms in Delmar (where houses are in the more modest range of around \$200,000), said people are also looking for a more traditional environment.

"Haswell Farms is a traditional, family-oriented area," Rosen said. "People want to live in a neighborhood instead of a subdivision."

Kimberly Dolan, a mortgage loan consultant with Cohoes Savings Bank, said that there really is no profile of the typical high-end home buyer. "For instance, in Slingerland's Brooke Hill, where houses go from \$275,000 to \$500,000, I've done loans to attorneys, a bail bondsman, a retired couple, and someone who's self-employed. Typically, though, it's a move-up

buyer, not someone purchasing their first home."

Dolan said low mortgage rates are contributing to the purchase of larger homes. "Rates are low, and people can afford to move up that maybe couldn't have five years ago," she said. "People are going in with as little money as they can. With the low rates, it behooves them to finance as much as they can, and invest the rest."

Still, if you're buying a high-end home, you need to bring your wallet. Dolan said the average amount down on a house is 10 percent and more comfortably 20 percent on a high-end home.

"That means you're putting down \$100,000 and financing \$400,000 if you're buying a \$500,000 house," Dolan said. "We have a program that offers a 5-year adjustable rate mortgage at 6.75 percent," Dolan said. "That makes your monthly mortgage payment, principal plus interest \$2,594."

To qualify for that loan, Dolan said, she would look for an annual income of at least \$94,000.

Tom and Elena Marcelle are one couple who've purchased a home in Devonshire Hills. Tom is an attorney who practices from home, and Elena is a dentist currently working one day a week for the county. For them, Devonshire Hills' location was a perfect compromise.

"I grew up in South Bethlehem," Tom said. "A dairy farm and a stone quarry were my nearest neighbors, and I really liked the isolation. My wife was born and raised outside of Miami, and she wanted a community."

With a lot just under three acres that goes down a hill to a stream, and other homes nearby, Marcelle said they've found the perfect solution.

"I'm minutes from the courts in Albany, yet I'm in a beautiful location. The psychic advantage of working from home is that I get to see my children more," he said.

Quality and value were also important factors that went into the purchase of what was, for Marcelle, his first home. He said nobody has asked him how he afforded his home, but said that moving from a downtown office to home helps.

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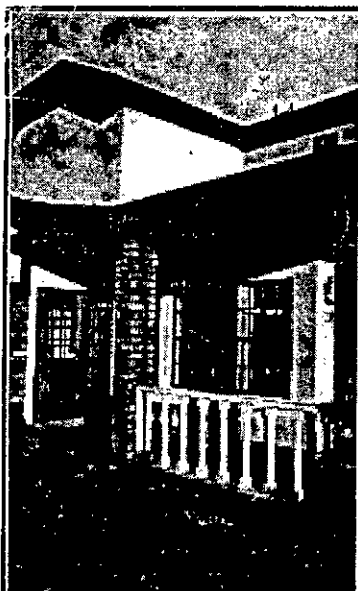
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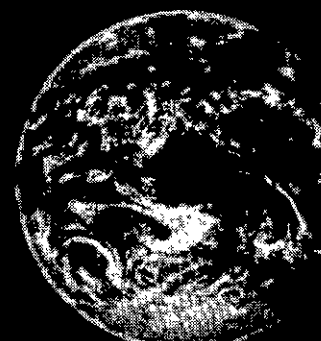
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Knowing when to seek help

By Bill Fonda

People who hang bed sheets at football games saying, "I installed my own faucet this weekend," or who brag about their mechanical ability even as everything breaks, represent opposite ends of the do-it-yourself spectrum.

TV commercials highlighting these extremes are intended to be exaggerations, but it's no exaggeration to say that different projects require varying levels of skill and experience.

Kimberly Seymour, executive vice president of the Albany-Area Builders Association, recommends that people who are confused by any part of a job should talk to a contractor or a handyman, particularly concerning kitchen or bath projects.

"Those require a lot of experience and skill. Trying to tackle a job that they're not prepared to do can be a very expensive mistake," she said.

According to Seymour, people with limited experience should stick to projects like demolition, finish painting and wallpapering.

"When you start out with basics, there's a lot less chance for error," she said.

However, people who are doing demolition should make sure they know the house's structure.

So what resources are available to turn the mechanically-disinclined or the inexperienced into do-it-yourself

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"You could bust a support down and your whole house could fall down on you," said Don Garipey, who manages the Phillips Hardware store at 235 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

It is also important for people to know what they're getting into before they start.

"I wouldn't go ripping up my bathtub or taking out my toilet unless I'm pretty sure I can finish the job," Garipey said.

He added that people tackling roofing projects should learn the proper safety measures and that it is very important to consult the phone and electrical companies about underground wires before doing any digging.

masters?

Both Seymour and Garipey recommend visiting the local bookstore or library to consult one of the many self-help books that are available, and Seymour said the Internet and public television are also good resources.

Garipey said the "big box" hardware stores occasionally hold seminars, but that all stores are capable of helping.

"There's usually someone at a store who can provide tips for basic projects," he said.

In addition, anyone looking for free information on choosing the right contractor can call the Albany-Area Builders Association at 438-6102.

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- Apply the material: Simply follow the manufacturer's instructions found on the container or in "How to Apply" brochures found in most retail locations.

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Building permit process ranges from simple to complex

By Peter Hanson

There are a lot of reasons why families outgrow their homes. Kids, for instance, quickly change from youngsters who need a few square feet in which to build Lego houses to teen-agers who won't be happy until they've got a room in which they can hide and blast loud music.

Hobbies are another reason. Maybe that collection of antique furniture has finally filled up the attic, the basement and the garage.

Or maybe you've decided to indulge your passion for horse-back riding by putting a stall and a fenced-in area onto the backyard of your rural home.

Small businesses are still another reason — perhaps that graphic design concern that used to take up a few megabytes of memory on your PC has grown into a thriving company with so much equipment it requires an office all its own.

No matter what the reason,

when it's time to expand your home or property, it's time to deal with the bureaucracy of building permits, use ordinances and zoning boards. But if your project makes sense and you're persistent, you can usually get the necessary approvals within a matter of months.

Michael Hodom, who has

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chaired the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals for about five years, said, "The first step is to go to the building department, which has certain criteria for issuing a building permit."

With simple projects like a small deck or a room built over a garage, a building permit can be issued as quickly as a week to 10 days, said Michael Rosch, director of the Colonie

building department.

Rosch said applicants need to submit two sets of plans that show the proposed work. If the project changes the physical plant of a property — how much of a parcel the building occupies — then more paperwork is needed.

"In that case, we also need a

site plan showing how (the project) affects the setbacks," Rosch said. "That's all we need to get the ball rolling."

Setbacks are the distances from the property lines to the edges of a building. These are established to protect green areas and prevent the unnecessary congestion that occurs when houses abut each other too closely.

"If all the paperwork is complete and it is filled out correctly," Rosch said, "Within about 10 days, we'll call the applicant to tell them their permit is ready to pick up."

Upon picking up the permit, the applicant must pay a fee. In Colonie, the fee is \$30 for projects costing up to \$1,000.

For more expensive projects, Rosch's office charges a permit fee of \$4 for each additional \$1,000 of work.

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"We get involved if (a project) is not in accordance with the current ordinances," Hodom said.

There are several different ways a proposal can conflict with ordinances, but "Percentage of lot occupancy tends to be the reason that's used most frequently," Hodom said.

"There's a percentage of a lot that can be used for a home," he explained, and when a project expands past that percentage, a zoning board hearing may be required to ensure the project doesn't affect the character of the property.

Another reason for arbitration is the infamous use variance, such as when someone wants to build an office in their home.

This requires permission to build commercially in a residential zone, and homeowners often cry foul when neighbors try to get use variances.

Recent examples of issues involving use variances or zone changes are CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare's proposed senior housing facility in Delmar, which some homeowners oppose because it will be built in a residential area, and the proposed Latham Retail Center, a shopping plaza that would be anchored by a Home Depot.

That proposal has caused some residents to ask the Colonie town board to rezone a parcel from commercial to residential to limit the impact on nearby houses.

Hodom said zone changes, which are determined by town boards, and use variances usually come into play with commercial projects.

"Use variances are not the norm with homeowners," he said.

Hodom said most of the projects the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals considers are simple expansions that move through the system easily unless neighbors raise cogent objections or unless the proposals could have a negative impact upon the municipality.

"Most of the projects are fairly practical," he said.

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Banks offer a wide variety of home loan products

By Lisa K. Kelly

Remodeling a home or just doing a few home improvements can be costly, and sometimes it's hard to figure out where the money will come from to cover the expense.

Several loan options are offered by area banks, including installment loans, home equity loans or home equity lines of credit.

Each loan program has different things to offer, depending on the bank you choose.

At Key Bank, the installment loan is an unsecured loan, meaning the borrower does not have to put up collateral (like their home) in order to get the loan. But, the borrower will have to pay a higher interest rate.

Also, the borrower will have to give the lender a description of the project, pass a credit check and have a good debt-to-income ratio.

Maureen Reynolds, assistant vice president of Key Bank at Four Corners in Delmar, said the interest rate may be higher for installment loans than home equity products, but the borrower has the option to choose a variable rate, so the rate could go lower at some point in time. The borrower also has the option to lock into a fixed rate.

"We usually recommend a borrower apply for the home equity if the loan amount is \$7,500 or higher," she said.

The home equity loan or line of credit are basically the same, and are the most popular loan products, said Reynolds, because a borrower can tailor

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the loan to their needs.

Benefits of home equity products include tax deductible interest on a loan or line of credit up to \$100,000, but Reynolds said she cautions borrowers to first check with their accountant.

Also, Reynolds said Key Bank customers don't have to specify a reason for a home equity line of credit or loan, and

the borrower has up to 15 years to pay it back.

"(The borrower) can also choose how they want to pay the loan back," Reynolds said. "The loan can be paid back monthly by paying the interest only or (the borrower) can arrange to be billed monthly for the principal and the interest combined."

Reynolds said that some people take out home equity loans just to have money available for an emergency, or to have it available for a large purchase, like a car.

Key Bank also offers the Community Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Program.

Reynolds said the program is for low-income families and offers a low monthly payment with rates lower than standard.

"The repayment time is between 12 to 60 months, usually," Reynolds said. "But (the borrower) can take longer to repay the loan, and the

interest rate is generally even lower."

Senior vice president of Trustco Bank William Terry said home equity loans at Trustco are set up slightly different than Key Bank's program.

Trustco's home equity loan is similar to an installment loan because it has fixed terms and a regular payment plan.

Terry said the reason for the loan is considered in the approval process.

"We usually have a conversation with (the borrower) to find out what they want to do," Terry said.

The home equity line of credit is similar to Key Bank's. Terry said the line of credit can be opened for any reason as long as there is equity in the property.

"A home equity line of credit can be used for anything," Terry said, "even just to buy a car."

As for installment loans and personal loans from Trustco Bank, Terry said they can be either secured or unsecured.

"It depends on the situation of the borrower whether the strength of their credit can warrant unsecured credit," he added.

Terry said Trustco doesn't have a low income family loan program.

However, there are options out there for people just starting out, or who fall into a low to moderate income brackets.

