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BCUEA asks for public forum

By DONNA J. BELL

The board of education met before a standing room only crowd on Oct. 7. Filled to capacity with many Bethlehem Central United Education Association (BCUEA) members sporting bright orange protest buttons, the board attended to administrative details and listened to several good news items before the evening ended with angry questioning over Phase 3 construction and BCUEA negotiations.

BCUEA president Kathy Gill requested a public forum with a neutral moderator. She suggested someone from *The Spotlight* or *Times Union*. "We need to put our cards on the table," Gill said. "We have nothing to hide, and we hope the district feels the same."

Board president Happy Scherer said

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Tire mire



Last Saturday's rainstorm made Elsmere Avenue under the railroad overpass more like a pond than a road. Drivers were forced to slow down to get through the tricky stretch.

Elaine McLain

BC earns kudos for music excellence

By DONNA J. BELL

Receiving kudos for its music program is almost second-nature for the Bethlehem Central School District. Last year district ensembles won seven gold and four silver medal awards, and the seventh-grade band, under the direction of George Smith, won gold with distinction in the New York State School of Music Associations (NYSSMA) Major Organization Adjudication Festival.

**Our colleagues
are recognizing
our program
and that means
a lot to us.**

Michael Tebbano

To top off its successful year, the district recently received NYSSMA's highest honor, the Presidential Citation Award.

"Bethlehem has a proud tradition of excellence," said Superintendent

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Zoning board will grant kennel variance

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

The two-month saga of Gertrude Adair and her quartet of Pomeranian pooches will soon be brought to heel by the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals.

At its meeting last week, the zoning board unanimously agreed to grant a variance to Adair, permitting her to keep four dogs at her Glenmont home. The variance, once it is finally adopted, will technically grant Adair a kennel permit, required of any resident keeping in excess of two dogs in a private residence.

But to ensure that the variance is not construed as granting a future property-holder at that location the right to open a commercial kennel, the board hammered out a series of restrictions that

will keep Adair and her pets on a very short leash.

At issue: the concern that any variance granted to Adair would attach to the property permanently, and thus be subject to abuse by a future property-owner in the residential neighborhood.



Gertrude Adair with one of her therapy Pomeranians.

Adair's four Pomeranians are more than just pets; they're registered with New Jersey-based Therapy Dogs International, and are regularly taken by Adair on visits to hospices and senior facilities, several in Albany County. Her move to Glenmont last winter, she says, was spurred in part by her wish to be nearer to this volunteer work. She was unaware of the two-

Dog owner describes 2-month ordeal

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

The end of the tunnel is in sight for Gertrude Adair. But even if the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals finally approves her two-month-old variance request next week, the entire experience has been "traumatic."

"I never anticipated anything like this," she said.

The 73-year-old Adair moved to her Glenmont home last winter in order to be closer to her children, and nearer to her volunteer work. She visits senior facilities accompanied by four Pomeranian therapy dogs, who are the object of

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Dogs

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dog limit until she sought local licenses for her pets. "That was when I was told I had to go apply for a variance," she said. "I didn't even know what a variance was."

In this case, the zoning board sought to craft a limited-use variance that would not be abused by a future occupant of her property, while accommodating Adair's specific needs. "There are avenues we can use to help this lady continue her operation and yet protect the neighbors by setting some conditions," board chairman Michael Hodom said at the outset of the most recent discussion.

Among other things, the board

agreed that Adair may keep no more than four dogs, and that they not exceed 10 pounds apiece. And they will incorporate into the variance conditions related to the care and disposition of the dogs. They also agreed to a five-year limit to the variance.

Adair, who did not attend the meeting, declined to comment on the board's actions until she is informed of them directly.

"I'd probably have to read it over several times," she said, "But I want to get it from them [the zoning board] first." But when the substance of their resolution was related to her, she expressed only minor reservations about its provisions.

The matter has dogged the zon-

ing board since Adair first appeared to make the request at its Aug. 19 meeting. The wish to put it behind them was a common sentiment expressed by board members during the most recent discussion. "I don't think I've had any more trouble with a zoning request than this one," said board member Robert Wiggand.

Adair has consistently maintained no interest in boarding or breeding other dogs on her property. "She did not come here with the intent of opening a kennel," noted board member Marjorie O'Brien at the recent meeting. "She did not come here with any intent but to find a comfortable home nearer to where she needed to be."

But Adair has also consistently

asserted she would move rather than give up her companions if the variance was not granted, and that such a move would impose undue financial hardship. Sale of her former home is nearing closing, a fact noted at the zoning board meeting.

For its part, the zoning board has consistently expressed support for Adair. "We're unanimous on the board that Trudy is doing good work, and we don't want to obstruct her doing the good work," observed board member Gilbert Brookins, who nevertheless underscored the concerns that have so perplexed his colleagues in this matter.

The restrictions discussed at the meeting were based on those outlined for the board members in a memo by zoning board counsel Peter Bishko. In addition to the time limit and number and size of the dogs, they include a ban on breeding on the premises, and on the boarding, training, grooming or exercising of dogs on the property other than those owned by Adair.

Bishko has previously maintained that a time limit could not be attached to such a variance, but the zoning board agreed to proceed with one. "We can make it a temporary variance," Hodom told his colleagues. "If someone wants to challenge it, it's up to the courts to decide" if such limits are applicable.

The proposed variance would also bar leaving the dogs unattended outdoors for more than two hours at a time, or between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.; would require that waste and food on the property be properly picked up and disposed of; and would prevent building any permanent outdoor enclosure for the dogs on the property.

To most of which, Adair had no objection. "They're never unat-

tended, period," she said. "I'm not gonna leave those dogs alone. Anybody who would is crazy." Only the 9-to-8 outdoor ban drew any objection from Adair when conveyed to her; she sometimes lets the dogs into her back yard when she has early morning appointments.

Building inspector John Flanigan informed the board that time-limited variances have been granted in the past. Contacted after the meeting, he cited two, both within the past five years, and both involving residents who have sold Christmas trees grown on their residential property. He conceded, however, that he had no recollection of conditions directly comparable to those attached to this variance.

The zoning board commissioned Bishko to draft a resolution incorporating the restrictions and granting the variance for final review and adoption at its meeting on Oct. 21.

In other action, the board noted the withdrawal of a previous variance request by Raymond and Mary Ellen Gale, who had previously applied to construct a two-car garage on their property on Marathon Lane in Slingerlands. And it scheduled a public hearing at its Oct. 21 meeting at a public hearing by John Cullinan of 58 Brockley Drive, Delmar, concerning a fence on his property that would exceed height restrictions.

V'ville man to attend conference

Luczak Financial, and its principal Peter Luczak, has been selected to attend the 1998 Advanced Business Conference of Nathan & Lewis Securities, a national securities firm serving independent financial advisors.

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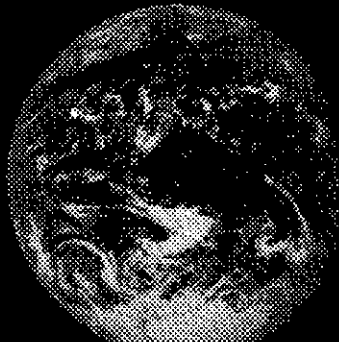
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Pofit wins V'ville school board seat

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville Central School District voters elected Joseph Pofit to the school board in a special election Oct. 7. Pofit won 186 votes to Fern Pivar's 153.

District residents also approved a capital reserve fund with a five-year term, for up to \$525,000, plus accrued interest, by a vote of 278 to 63. The fund can only be used for capital improvements, and will need voter approval to be spent.

Superintendent for business Anthony Marturano called approval of the capital reserve fund a vote of confidence. "This is what happens when you have a really intelligent electorate," he said. "They understand things so well."

Superintendent Alan McCartney was pleased with the vote. "As to the school board member," he said, "that was really a win/win situation for the district. Fern would have given us a parent's point of view, and Mr. Pofit's background as a planner will fall in line with the board." Pofit is vice president of strategic planning at St. Peter's Hospital and the father of four girls who attend district schools.

"As the state mandates plans that include new standards and testing, and we proceed with our

building project, strategic planning will become a larger part of what the board does," McCartney said.

He said the district will handle investment of the capital reserve fund, which will likely go into an investment cooperative available to educational institutions known as MBIA Class.

"The passing of the capital reserve fund helps puts the district in a fiscally good position," McCartney said. "It allows us to maintain favorable tax rates and build on our programs. The district is growing, and a lot of our direction is designed by some of the movement in the state towards new testing and graduation standards. That raises safety net issues as we meet everybody's needs."