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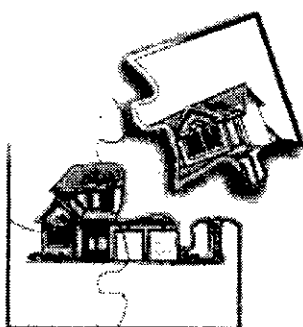


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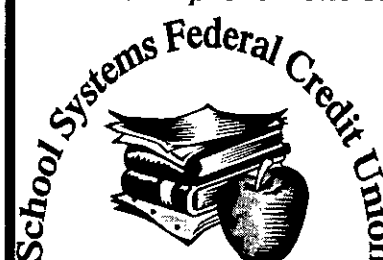


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Murals have the power to transform any space

By Kathryn Caggianelli

Imagine a room filled with fluffy white clouds or a field of French lavender. Now, picture these as larger-than-life scenes, surrounding you in your living room or bedroom, and imagine how they'd transform your mood and calm you after the most stressful day.

That's the power of custom wall murals, says muralist Jacqueline Brickman of Rensselaer. Murals exude an energy that comes from the soul of the artist and radiates out to everyone who sees them, she said. "Murals change an environment. They take a place you might normally overlook and

give it meaning"

Brickman, a Governor's Art Award nominee, grew up in Albany and now lives in Rensselaer. She has become well known for her larger-than-life renderings on buildings and structures that include the piers of the Dunn Memorial Bridge in Rensselaer and a graffiti-plagued Rensselaer building located on the corner of Aiken and South streets, just beyond the Amtrak train station.

That building has a history of being "tagged" as it's called, with graffiti so badly that it required painting 8 to 10 times a year. It was the target for all types of hate-phrases and



Left, this mural by Joyce Sarachan depicts a cracked stone and stucco wall. It is located in the student union at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. Right, a detail of a botanical mural Sarachan painted on an armoire.

obscurities, Brickman recalled.

"The city would paint it and within an hour, it would get tagged again. I looked at it and wondered what would happen if I put something interesting on it. The same group of kids was responsible for the graffiti, so I thought maybe if they liked

what was painted on there, they'd admire it and leave it alone," she said.

Brickman covered all but the rear of the building with wolves, and she triumphed. "Four years later no one's touched it," she said. But, after a couple of years, the blank wall was tagged.

So, Brickman decided to invite the seven kids who were responsible for the graffiti to help paint that wall, and she was not surprised to find that they were eager to do so.

"These kids had a very bad reputation with the city and police. They were so bad, but they were so good with me. They really got into the project," she said.

On a smaller scale, Brickman has turned ordinary dwellings into sanctuaries. "I can take any space and make an environment out of it. Clouds, rolling hills or anything someone has in mind. I did a little girl's room with angels in clouds," she said.

For another project, Brickman adorned interior walls with flowers. She recently finished an assignment at the Vanguard House, a decorators' showcase house that benefits the Albany Symphony Orchestra, transforming the back wall of a garage into a peaceful, Mediterranean scene.

Brickman's first step is determining what her client has in mind. Then she figures out a design.

"I prefer not to draft a sketch of my idea ahead of time, because it's really hard to do that on a small scale," she explained. She is usually given creative license, and that helps. Her murals have been rendered on a myriad of surfaces, including a Winnebago. Her diverse designs have included bears, wolves and a lynx. "I use acrylic paint on the murals which fades a little over time, but that adds to their unique charm," she said.

Decorative artist and Delmar resident Joyce Sarachan, agreed that there are limitless design possibilities and said that murals can be rendered in a subtle and



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This bedroom was painted by Sarachan to look and feel like a garden, creating a relaxing, beautiful sanctuary for the homeowner.

tasteful manner in any home. She's painted masterpieces on many surfaces, and for that reason, does not refer to herself solely as a muralist.

"I do faux finishes on furniture and marbleizing on walls, floors or any other surface a customer wants," she said. The majority of her assignments are murals and faux finishes and she's done quite a few for Delmar homeowners.

"When I started out 12 years ago, the demand for murals came primarily from commercial establishments, like restaurants. Within the last five years, the trend though, is for walls within homes. I've done vines of ivy around doors and in one home I painted a beach in a bathroom," she said.

Sarachan's clients can be divided into two groups. "There are those who want me to create something neat, and there are those who know exactly what they want me to paint on their wall," she said.

When she prepares to work on a child's room, she seeks the child's input. The designs often grow as she works on them, and

the child is instrumental in helping the process along.

"I started working on the walls of a nursery. First, I painted the sun in one corner, then the moon and stars in the other. By the time the room was finished, there was a fish jumping out of a wave. Things kind of evolve with this process," she said.

Before she takes on an assignment, Sarachan meets the potential customer and asks what they have in mind.

Sarachan charges by the project or by the hour, depending on the work. She generally gets about \$30 an hour, but won't exceed her initial estimate.

Sarachan doesn't mind doing initial consultations for free

because "I really want people to know that they don't have to be afraid to have a mural painted in their home. I'm happy to get together with them to discuss possibilities and often times, after I show them my portfolio, we arrange a visit to a home in which I've done a mural so they can see it firsthand. You really can't experience the full effect of one of these by looking at a picture," she said.

"People in the Capital District, and especially in Delmar, do a lot of wallpapering. They're conservative, and painting on the wall is kind of scary," she said. But Sarachan believes murals can be more subtle and personal than wallpaper.

"I want to let people know it's OK to explore the possibilities," she said.

Shed the right light

(NU) - Homeowners planning to change the appearance of their homes by adding or replacing lighting should consult first with a professional interior designer who can offer suggestions that will help avoid design pitfalls and costly mistakes.

Jeff Chaney, marketing manager of residential products at Cooper Lighting, says, "Interior designers know how to apply energy-efficient recessed downlighting to produce a wall wash as well as to provide for general ambient illumination." Chaney added, "Designers also know where to position dimmable recessed fixtures, such as in the home's dining room, in order to change the mood of the area or to accent a main entryway with low-voltage spotlights that invite visitors into the home."

"Homeowners often fail to create a sense of style when they change the look of their homes due to lack of planning or lack of knowledge," says Charles Gandy, FASID, owner of Gandy/Peace Inc. in Atlanta. "One common mistake is combining the wrong lighting techniques with other materials and furnishings that do not harmonize with each other in style, texture or color," says Gandy. This can result in creating an overall appearance of the room being unbalanced or out of proportion.

"Professional interior designers work closely with homeowners recommending light fixtures and techniques that will develop harmony and balance," says Melinda Sechrist, ASID, owner of Sechrist Design Associates Inc. in Seattle. Sechrist says, "They can help homeowners avoid mistakes like choosing poor-quality materials and providing insufficient or poorly positioned lighting. Interior designers also can expose homeowners to new design and product options."

Mismatching colors, patterns, textures or styles, or over- or under-decorating, all hinder the homeowner from finding the right balance.

Another design danger that often is overlooked is disregarding design elements that satisfy health and safety issues. Interior designers are knowledgeable about specific building, fire and safety codes and know how to incorporate design elements that meet those requirements.

Interior designers provide project management services that help homeowners achieve the function and feeling they desire while getting the job done right.

To find an interior designer, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) offers a free worldwide referral service available by visiting ASID's referral service site on the Internet at www.interior.org.

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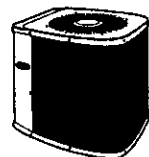
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Ask questions before choosing a home inspector

A buyer would be foolish to purchase a house without first hiring a qualified inspector to give it a good once-over. Pre-purchase home inspections are now an accepted part of the home buying process in most areas of the country. A house is likely to be your biggest investment, and the peace of mind that comes with a good home inspection is priceless.

Recent articles in *Good Housekeeping* and *Smart Money* magazines and TV broadcasts on 20/20 and the *Today Show* recommend the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) as the source for competent inspectors.

A qualified home inspector is a specialist who knows how the many systems and components of a home are interrelated and how they stand the test of time. A professional inspector has the expertise to tell you if the electrical service is correct and has the necessary protection devices, and if updating is needed.

He can identify drainage problems and suggest solutions. He will explain the importance of attic and house ventilation to protect the building's structure. He can help you understand whether conditions found in the home pose a concern. He'll also provide valuable maintenance advice to help you preserve and enjoy your new home in the

years to come.

Today, the home inspection profession is being flooded with out-of-work contractors and fast-track franchises.

"Consumers must not be fooled by a good sales pitch or contrived testimonials" said Richard Askew of Rondack Building Inspections in Clifton Park. Askew is a member and past president of the Capital Region Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors.

"There are no warranties or insurance policies that can compare to the knowledge the experienced inspector has gained in the field," Askew said.

Choosing a qualified and ethical home inspector is the newest challenge facing buyers in today's real estate market. There are many associations that function as diploma mills, providing professional "certification" to anyone who sends in money. In today's booming home inspection profession, not every home inspector is truly qualified. So whether you get the name of an inspector from a realtor, a friend, the yellow pages, or the Internet, interviewing several inspectors is the best way to hire a qualified professional.

What does an inspection include?

The best way to judge an inspector's competence is the



Your new home may look great from the outside and inside, but what about all those systems that you can't see? Are they going to cause you costly problems? A good home inspection can help you avoid all kinds of costly repairs and replacements.

report he provides after the inspection. When you interview inspectors, ask what type of report is provided and what information it includes. A good report should read like a narrative guide to the house, and should be filled with details. If something doesn't work right, a good report will state that explicitly, and will frequently explain the consequence of the defect.

A thorough inspection will take an average of two hours. Ask the inspector how long he typically spends at the inspection site, and how many inspections he does each day. Plan to attend the inspection. A good inspector will welcome and encourage your participation. Attending the inspection gives you the opportunity to question the inspector about his findings and raise any concerns you may

have about the property. Also, the report will be easier to understand if you've reviewed the property with the inspector.

Experience

How much experience does the inspector have? Look for someone whose full-time profession is inspecting residential properties. Forget those who do a little inspecting on the side in, conjunction with their primary profession, as these individuals likely do not have the well-rounded expertise that comes from inspecting on a regular basis. Also, many part-time inspectors use the business as a development tool for contracting or renovation work, which is a conflict of interest.

Hiring an ASHI inspector protects you from this risk. "ASHI's strict code of ethics protects consumers by prohibit-

ing inspectors from performing repairs to houses they have inspected and from recommending contractors to perform repairs," said Askew.

Qualifications

Knowing an inspector's qualifications is essential to making a good choice. ASHI Standards of Practice is universally recognized as the benchmark of performance in the home inspection profession. An article on *Smart Money* magazine's Web site states "that ASHI issues the only credential you (the consumer) should accept."

Members of ASHI, a non-profit professional society made up of individual, independent home inspectors, must pass two exams and perform 250 inspections to qualify for membership. Every two years, each ASHI inspector must complete 40 hours of education to ensure that he or she keeps current with new technology and building practices.

To obtain the names of ASHI members in your area, call ASHI at 1-800-743-2744, or visit their web site at www.ashi.com, or the yellow page under home inspections (look for ASHI membership numbers next to inspectors name).

This information was provided by Richard Askew, director of public relations for ASHI.

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By Katherine McCarthy

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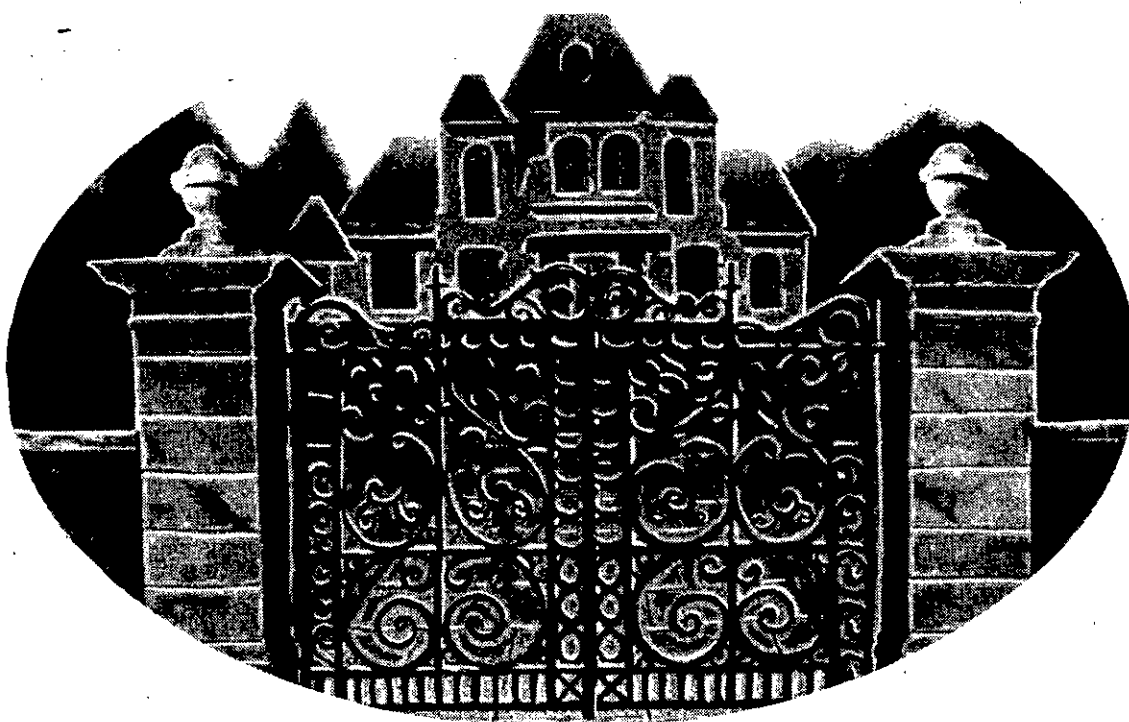
Oh, how I loved this house! We had come to home ownership much later than what seemed like the norm: we moved in two weeks after my 37th birthday. I had gotten the house fever much sooner than Chris, who was lured into househunting on a January Saturday.

"I just want to see what the market's like," I said. For a series of weekends, we looked at tiny houses, we looked at enormous houses, and we always returned to our rented "little red house" tired and confused. Soon, I was looking at houses during the week, making the first cut myself.

In April, I called him at work and told him there was one he really should see. He stopped by in the evening, and when he got home, his mother was babysitting our kids.

"I'm in trouble," he told her, for finally, it was a house that was pretty, had charm and character without obvious problems, and, best of all, was affordable.

"But is it your dream house?" Chris asked as we got ready to sign the contract. Had I not



Does your home differ from the house of your dreams? Does the image in your head look more like the one above than the one you see when you look around right now? That's OK, because any house can be a home when it's full of the people and things that you love.

shared my Montana fantasy with the man I'd married 10 years ago?

"Honey, my dream house sits on 100 acres stretching out to enormous mountains. It's valued at over a million dollars and comes with a cook and a maid. This, however, is a wonderful house in a nice town where we can raise our children and live contentedly."

At the mortgage application, I balked at the numbers. "Don't you like the house?" the loan officer asked. "I love the

house," I said, "but not these numbers."

Our house is modest, but committing ourselves to 30 years of measurable debt made me foresee terminal cheap macaroni and cheese dinners. I soothed myself with the thoughts of tax deductions and the fact that we were providing our children with the most tangible element of security possible.

By September, we held the keys, and celebrated with a pizza picnic on our front porch.

remark on the calm tranquility and perfection of our new home.

On the Monday before Thanksgiving, the toilet ran incessantly. "Call the landlord," Chris said, and reality dawned. So we called the plumber, and learned an important lesson about hourly labor rates.

The Christmas tree scratched the ceiling; we said it added character. In the spring, we got a puppy, and our tranquility was shattered with "No, dog, not there!" or "Mooommm, she had another accident!"

When the furnace man came in Decemberr, we discovered we were emitting dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. On New Year's Eve 1997, we had a new furnace installed. "You'll make it up in savings within a year," the man told me.

"Maybe then I can get the kitchen repapered," I told Chris. "Repapered?" he said incredulously. "You said this house was perfect the way it is."

Yes, well. It is still perfect, even if the dining room rug has frayed, the streaming-in sunlight makes dust particles dance, and my 8-year-old listens to Fly 92 instead of Mozart.

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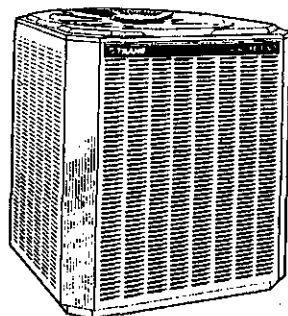
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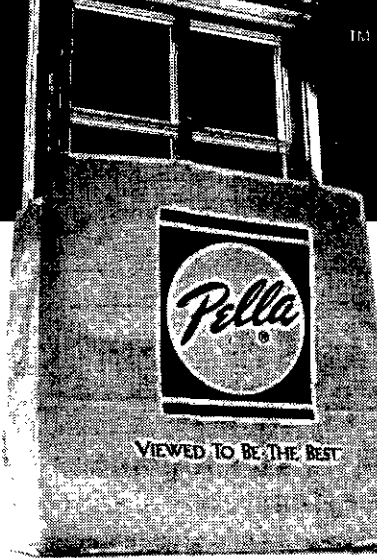
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(ARA) — Jeff and Sara Anderson just bought a home in Evansville, Minn. It had everything they wanted: three bedrooms, two bathrooms, ample storage space and a large garage. There was just one catch.

"The outside of our home looked homely," said Sara. "Every time we drove up I cringed and reminded Jeff we should do something about it."

Jeff shook his head and said, "We want to spruce up our home, but don't have the money to hire an exterior designer."

Luckily, there are ways you can custom design a home's exterior without seeking the aid of a professional.

One way to freshen up a home is to change the color of key elements such as doors, gutters, soffit, fascia, window trimming and window shutters.

"But the most dramatic exterior improvement a homeowner

can make is changing a home's siding," said Jerry Beyers, president of ABC Seamless, based in Fargo, N.D.

Homeowners, should take a leisurely drive through an array of neighborhoods to see what they like and don't like.

Next, homeowners should examine their home's surroundings. "Noticing other homes, structures and nature around your home will give hints as to what color to use," said Beyers.

After narrowing your color search, it's time to decide what type of siding to install onto your home. There are a variety of choices: wood, veneer, stucco, vinyl, aluminum and seamless steel. Beyers recommends choosing siding that does not require color maintenance.

Tasteful siding is worth nothing, however, if it cracks or blisters. Beyers suggests a homeowner should install seam-



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less siding that has a durable poly vinyl chloride (PVC) outer coating. "If you don't choose siding with this protective layer, then you might as well choose a trendy color and replace it every three years."

After deciding what siding would best suit your home, it's time to choose the company to install the siding. To find a reputable one, look through the yellow pages, watch television commer-

cials and gain word-of-mouth recommendations from neighbors or friends who have recently re-sided their houses. After a little research, several siding companies will find their way to the top of your list.

To narrow this list, check with the Better Business Bureau, require references and look at the company's previous work. Beyers adds, "You also want to ask them about their worker's compensation insurance, customer satisfaction policy and written warranty guarantee."

You can also ask if they're a member of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) or National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to see if they're current with national remodeling standards."

Then have the representative come to your home and give a free estimate. Beyers suggests you should always receive a written proposal of the work to be done.

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The new rule allows family members to lend down payment funds. Under old FHA guidelines, down payment funds could only be accepted from family members as gifts, with no repayment strings attached. Now, family members can not only help their children and grandchildren become homeowners, but they also create an interest-bearing investment for themselves,

setting the repayment terms and interest rates of their choosing.

"This rule change is good news for consumers," said Joe Anderson of Countrywide Home Loans, one of the nation's largest providers of government loans.

"Now families who can afford monthly payments but need a little help with their down payment have an increased opportunity to achieve the dream of home ownership."

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More and more home buyers are finding they can acquire the home of their dreams by buying one that's factory built.

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Industry experts say some of the major reasons for the manufactured housing boom include improved manufacturing quality, a wider selection of amenities and continued affordability compared to site-built homes.

Manufactured homes are available for many budgets—from a single-section unit to a multi-section home with cathedral ceilings and fireplaces. Prices range between \$15,000 and \$100,000.

The growing popularity of factory built homes is also increasing awareness of propane gas, an energy source that's economical for new home sites located beyond

natural gas mains.

Many manufactured home buyers are choosing to purchase homes with propane gas appliances for cost-efficiency, reliability and clean performance. Although the purchase price of a manufactured home with propane gas appliances can be slightly higher than a home with electric appliances, homeowners quickly recover this cost and earn long-term savings.

Homeowners can realize even greater savings when whole-house heating systems and other systems such as dryers, ranges and fireplaces are fueled by propane gas. Heating a home with propane gas costs an average of 2 and a half times less per unit of energy than with electricity, according to recent Department of Energy figures.

For information on propane gas, visit the National Propane Gas Association Web site at <http://www.propanegas.com>.

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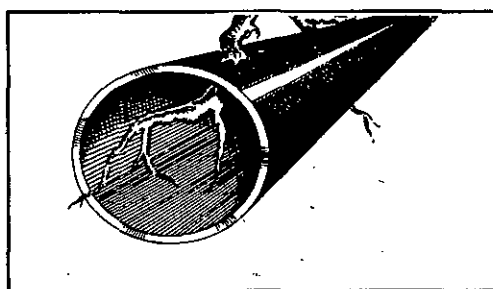
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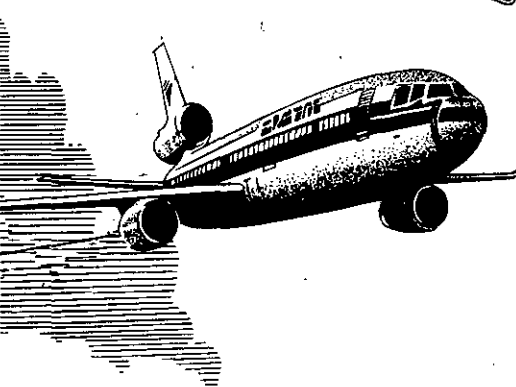


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Tackling an outdoor project? Here's help

(NU) - Thinking about tackling an outdoor home improvement project? If you want it to be a success, there are some very important questions to ask yourself first.

The editors of *Outdoor Projects 1-2-3* (Meredith Books, \$34.95) have asked all the right questions and have gotten the answers from the perfect source — the experts who work at The Home Depot.

"The Home Depot experts understand that, in addition to tools and supplies, homeowners need information to guide them," says Ben Allen, executive editor of *Outdoor Projects 1-2-3*.

The result is a 480-page book that includes information on more than 150 outdoor projects. Each project is illustrated with clear step-by-step instructions to guide you from start to finish.

Chapters include the most popular outdoor projects, including fences and gates,

landscaping walls, decks, patios, sheds, walks and steps, trellises and arbors, garden beds, and outdoor furniture. There are also complete chapters on electrical, plumbing and concrete projects.

Ready to get started? Here are some of the questions The Home Depot experts think you need to answer before you begin:

- What's your skill level? A project that might take an experienced do-it-yourselfer 12 hours — pouring a concrete patio slab, for instance — could take a beginner 18 hours or more. It helps to understand in advance how much time you'll need.

- What stuff will you need? Be sure you have a list of everything the project requires. You'll avoid making extra trips to the store, and you'll have all the tools on hand to get the job done right the first time.

- Is it safe? Know your own

limits — technical, physical and intellectual, the experts say. Don't overextend yourself or try to do more than you think you're capable of doing. Be extremely cautious when using power tools or tackling electrical projects.

- What are common mistakes to avoid? *Outdoor Projects 1-2-3* highlights the most common do-it-yourself mistakes homeowners have made and how best to avoid them.

- Is there a better way? "Work smarter, not harder" is one of the best pieces of advice. The experts know lots of little tips to make the job easier.

Outdoor Projects 1-2-3 is available at Home Depot stores and wherever quality books are sold. It's modeled after Home Depot's first book, *Home Improvement 1-2-3*, which focused on indoor projects and has sold more than half a million copies in the past two years.

Remodeling the kitchen? Don't forget windows

(NU) - The kitchen is often called the "heart of the home" because it's the most popular place for a family to gather. That's one reason why remodeling the kitchen is an important home improvement project.

Most people tend to focus on upgrading appliances, installing new cabinets and counters or replacing the floor covering. But another element can dramatically influence a kitchen's ambiance — windows.

By altering the current window arrangement or including windows where none previously existed, homeowners can achieve an open, bright and distinctive new look in the kitchen.

Rick Hetherington, general manager at Pozzi Wood Windows, suggests that for a simple change, remodelers should consider using the dark area

above the cabinets that is often unused. Narrow windows in this space enable natural light to emphasize the cabinets' beautiful wood grain and the subtle personal details of the room.

Large windows, such as a bay window in a breakfast nook, can also bring sunlight into the home to create an expansive look and feel.

Another idea is to use the wall space above your sink to install a garden window. You'll have full view of the children playing or the new flowers in the garden while you return phone calls, prepare dinner or simply relax with friends sitting at the kitchen table.

For help from the experts at Pozzi Wood Windows, visit the Web site www.pozzi.com. You can post questions or comments about Pozzi products and receive an answer in 24 hours.

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Summer sleuths to ferret out facts

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Segments will be devoted to investigating the mysteries of bugs, birds, mammals and the human body, with a Caribbean

through eight can sign up for this special book discussion group. The group will meet with Joyce Laiosa on July 16 and Aug. 13. Participants will receive copies of the book to be read and talked about at each meeting.

Adults who would like to participate in a book discussion group in the fall should contact the library. Ideas and requests for programs are happily considered at all times, but particularly now that we are planning for next year. Please give us your suggestions.

Take a Chance on June drawings are happy down. We've had some really winning winners of some wonderful prizes, and you can still be part of the action. This weekend, Red Maple Land Services is offering an ornamental tree to be planted in your yard, and attorney Don Meacham has again donated a \$50 cash prize.

Prizes of gift certificates to Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, I Love Books, the Bookworm and Stuyvesant Photo will be awarded this week. To please the palate, there's dinner from Mangia at Stuyvesant Plaza and Slingerlands, pizza from Smitty's and Dominic's and wine from Colonie Country Club.

festival and Kooshball Olympics thrown in just for fun.

Sign ups are open to kids entering kindergarten through grade six on Wednesday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You will receive a packet with a meeting schedule and other important information when you sign up. If you miss sign-up days, just come to the library the week of July 6. The club will run through Aug. 12.

"Track Down a Mystery" is a brand new attraction this summer. Mystery lovers in grades six

Do you have your tickets? They're available at the library for \$3 each or two for \$5. Hurry. The drawing for a basket of retired Beanie Babies donated by Robin's Nest is on Sunday, June 28.

The library is closed on Sundays and open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June through August. Regular weekend hours will resume after Labor Day.

Barbara Vink

BCHS class of 1948 schedules reunion

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1948 has scheduled a three-day 50th reunion for July 10 to 12.

Alumni from all over the country are expected to attend. The main event will be a dinner dance at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere on Saturday, July 11, with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A disc jockey will play songs from the '40s and '50s.

Reunion arrivals will gather on Friday, July 10, a 6:30 p.m. at Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elmsmere to meet and former schoolmates. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The weekend will conclude with an informal brunch on Sunday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

For information, contact Gertie Cook Agar at 339-4685 or Dick Haverly at 439-4797.

Free-flying moth



Robert Molnar Jr., 5, stands with Ray Perry, environmental educator at Five Rivers, after Molnar released a rare species of moth, the Big Poplar Sphinx, which the boy found in his back yard.

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Delmar library offers kids writing workshop

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar has opened registration for its seventh annual children's writing workshop.

The workshop is open to children entering grade three and up. It meets Fridays, July 10, to Aug. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Local authors will present particular aspects of writing at each session. Participants will write, illustrate and bind their own books, which will remain in the library for a year.

A reception on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. will close the program.

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Sports

Rain doesn't dampen Babe Ruth competition, fun

Despite bad weather and conflicting schedules Bethlehem Babe Ruth's inaugural year at its new facility on Line Drive saw some well played baseball.

Rain-outs plagued all the teams last weekend, but there was plenty of excitement in both the 14- to 15-year-olds and the 13-year-olds divisions last week.

GE Plastics Division (14- to 15-year-olds):

Callanan Construction defeated Bellizzi Camps, 10-6, Thursday, June 11, when Callanan scored nine runs in the first inning, largely on errors, and then held on defensively for the rest of the game to win. Prior to that, Bellizzi put a notch in the win column narrowly defeating Otto Olds, 9-8, in extra innings. Otto Olds, the current league leader with a 6-2 record, continued its winning ways on the road Thursday, shutting out Brunswick, 7-0, behind the combined two-hit pitching of Morgan Gmelch, Bill Tierney and Brian Geurtze.

Meanwhile, Tangora Technology and Delaware Plaza saw their Thursday game go down to the

wire in the seventh inning. Delaware Plaza won 4-3 on the strength of a fifth inning, two-run home run by Steve Hoghe, scoring Tom Frankovic ahead of him and bringing the score to 3-2. The plaza's Robert Ambros drove a single through the left side of the infield in the top of the seventh inning, and later advanced to second base. Ambros scored the tying run on another ball hit to the left side by Adam Rodriguez. With two outs, Ryan Williams hit a double to the left field fence, scoring Rodriguez from first base with the winning run. Tangora threatened in the bottom of the seventh when Brian Mannarino singled and Steve Maltzman walked and stole second with one out. But the plaza's Nate Turner struck out two batters for the save and the win. Tangora's Mark Bulger pitched an excellent game, allowing only four hits. He also hit an RBI double and scored another run in the fourth inning to help his cause.

Houghtaling Markets Division (13-year-olds):

In a game punctuated by numerous miscues in the field, Farm

Family Insurance defeated Blanchard Post, 16-7, Wednesday, June 10. Farm Family's Matt Drislane came up big in the batter's box, contributing a triple, double, single and four runs batted in to his team's effort. Team mate Jesse Irwin also had a double, single and two RBI, while pitcher Mike McGeown-Walker did an excellent job for five innings. Excellent efforts were turned in by Blanchard Post pitcher Conor McMahon and catcher Jeremy Trotta.

Meanwhile, another seventh inning nail biter was played Wednesday between Anaconda Sports and Owens Corning.

Corning won the game 7-6 when James Traylor singled in teammate John Davis with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Anaconda's Dane Barclay pitched well, allowing only four runs in four innings, while team mate Jason Colacino hit a booming double and Dan Seaburg scored two runs. But Corning pitcher Ryan Flansburg held Anaconda scoreless through the first three innings while his team-

Babe Ruth batting averages

Player	Team	Average
Mark Bulger	Tangora	.733
Brendan Hughes	Bellizzi	.667
Rick Root	Bellizzi	.600
Bill Tierney	Otto	.533
Steve Hoghe	Delaware Plaza	.500
Time Rice	Bellizzi	.474
Will Nathan	Bellizzi	.474
Alan Lewis	Tangora	.438
Morgan Gmelch	Otto	.429
Mike Medvesky	Callanan	.421
Adam Rodriguez	Delaware Plaza	.417
Eric Zimmer	Otto	.409
Steve Maltzman	Tangora	.400
Josh Burnett	Callanan	.400
Avi Rasowsky	Bellizzi	.400

mates put some runs on the board. Chris Bub, Corning's hitting leader went two-for-two, tapping out singles.

League standings as of Saturday, June 13, are as follows: GE Plastic Division, Otto Olds, 6-2;

Callanan Industries, 5-3; Tangora Technology, 4-4; Bellizzi Camps, 4-5; Delaware Plaza, 3-3; Houghtaling Markets Division, Owens Corning, 10-0; Farm Family Insurance, 6-4; Anaconda Sports, 3-6; Blanchard Post, 1-9.

Bethlehem Tomboy standings

The following are the current standings of the Bethlehem Tomboys girls softball league as of Friday, June 5: In the 18 and under division MacNamee, Lochner, Titus, and Williams, 5-0-0; Coopers and Lybrand, 4-1-0; Bob Bellizzi Softball Camps, 3-3-0; Exit 23 Mobil, 2-2-0; VFW Post 3185, 1-3-0; Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, 0-5-0.

In the 14 and under division GE Plastics, 6-3-0; Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, 5-3-0; Klersy Building Corp., 3-4-0; Bethlehem Police Officers Union PAL, 3-4-0; Saratoga Shoe Depot, 3-5-0.

In the 12 and under division, Adams Station, 9-0-0; Bennett Contracting, 6-2-0; Albank, 5-3-0; Teal, Becker and Ciarmonite, CPAs, 4-4-

0; Allen and Taub Plumbing and Heating, Inc., 3-5-0; Dog Guard Fencing, 2-7-0; Atlantic-British, Ltd., 0-8-0.

In the 10 and under division, The Bookworm, 6-4-0; All American Industries, 5-2-1; DARE, 5-2-2; Rhodes Remodeling, 5-3-1; Frangella Associates, 5-3-2; J+S Reconditioning, 3-4-0; LG&E Westmoreland Rensselaer, 1-5-1; and Dr. Chris Maestro, DDS, 1-7-1.

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Cooper-Varney softball league

The following are the standings for the Cooper-Varney Church Softball League as of Thursday, June 11: Delmar Reformed (3-5) vs. Coxackie Gospel Community (0-7), 16-11; Bethany Reformed (5-2) vs. Westerlo Baptist-I (3-4) vs. Onesquethaw Reformed (7-1), 5-4; Delmar United Methodist (1-7) vs. Bethlehem Community (4-4) vs. St. Thomas-I (4-4), 18-3; Wynantskill Reformed (6-2) vs. St. Thomas-II (4-4); Clarksville Community (6-2) vs. Delmar Fire Department (4-4), 13-5; Delmar Presbyterian (8-6) vs. Westerlo Baptist-II (1-6), 8-6.

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Bethlehem defeats Cobras, 13-4

Bethlehem Mickey Mantle defeated the Adirondack Cobras, 13-4, Thursday, June 11, making its record 4-0.

Pitcher **Lucas Parks** was credited with the win. **Ryan Venter** and **Josh Burnett** also pitched during the game.

Tim Hwang hit three singles, three RBI and had a stolen base,

while **Pat Davis** had a single, a double and two RBI.

The team is scheduled to play a non-league game in Clifton Park today, June 17.

The team's next league games are against South Troy, Thursday, June 18, and Saratoga at home Saturday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Kanuk receives McGinnis award

Marc Kanuk of Delmar recently received the George McGinnis Award for his leadership as captain of the varsity swim team at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He was captain of the varsity swim team

for two years and he was a four year varsity letter swimmer.

Kanuk recently graduated from the college with a bachelor's of art degree. He is the son of **Michael** and **Marge Kanuk** of Delmar.

Riding center needs volunteers

Volunteer horseleaders and sidewalkers are needed to assist in therapeutic horseback riding classes for riders with disabilities on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the Albany therapeutic Riding Center at 182 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

No horse experience is necessary, and free training will be provided Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, June 24, at 3 p.m.

Registration is required and volunteers must be at least 14-years-old. For information, call **Jo E. Prout** at 458-2572 or 765-2764.

Dolphins set morning swim program

The Delmar Dolphin Swim Club is now accepting applications for its annual morning swim program.

The program begins Monday, June 29, and will run for six weeks from 7 to 9 a.m., outdoors at the town park on Elm Avenue. The morning swim program is not related to regular Dolphin membership and is available to all residents who are at least of middle-school-age, residing in Bethlehem.

The program will run under the direction of **Ken Neff**, the Bethlehem boys varsity swim coach. For an application, call **Nancy Pierson** at 439-3214.

Soccer club is accepting late registration

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is still accepting applications for the fall soccer season. Late registrations with a \$75 fee will be accepted until Aug. 1 and can be sent to **Bonita Sanchez**, 16 Euclid Ave.,

Delmar, 12054.

No registrations will be accepted after Aug. 1.

For information, call **Marilyn Kacica** at 439-2005.

BOU to sponsor annual Father's Day race

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) will sponsor the 14th annual Father's Day Race and Community Walk on Sunday, June 21.

The 3.5 mile race, which is open to males and females of all ages, will begin at 10 a.m. at Hamagrael School on McGuffey Lane in Delmar and will wind through neighborhood streets.

The Fun Run begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Community Walk at 8:40 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers in each age category. All parent-child teams will receive a certificate.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Hamagrael School. There is a \$5 registration fee for each runner. All proceeds benefit BOU.

Advance registration forms are available at Bethlehem schools and the town park office. For information, call 439-7460, or 439-6470.

Lung Association plans bike trek

The American Lung Association is planning an Autumn Adventure Bicycle Trek from Saratoga Spa State Park to Lake George on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27.

100- or 120-mile routes, with daily routes of either 40 or 60 miles.

There is a \$30 registration fee and a \$150 pledge minimum per person.

For information, call 459-4197 ext. 321.

Teens to canoe in Canadian park

Camp Chingachgook is accepting applications for a July canoeing trip through Algonquin Park in Canada.

The two-week adventure for teens runs from July 2 to 15 and costs \$795 for YMCA members and \$825 for nonmembers. For information, call 656-9462.

Hope House slates annual golf tourney

Hope House will hold its 10th annual Frank Rosch Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, June 29, at Colonie Country Club in Voorheesville.

Mary Ann DiChristopher-Finn, executive director of Hope House, recently announced that Albany County Executive **Michael Breslin**, Colonie Supervisor **Mary Brizzell**, state Sen. **Neil Brelin**, and Bethlehem Supervisor **Sheila Fuller** will serve as honorary chairpersons of this annual fund-raising event.

Hope House is a fully accredited multi-service agency serving the needs of individuals affected by any form of chemical dependency or family dysfunction.

The tournament planning committee has been actively soliciting sponsors at various levels. **Barry, Bette and Led Duke** is the event's official sponsor. The Times Union has also signed on a major tournament sponsor. **Lazare Lincoln Mercury** is the hole-in-one contest sponsor. All levels of sponsorship are still available.

The tournament itinerary includes lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. and an awards reception and dinner at 6 p.m.

The cost for the event, including lunch and dinner, is \$150 per person. The cost is \$50 to attend just the dinner. For information, call Hope House development office at 482-4673.

Swim club offers lessons

Albany-Voorheesville Starfish Swim Club will conduct swimming lessons for children ages 4 to 14 this summer.

Lessons will be offered at various times. Morning classes start when school is out for the summer.

Lessons will be held at the University at Albany pools mornings between June 29 and the arrival of the New York Football Giants.

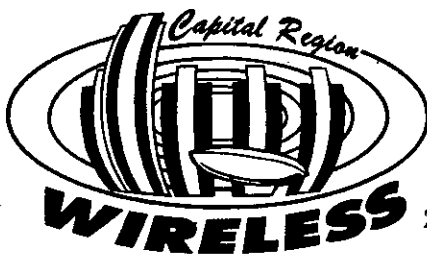
Lessons will also be held at Albany High School on Monday evenings and weekday mornings starting July 13, and at Albany Public Bath 2 on Tuesday evenings.

Classes are either 45 minutes or an hour long and follow the American Red Cross plan with certified instructors.

Individual classes are kept small to maximize learning, especially for younger swimmers. Classes include swimmers of all levels, so all children in a family can attend at the same time. For complete schedules and registration information, call 765-4267.

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Obituaries

William Scharfman

William B. Scharfman, M.D., 75, of Slingerlands died Sunday, June 14, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was a graduate of Columbia University and Albany Medical College.

He was a physician, researcher and professor at Albany Medical College. Dr. Scharfman was a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and an honorary doctor of science at Albany Medical College, where he received the Golden Apple Award and the Medical Residents Award from the medical school. He was also the recipient of the New York State Medical Society's Albert H. Douglas Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Scharfman was head of the division of hematology at Albany Medical Center from 1975 to 1984. He was a member of the American Federation for Clinical Research, the International Society of Hematology and the American Society of Hematology.

He co-authored more than 30 articles for distinguished medical journals. Dr. Scharfman was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Sonnenfeld Scharfman; three daughters, Lynne Brill of Northampton, Mass., Wendy Scharfman of Brooklyn and Susan Scharfman of Portland, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

Services are scheduled today, June 17, at 11 a.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany.

Burial will be in Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

Arrangements are by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Hematology Department of Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany 12208.

Charles Schade

Charles Arlow Schade, 88, of Slingerlands died Sunday, June 14, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was educated in Albany schools and was a graduate of Yale University.

Mr. Schade had an architectural practice until he retired.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a first lieutenant.

During retirement, he renewed his interest in water color painting. His work has been featured in numerous exhibits in local libraries, Pruyn House, Albany Country Club, Colonie town hall, the Schenectady Museum and the University Club. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his artwork.

He was a member of the Albany Art Association, Bethlehem Art Association, Colonie Art league and the Albany Artist Group. He was also a member of Albany Country Club, Master Lodge No. 5 F&AM, Albany Institute of History & Art, the Men's Garden Club of Albany and the University Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Nellis Schade; two sisters, Eleanor Andrews of Rochester and Ruth Dorsman of Albany; and two brothers, Bernard E. Schade of Albany and William A. Schade of Slingerlands.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements are by Magin & Keegan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany 12210.

Miriam Campbell

A memorial service will be on Saturday, June 20, at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar for Miriam Campbell, 93, a former Delmar resident. Mrs. Campbell died Thursday, May 28, at Sharon Springs Manor Home for Adults.

Mrs. Campbell was a longtime resident of Delmar before moving to Lawyersville to live with her son.

She was a former teacher's aide at St. Thomas School and a former 4-H Club leader. She was a lifetime member of the Delmar Progress Club and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

She was the widow of John Wallace Campbell.

Survivors include a daughter, Ellen Carter of Arlington, Va.; two sons, Kenneth W. Campbell of Kennebunkport, Maine, and J. Phillips Campbell of Lawyersville; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Oak Hill.

Arrangements are by the Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home

in Cobleskill.

Contributions may be made to Catskill Area Hospice, 1 MacArthur Drive, Cobleskill 10243.

John H. Kelley

John H. Kelley, 91, of Delmar died Monday, June 15, at his home.

Born and educated in Rensselaer, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mr. Kelley was a conductor for the Boston and Albany Railroad until he retired. He later worked for Picotte Companies as a building superintendent for seven years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 173, Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a charter member of Bethlehem Elks Club. He was treasurer of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Mr. Kelley was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Gleason Kelley; three sons, John H. Kelley Jr. of Albany, Joseph P. Kelley of Menands and Robert J. Kelley of Albany; five daughters, Mary Thomas of Eliot, Maine, Elizabeth Cassidy of Albany, Margaret A. Bonanni of Stillwater and Ann Hughes and Catherine Kelley, both of Delmar; a sister, Mary Mae Reid of Sandwich, Maine; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle on Adams Place in Delmar.

Calling hours will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Mary Dawn Boice

Mary Dawn Boice, 68, of Delmar and Myrtle Beach, S.C., died Tuesday, June 9, in Myrtle Beach.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mrs. Boice was an insurance broker and a member of Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband Myron Boice; two sons, Dale R. Boice and Scott Boice, both of Delmar; a daughter, Debra D. Jones of Mechanicville; and a brother, William H. Woolford of Glenmont.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Entombment was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Northeastern New York, 8 Mountain View Drive, Colonie 12205 or Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Vera M. Harvy

Vera M. Harvy, 84, of Albany and formerly of Glenmont died Tuesday, June 9, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

She was the widow of William J. Hummel and Raymond Harvy.

Survivors include a daughter, Candice Young; three sons, C. Ernest Weeks, Richard C. Hummel and Robert E. Hummel; two sisters, Lida Simmons and

Mary Ellen Schofield; three brothers, Albert Conrad, Edward Conrad and Philip Conrad Jr.; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Selkirk 12158 or Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont 12077.

John Charles Nock

John Charles T. Nock, 45, of Meads Lane in Delmar died Tuesday, June 9, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was the former owner of Bethlehem Fence Co.

He had also worked for Ontario Supply and Smith Electric in Cohoes.

Survivors include his wife, Janice E. Brown-Nock of Delmar; a daughter, Tanya-Camille Stewart of Londonberry, Vt.; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Bianchino of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Marie Garling

Grief Tip

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Obituaries

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and Virginia Weston, both of Guilderland.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was private.

Gordon Rupert Beebe

Gordon Rupert Beebe, 79, of Glenmont died Monday, June 8, at Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Born in Sidney, Delaware County, he was an Army veteran, serving in the Amphibious Corps Engineers Special Shop Section in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Beebe worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. for more than 40 years, retiring as chief operating foreman at the Albany Steam Station.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Margaret Hanes Beebe; five sons, Alan Hanes Beebe, Gregg Gordon Beebe and Roger Warren Beebe, all of Glenmont, Timothy Kyle Beebe of Elsmere and Eric Philip Beebe of Altamont; a brother, Richard Comstock Beebe of Middletown, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane Glenmont 12077.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Glenmont Community Church Building Fund.

Helen Torlish

Helen Rommel Torlish, 80, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home died Saturday, June 13, at the home.

Born and educated in Albany, she lived in Altamont for many years.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Torlish was a member of Evangelical Protestant Church.

She was the widow of Joseph Torlish.

Survivors include two nieces, Patricia Atwell of Clifton Park and Sharon Weaver; and a nephew, Kenneth Klapp of Schenectady.

Services are scheduled for today, June 17, at 3 p.m. at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany. Calling hours will begin at 2 p.m.

Burial will be private at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to

Evangelical Protestant Church, 82 Clinton Ave., Albany 12202.

Correction

Two of Frances Gathen's survivors were listed incorrectly in her obituary in the June 10 edition. Survivors include her husband, William M. Gathen Sr. and a son, William M. Gathen Jr. of Niskayuna.

Support groups help grandparents

Albany County Department of Aging and the Caregivers Respite Program of Catholic Charities offer free support groups for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Support groups provide guidance to grandparents and surrogate parents concerning legal rights, financial concerns and the emotional impact of caring for children.

Participants also have a chance to share their concerns with others in the same situation.

A group meets the second Thursday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Community Care Center at 340 First Street in Albany.

For information, call 478-9906.

Easy does it



Bethlehem police officer Jeffrey Vunck said this intersection at Cherry and Delaware avenues is hazardous for pedestrians. With the new Stewart's under construction, traffic has been heavier than usual.

Group seeks donated vehicles

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany is conducting a vehicle donation campaign.

Residents and businesses are urged to donate old trucks, cars and boats instead of selling them.

Proceeds support rehabilitation, education, counseling, job placement and community services to the blind and visually impaired of the Capital District.

For information, call 463-1211.

Museum cancels summer art classes

The Albany Institute of History and Art will undergo extensive renovation starting this summer.

Summer art classes will not be held this year. Classes will resume in the new museum around 2001.

Community members are encouraged to participate in art classes at other regional creative art programs such as those offered at the Arts Center in Troy.

For information, call 463-4478.

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Here's the schedule for the BOU Father's Day race:

8:30 a.m. — Registration

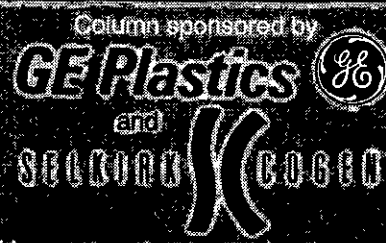
8:40 a.m. — Community Walk

9:30 a.m. — Fun Run

10 a.m. — 3.5-mile Race

Registration forms are available at Bethlehem schools and town park offices. There is a \$5 fee per runner.

Call Bob Salamone, at 439-7460, or Joni Goldberg, at 439-6470, for more information.



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Natalie and Michael Sullivan

Stuber, Sullivan marry

Natalie Stuber, daughter of George and Phyllis Stuber of Icksburg, Pa., and Michael T. Sullivan, son of Gary and Joy Sullivan of Delmar, were married May 1.

The couple was married in a hot-air balloon in San Diego, Calif.

The maid of honor was Thurston Gardiner, cousin of the groom.

The best man was Scott Toly, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College. She owns Executive Siding and Windows in High Point, N.C.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Florida.

He is a financial planner at GE Capital in Charlotte, N.C.

The couple lives in High Point, N.C.

Honor society inducts members

Bethlehem Central High School recently inducted high school seniors into the Gladys E. Newell Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The officers and inductees meet requirements of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The officers are; President, Laura Dicker, president; Emily Prudente, vice president; David Shaye, secretary; and Jill Foster, treasurer.

The inductees are — Rachel Arcus, Heather Barclay, Nicholas Berry, James Bell, Virginia Blabey, Shannon Bennett, Pamela

Brannock, Keith Campbell, Nicole Conway, Karly Decker, Laura Dicker, Melanie Finkel, Beth Finkelstein, Jill Foster, Marcy Goedeke, Jodi Heim and Abby Kahn.

And Kathryn Lange, Sarah MacDowell, Brian McCarthy, Kathleen Moon, Ryan Peterson, Marielle Postava-Davignon, Emily Prudente, Kelly Ray, Kristen Reinertsen, Matthew Reuter, Lauren Rice, Erin Reigel, Renata Selitti, David Shaye, Erika St. Lucia, Scott Strickler, Mark Svare, Kerry VanRiper, Serguei Vassilvitski and Amy Venter.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Births

St. Peter's

Boy, Sam Christopher Knack, to Gala and John Knack of Slingerlands, May 4.

Boy, Kyle John Biszick, to Terri and John Biszick of Glenmont, May 20.

Boy, David Steven O'Brien, to Nicole and David O'Brien of Glenmont, May 20.

Girl, Isabella Nicole Ryan, to Kathleen and Timothy Ryan of Delmar, May 22.

Girl, Zoey Brooke Hartman, to Laura and Steven Hartman of Delmar, May 22.

Boy, Griffin Patrick Edwards to Christine and Christopher Edwards of Delmar, May 25.

Girl, Sarah Christine Bestler, to Karen and Kevin Bestler of Clarksville, May 26.

Boy, Christopher Ross Brumley, to Stephanie and Richard Brumley Jr. of Delmar, May 26.

Out of town

Girl, Juliana Grace Humphreys, to Carolyn and Kerry Humphreys of Lilburn, Ga., April 1. Paternal grandparents, Samuel and Henda Strasser of Delmar, and Sepp and Tina Eigenmann of Lake Placid.

Girl, Kathleen Treadway Gergel, to Laura and Tom Gergel of West Chester, Pa. Maternal grandmother is Ann Treadway of Delmar.

Boy, Daniel Nathan Johnson, to Doug and Molly Johnson of Hamilton, Madison County. Maternal grandmother is Ann Treadway of Delmar.

DEAN'S LIST

Boston College — Emily Spooner of Delmar and Sarah Stiglmeier of Glenmont.

Clarkson University — Kevin Fournier of Selkirk and Kenneth Halvorsen of Glenmont.

Duke University — Scott Lobel of Delmar.

Purdue University — Cheryl Goeldner of Delmar.

The College of Saint Rose — Barbara Reidel and Amy Winters of Delmar; Emily Bourguignon, Jennifer Brown and Celia Doherty, all of Glenmont; Robert Buckley and Joan Wise of Selkirk; Anne Marie Lobosco and Amy Margan of Slingerlands; and Carole Stevens and Kelly Tracy of Voorheesville.



Kim Cirillo and Jeffrey Riker

Cirillo, Riker engaged

Kim Theresina Cirillo, daughter of Michael and Alice Cirillo of Glenmont, and Jeffrey Paul Riker, son of Jack and Kathleen Riker of Queens, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and Syracuse University.

The future groom is a graduate of Nassau College and Cleveland Chiropractic School. He is a chiropractor at Delmar Chiropractic Office.

The couple plans an Aug. 22 wedding.

Class of '98

Alfred University — Lynn Ansaldi of Delmar (bachelor's in fine arts).

Clarkson University — George Kansas of Delmar (bachelor's in civil engineering).

Franklin & Marshall College — Marc Kanuk of Delmar (bachelor's in classical archaeology and ancient history).

St. Bonaventure University — Christine Nelson of Delmar (bachelor's in psychology, cum

laude) and Christine Dawson of Glenmont (bachelor's in history, summa cum laude).

Union College — Michael Breslin (bachelor's in mathematics), Nadia Gowanlu (bachelor's in biology/psychology), Nathaniel Greenman (bachelor's in electrical engineering) and Andrea Griffin (master's in accounting), all of Delmar, and Nathan Childs of Slingerlands (bachelor's in biology).



BOU to sponsor Father's Day Race

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) will sponsor the 14th annual Father's Day Race and Community Walk on Sunday, June 21, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at Hamagrael School on McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

The Community Walk is at 8:40 a.m., the Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. and the 3.5-mile race at 10 a.m. There is a \$5 registration fee per runner. Forms are available at Bethlehem schools and the town park office. For information, call 439-7430 or 439-6470.

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Arts, music enthusiasts flock to downtown Troy

By Dev Tobin

Given last weekend's Stars and Stripes Festival and Flag Day Parade and this weekend's Riverfront Arts Fest, the mid-June place to be is clearly downtown Troy.

The 33rd annual Arts Fest, put on by the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, will run from noon to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21.

The free festival, the oldest continuously running arts festival in upstate New York, attracts about 40,000 people to Riverfront Park and the adjacent downtown area, according to RCCA marketing coordinator Lisa Roche.

The festival features local and nationally known blues musicians, a unique streetpainting competition, an ethnic food

Banks at 5.

Sunday's lineup includes Eric Zugner at 12:30 p.m., the Basement Blues Band at 2:15, Rockin' Johnny at 4 and Lurrie Bell at 5:30.

More homespun local entertainment at the festival's second stage includes the Chinese Cultural Center of Albany's dance troupe Saturday at 12:30 p.m., the Mount Olive Baptist Church Male Chorus at 2, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (Irish dancers and singers) at 3, Inkari (native American music from the Andes) on Sunday at 12:30, Middle Eastern dancer Donna Floyd at 1:45, fiddler Sara Milanovich and friends at 2:30, and Alex Torres and the Latin Kings at 4.

Aside from the streetpainting contest, the festival also sponsors the juried Fence



Artists can look to create strokes of genius in the streetpainting contest at the 33rd annual Riverfront Arts Fest at Riverfront Park in Troy June 20 and 21, above, or try their hands at creating a masterpiece at the festival's How-To Pavilion, left.

SPOTLIGHT ON Family Entertainment

bazaar, a children's crafts pavilion and free how-to workshops on crafts and visual arts like stained glass and pottery.

"RCCA's mission is to advance the arts in daily life, and something on this scale gives us a chance to reach out to thousands of people," Roche said. "We're bringing artists and crafters to the community, as opposed to people coming to us."

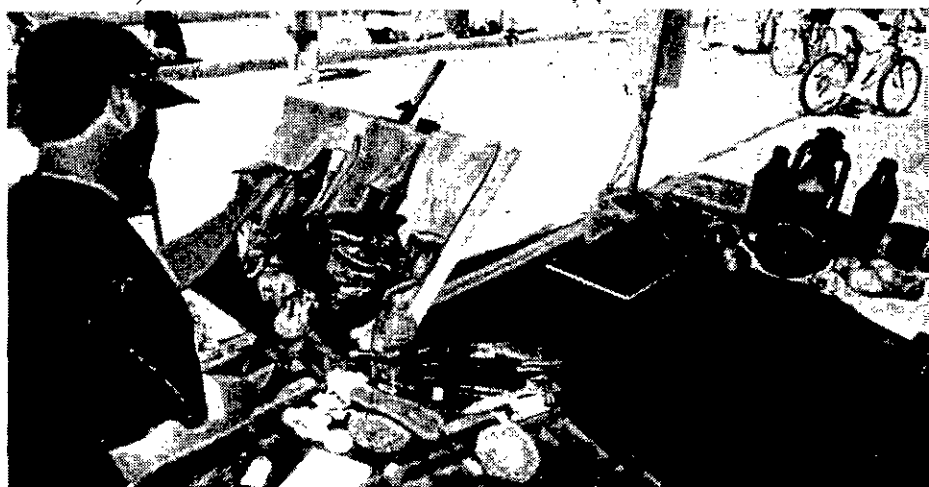
The festival also promotes a "reciprocal interaction" between artists and the public, Roche added.

The event is a major fund-raiser for RCCA, largely through corporate sponsorships and donations, and also helps boost the group's membership, Roche said.

The main stage music at the Riverfront Park bandshell kicks off on Saturday with The Northeast Blues Society All-Stars at noon, Memphis James at 1:45, Blind Mississippi Morris at 3:15 and Chico

Show in city hall for artists working in all media. The Fence Show pays tribute to the festival's beginnings in 1965 as an art show in Troy's Washington Park, where works were leaned against the park fence.

And the festival has expanded its offerings for children, including magic, clowning, juggling, puppets and more at the special children's stage; a children's parade Saturday at 12:30 p.m.; and a treasure hunt beginning at 1 Saturday.



Mac-Haydn Theatre joins project to provide meals for children

The special truck convoy which began last week in Washington, D.C. to collect food from all over the country to feed children around the world will target the Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham as one of its points to collect food. The 18-Wheels of Hope convoy will arrive near Chatham at the end of the summer at which time all food collected by the theater will be given to truck handlers to carry back to Nashville, Tennessee where it will be repackaged for distribution around the country and throughout the world.

Sponsors in Nashville expect to collect enough food to supply 60 million meals.

Co-producers Linda MacNish and Lynne Haydn in Chatham have been involved with a number of charity drives while operating their 30-year old summer theater.

When Hurricane Andrew hit Florida, the theater collected four truckloads of food and clothing to send to the stricken residents in the southern state. Another \$1800 was collected from audiences and the theater's neighbors to send to Midwest flood victims last year.

In the 18 Wheels of Hope campaign, trucks loaned by Val Pack Trucking of Springfield, MA will be parked on the theater's grounds to store the non-perishable food donated by audiences and residents in Chatham.

In Nashville, the food will be packed and distributed by the Feed the Children organization which is a leading sponsor of helping children around the world.

Information on how to help this campaign may be obtained by calling 392-2245. Reservations and other information on the theater's season and the current production of *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* may be gained by calling 392-9292.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Discount booth on Broadway has cheaper tickets to musicals

Following last week's column which commented on the high prices of shows in New York, a friend reminded me that Wednesday matinees may be a good time to get tickets to good shows at a reduced price. An avid theatergoer in New York, this friend said that theaters tend to make more tickets available at discount because of the increase of visitors to New York on Wednesdays who have not purchased tickets in advance.

Except for the recent hits such as *The Lion King* and *Ragtime*, most other shows have discount tickets available at the booth on Duffy Square at 45th street and Broadway.

Phantom of the Opera, *Titanic*, *Les Miserables*, *High Society* and a host of others have been available recently at prices ranging from \$20 to \$40 less than the actual price. And, these tickets are in the orchestra section.

Several bus companies in the area have trips on Wednesdays for theater going and shopping in a \$32-\$34 price range for a round trip. They usually get into New York around 11 a.m., plenty of time to get a ticket at the discount ticket office and have lunch before the 2 p.m. matinee curtain.

Latham actress in rehearsal for Lake George Equity role

Carol Jones of Latham, an actress who has appeared in most area community theaters and regularly with the Riverview Entertainment Productions company, will open in *Perfect Wedding* at the

Lake George Dinner Theater at the Holiday Inn June 19.

Currently in rehearsal, Jones plays the mother of a prospective bridegroom who is confronted by his bride-to-be and soon-to-be mother-in-law in a hotel room with another woman on his wedding day.

The Robin Hawdon adaptation of this French farce has a perfectly good explanation that will take at least the second act to unravel. That is the act in which Jones supplies most of the comic conflict.

Hawdon is the playwright who adapted last year's production of *Don't Dress for Dinner*, another romantically complicated farce that proved a successful venture for the theater company headed by Vicky Eastwood.

As for Jones, she'll receive her Equity union card at the end of the season for her summer-long performances.

Perfect Wedding runs six nights a week with two matinees until Oct. 17.

Information and reservations are available at 668-2198.

Dorset Theatre Festival opens 23rd summer season Thursday

A comedy about four golf friends opens the Dorset Theatre Festival's 23rd season Thursday (June 11).

Carter W. Lewis' *Golf With Alan Shepard* plays through June 27 and opens the five-play summer season that will also include *Room Service* (July 2-18); *Don't Dress for Dinner* (July 25-Aug 8); *Spider's Web* (Aug. 13-29); and *Old Wicked Songs* (Sept. 3-12).

Info and reservations at (802/867-5777).

Around Theaters!

Fully Committed, a comedy at the Adirondack Theatre Festival through June 22 (798-7479); *The Big Knife* by Clifford Odets at Williamstown's Nikos Stage June 17-28 (413/597-3400); *High Spirits* at the Berkshire Theater Festival through July 4 (413/298-5576).

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renowned international concert pianist, 1998 Yaddo Summer Benefit, Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, June 30, 8 p.m. Information, 584-1312.

THE FURTHER FESTIVAL

featuring The Other Ones, Rusted Root, Hot Tuna, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, Saturday, July 4, 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$32.50; \$25 lawn. Information, 584-9330.

JOHN FOGERTY

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 5, 8:15 p.m., \$27.50, \$23.50, \$15 lawn. Information, 584-9330.

LILITH FAIR

featuring Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, Bonnie Raitt, Lauryn Hill, Tracy Bonham, Heather Nova, Beth Orton, Imani Coppola, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 12, 4:30 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

FREIHOFFER'S JAZZ FESTIVAL

in cooperation with George Wein, line-up includes Cassandra Wilson, Dave Brubeck Quartet, Boney James, Eric Person, Mark Turner, Terry Waldo Trio and Adam Holzman & Brave New World, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga, June 27 and 28. Cost, \$27. 50 lawn; \$45 adults.

RUSS KENNEDY

acoustic guitarist, Van Dyck, 237 Union Street, Schenectady, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 19. Information, 274-0316.

MICHAEL BOLTON AND WYNONNA

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 19, 8:15 p.m., \$55, \$45, \$20.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

CHRIS DECKER

guitarist, vocalist, Van Dyck, 237 Union Street, Schenectady, 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday, June 23. Information, 274-0316.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

Saratoga Performing Arts Center Saratoga Springs, July 26, 7 p.m., \$30, \$25 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

STEVE MILLER BAND

and Little Feat, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 27, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$12.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

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exhibit of photographs, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. Information, 482-0262.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Camille Pissarro in the Caribbean, 1850-1855, through June 28; 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

AROUND the AREA

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JUNE 17

ALBANY COUNTY

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT/CPR
Samaritan Hospital, Patton Board Room, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 271-3347.

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Evangelical Protestant Church, Clinton Street and Alexander Street, Albany, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., held through October 28. Information, 439-4831.

COPING AND CARING

Support group for adult children of aging parents, Senior Quarters, 140 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4595.

ANNUAL LAWN FESTIVAL

Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 6 to 8 p.m. Rain date is June 18.

FARMERS' MARKET

Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SAVE THE PINE BUSH MONTHLY LASAGNA DINNER

First Presbyterian Church, State Street and Willett Street, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 462-0891.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

for those who care for Alzheimer's parents, Royce House, 117 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 1 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY
JUNE 18

ALBANY COUNTY

TIN-SHI RECITAL

Albany City Hall, 3 p.m. Information, 449-4756.

FARMERS MARKET

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 2:30 to 6 p.m., held through October 29. Information, 439-4831.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

LUNCHTIME SIDEWALK SALE

lawn sale of gift items from the Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FARMERS' MARKET

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

SCOLIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP

for individuals and families, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 16)

Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

FRIDAY
JUNE 19

ALBANY COUNTY

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF DAY AND FUND RAISER

Western Turnpike Golf Course, 2350 Western Ave., Guilderland, registration at 8 a.m. Information, 434-5501.

NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE

301 Washington Ave., Albany, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 463-1211.

FARMERS MARKET

St. Pauls Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., held through October 30. Information, 439-4831.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SATURDAY
JUNE 20

ALBANY COUNTY

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

SIDEWALK SALE

Ladies Auxiliary, Post rooms, 370 Central Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 869-0104.

SUNDAY
JUNE 21

ALBANY COUNTY

DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

Super CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Women's suffrage leader Carrie
5 Extremely cold
10 He was beloved as "Mr. Chips"
15 His play inspired "My Fair Lady"
19 Moslem title
20 Soap plant
21 Funeral oration
22 Lively dance
23 Long-running Broadway hit of the '80s
25 Tom Cruise/Nicole Kidman film
27 Droop with weariness
28 Eye amorously
29 Scott Hamilton's stage
31 Verdi heroine
32 Ques. follower
33 School, to Simone
35 Actor's shadow?
37 — on Sunday (movie)
39 Poe wrote of her
41 "Random Harvest" plot device
43 Musical Nelson
46 Barbara and

Anthony

- 47 Health resorts
48 Sea birds
50 Agave fiber
51 It might be steel belted
52 At the home of, in Versailles
53 Black birds
55 Lime tree
56 The gums
57 Stone or glass
59 Aphrodite loved him
61 Opposite SSW
62 Web-footed fish eater
64 Confused clamor
66 Fill with happiness
68 "Night Court" role
69 Derek and Diddy
70 Wrath
71 Protective coverings
75 William Rose or Stephen Vincent
77 Supermarket device
81 Soak flax
82 Nap-raising implement
84 Civil War battle site
86 Cantor or Lupino
87 Algerian seaport
89 Part of a window frame

90 Verve

- 91 Surgery memento
92 Sends a message
94 Luau garlands
96 Horror film featuring giant ants
97 Delibes opera
98 Gained as profit
100 Showy-flowered perennials
102 Ill-tempered
103 Brings up
105 Chinese weight unit
106 Fine line of a letter
107 Burrows or Vigoda
109 Acts the stool pigeon
111 Ship-shaped clock
112 Laurel or Lee
113 Tit for —
116 Neil Simon hit starring Alan Alda
119 Shirley MacLaine best-seller
122 Part of T.A.E.
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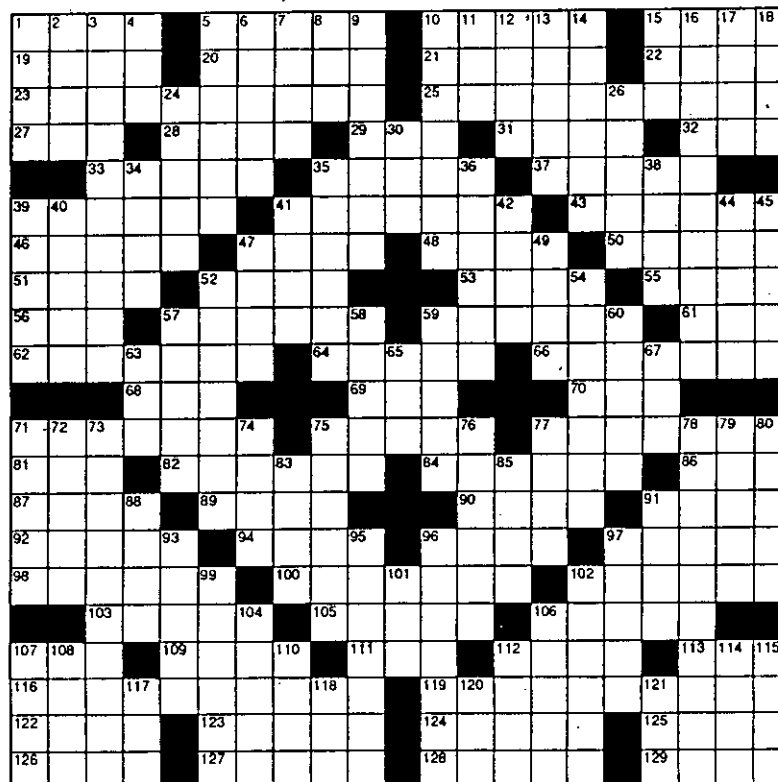
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2 Home of the Taj Mahal
3 Buster Keaton movie
4 Chinese pagoda
5 Flock of geese
6 Author Zola
7 Knowledge or learning
8 — Take Romance
9 Secret schemes
10 Self-protection
11 Palm leaf
12 She lived in "A Doll's House"
13 Once more
14 "Love Me —"
15 TV's "Na Na"
16 Anthony Hopkins movie
17 Isles off Ireland
18 Routes or courses
24 Open tracts of wasteland
26 "Dark Victory" star
30 So-so grade
34 Baseball pitching star
35 South American river
36 Long, scolding

speech

- 38 Reverse tide?
39 A stop or pause
40 Roman magistrate
41 Mimic
42 Part of A.D.
44 Singer Frankie
45 Barkin or Corby
47 Language related to Thai
49 Spill the beans
52 Anthony Browne's notable children's book
54 — Valley (California high-tech area)
57 Not up to full measure
58 Prize-giving tycoon
59 Burros
60 Vaughan or Caldwell
63 — Amin
65 Ending for champ
67 Dad's hideaway
71 British coin
72 Lofty home
73 William Shatner film
74 Boat or plane starter
75 Satan, in the New Testament
76 "From —

and hungry goblin"

- 77 Bridge coup
78 Bonnie Raitt 1989 album
79 Dutch cheeses
80 Street show
83 Winter vehicle
85 They're seen in the Seine
88 Part of a Greek tetrachord
91 Calcutta garb
93 Caulerizes
95 Climbed a rope, in a way
96 Type of food wrapping
97 "— Doone"
99 Bureau compartment
101 New Guinea town
102 More vicious
104 Roman matron's garment
106 "Lust for Life" author
107 Partially open
108 Sumatra wildcat
110 Meanly complacent
112 Command to Rover
114 Pierre's girlfriend
115 Skier's aid
117 To lamb
118 Ending for stamp or imp
120 Miss Merkel
121 Mad scientist's place



The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 17
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

JULY 4TH BAR-BE-CUE

Elm Ave. Town Park, noon to 2 p.m. Advance tickets, \$6.50, \$7 at the door, for full meal. Half chicken, \$4.50.

THURSDAY
JUNE 18
BETHLEHEM
RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

AA MEETINGS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

FRIDAY
JUNE 19
BETHLEHEM
DUPLICATE BRIDGE

all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

SARA HUGHES VIOLIN RECITAL

Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Free and open to public. Refreshments after recital.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY
JUNE 20
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

FLOWER WALK

Five Rivers, 56 Game Farm Rd, Delmar. 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush. Servings, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Adults-\$8, children-\$3.

SUNDAY
JUNE 21
BETHLEHEM
BOU RACE

Hamagrael School, 9:30 start. Registration-8:30. \$5 per participant. Information, Joni Goldberg, 439-6470, or Bob Salamone, 439-7460.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

traditional worship, 9 and 11 a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery care and Sunday school for children during all services, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is B.A. Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on May 19, 1998.

THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the

LEGAL NOTICE

Secretary of State shall mail process c/o British American Development Corp., 4 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (June 17, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on

LEGAL NOTICE

Tuesday, June 16, 1998, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Dorato Holdings, Inc., Thomas A. & Marjorie E. Dorato, 27 Palma Blvd., Albany, NY 12203, for approval by said Planning Board of a two (2) lot subdivision of 1.38 acres located south of Partridge Rd. between Lyons Ave. and Murray Ave. as shown on map entitled, "Proposed Two Lot Subdivision, Property of Dorato Holdings, Inc., known as the 'DORATO SUBDIVISION' dated Mar. 2, 1998, revised 5/21/98 and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Delmar, NY. Douglas Hasbrouck

LEGAL NOTICE

 Chairman, Planning Board
NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested. (June 17, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Accounting Information Systems, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 22, 1998, effective upon the date of filing.

Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

LEGAL NOTICE

cess against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 10 Colvin Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under LLCL. (June 17, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fiscal affairs of the Town of Bethlehem for the year ending on December 31, 1997 have been examined by Casey & Lubbe, PC, Certified Public Accountants, and that the report of the independent

LEGAL NOTICE

public accountant has been filed in my office where it is available as public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to the Section 35 of General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Town of Bethlehem may in its discretion, prepare a written responses to report of external audit by the independent public accountant, and file any such response in my office as public record for inspection by all interested persons, not later than September 30, 1998.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
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 TOWN CLERK

 DATE: June 9, 1998
 (June 17, 1998)

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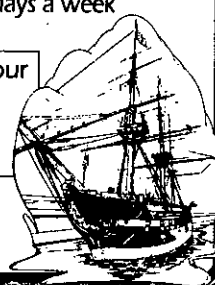
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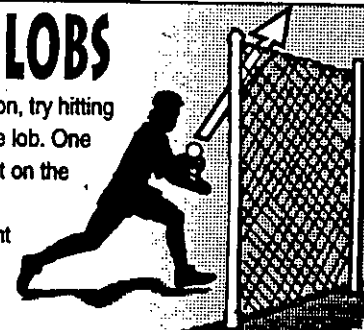
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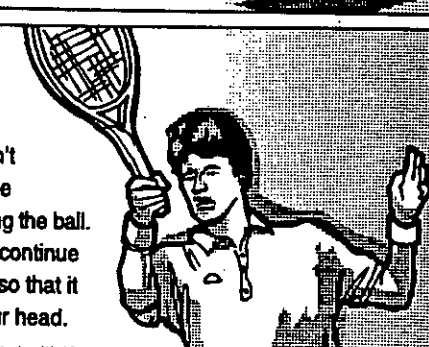
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THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

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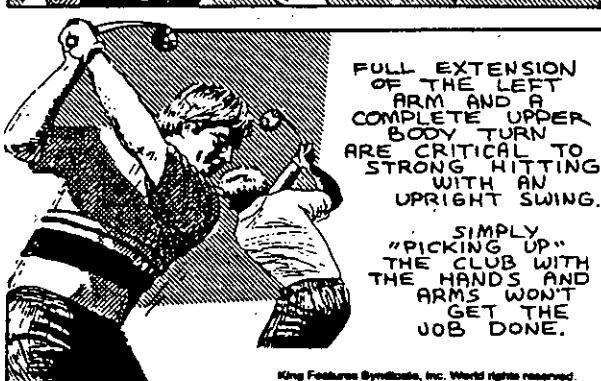
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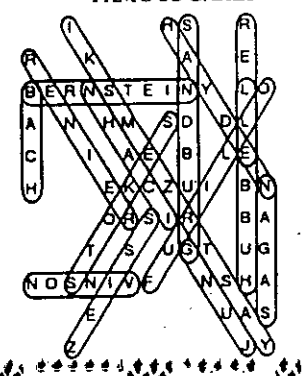
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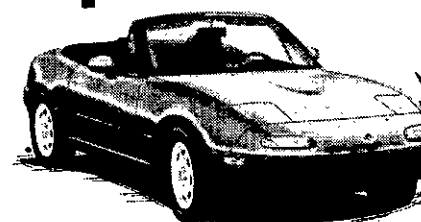
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Prank

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polite," although few returned to school.

"In terms of the walkout, a lot of seniors made a bad decision, and they're paying for it," Loomis said. Seniors who returned to school by 10 a.m. were given three hours of detention; students who returned later got six hours.

"They need to meet that detention obligation to participate in graduation," Loomis said.

Holligan said the extent of the vandalism makes it a police matter, and Loomis said the incident effectively killed the senior prank tradition.

"This administration, this school board and this district will ensure that, in the future, there is no such thing as a senior prank," Loomis said. "It is not a part of life in this community any longer."

Holligan said Bethlehem police are conducting an investigation, which has led them to about 12 students who allegedly committed the most severe infractions. "We expect to make some arrests over the next several days,"

Holligan said.

All of the suspects are seniors, Holligan said, and they will each be charged the same, probably with burglary and felony criminal mischief. The burglary charge doesn't mean items were stolen, Holligan said. Instead, the charge refers to the students' unlawful presence in the school building with the intent of committing crimes.

Loomis said the administration's inquiry into the vandalism has led to about 17 students, including the dozen or so whom police are investigating.

"I've talked with students and I've talked with a number of parents of parents of students involved in the vandalism," Loomis said. "It was a situation where a group of students felt they were doing their classes' senior prank (and) their judgment was so poor that they didn't think about the potential consequences of their actions."

Those consequences apparently included a number of injuries. Loomis said he believes some students slipped and fell on the oiled hallway, but didn't have specific information.

In another incident, a custodian who was using a blowtorch to remove glue from a lock accidentally turned and hit a passing student's arm with the torch's flame. "I know the student was in the nurses' office, and I believe she's recovering," Loomis said.

Loomis said repairing the vandalism will cost "well in the excess of \$3,000" and raises important security issues.

The vandals apparently propped a door open before leaving school Tuesday and used to enter school early Wednesday morning. "If our custodians had checked every door, they would have found one that wasn't secure," Loomis said, adding that a repercussion may be the installation of additional surveillance equipment in the school.

Loomis made a point of differentiating the vandals from the students who walked out, but said all the students who broke school rules will be disciplined.

"Some seniors feel there is very little accountability," he said, "(but) I wouldn't in any way characterize the nature of this senior

class by the poor judgment of a small number of their classmates."

Offering possible insight into the motivation for the pranks, BC senior Paul Esmond wrote a letter to *The Spotlight*. Esmond said he thinks the pranks were committed by students who don't respect BC administrators.

Loomis responded to Esmond's suggestion by saying, "It goes with being a student that you would feel the administration is not listening. But from my point of view, the principal Jon Hunter, the assistant principal, the vice principal and the four deans have worked to make sure each student gets a great education."

Loomis repeated that he won't tolerate senior pranks in the future, and said last week's vandalism shouldn't even be called a prank. "There was nothing about this that was fun and games," he said.

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