Collins & Scoville, the architects hired to begin assessing Voorheesville's needs, have been meeting with teachers and administrators to look at expanding the high school to accommodate sixth-grade along with the rest of the middle level program. Sixth-grade is currently at the elementary school, while seventh- and eighth-grade are at the high school.

"They're putting together ideas now," McCartney said. "Hopefully,

they'll have something to present at the next board meeting on Oct. 19. From there, the board will have to give us direction as to where they want us to go, with their ideas, alternatives and suggestions."

McCartney emphasized that programs are the key element of the expansion. "We're trying to expand our facility to meet our programs," he said. "The decisions the architects are making now are based on program needs given to them by the staff. Our solutions will be based on what we can do to develop programs. We also want to look at what we can do with our facility to meet the needs of our middle school students, so that they can have their own space and identity."

McCartney said the expansion will also be designed to meet community needs. "The high school is in constant use by the kids and the community groups," he said. "The community is what makes Voorheesville what it is, which is a caring, nurturing place. I've been here for 10 years and raised two children here. I really believe it when I say the community is what makes this place special."

St. Thomas students shine at rally

By Donna J. Bell

"Sweat-free schools" is the cause eighth-graders at St. Thomas School in Delmar have rallied around for the past year.

Under the direction of teacher Theresa Heilsberg, students have been actively researching and working for the campaign against child labor and sweatshops since they were seventh-graders. "Last year the students did fact finding over the Internet, newspapers, magazines and television and we found that children all over the world were working in sweatshops," said Heilsberg. They used that research to design and make presentations to other students at the school and publish a newsletter urging parents to buy only clothing made in the United States that has union labels. Students also collected more than 3,000 signatures for a petition against sweatshops that they sent to President Clinton. They were influential in



Teacher Theresa Heilsberg and eighth-grader Jessica Murphy.

making sure new gym clothes purchased for the school had the "Made in the USA" label.

Because of their involvement in the child labor cause they were the only school invited by Labor Religion Coalition coordinator Brian O'Shaughnessy to participate in a human rights rally on Oct. 7 at the University at Albany campus.

The rally was held to bring attention to the fact that many sweatshops in the United States and abroad use child labor and to get schools to agree not to purchase clothing made in places where workers are underpaid and conditions dangerous.

At the gathering Bishop Howard Hubbard pledged participation from the 42 schools in the Albany Diocese. Teachers from the Albany and Shenendehow school districts did the same.

"Of all the groups there, our students were the only ones who were talking about what they accomplished, not what they planned

on accomplishing," Heilsberg said. St. Thomas student Jessica Schubmehl found the rally to be an educational experience. "I learned a lot about child labor and to not take anything for granted. I'm lucky enough to go to school, even if I do complain sometimes," she said. "I get an allowance, I don't have to work and I have plenty of food."

Another classmate, Frances Ford, agreed. "It's much more real," she said. "Last year we knew we were doing something and we didn't know what would come out of it. Now we are really proud of our work. This is something I'm going to remember for a long time."

Heilsberg feels that will hold true for her entire class. "I don't think that they will ever forget," she said. "Hopefully, this will be a starting ground for them to become involved in other issues throughout their lifetime."

"I was proud that my class did something important and that we were part of such a big thing," said Ford.

Pumpkin person



Devon Baumstein, 11, tries to make the best of a rainy situation last weekend at Olsen's Pumpkin fest.

Elaine McLain

Bethlehem police nab two on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested two people for driving while intoxicated (DWI) on Sunday, Oct. 4.

At 3:12 a.m., Officer Brian Hughes arrested 37-year-old Christopher Therrien of 185 Weisheit Road, Selkirk, after stopping him for crossing the double yellow line while turning from Route 9W onto Wemple Road East. He then drove 60 to 70 feet in the wrong lane. Therrien failed field sobriety tests and had a suspended license, police said. He also has an unresolved DWI case in the town of Westerlo. Therrien is scheduled to appear in town court on Oct. 20.

Officer Christopher Hughes arrested Melissa Jean Mercadante, 31, of Nassau at 11:46 p.m., after observing her travelling 77 mph on River Road in Glenmont. Hughes and Officer Scott Anson administered several field sobriety tests, which Mercadante failed. She is scheduled to appear in town court on Nov. 2.

On Monday, Oct. 5, Albany County sheriff's deputies arrested Robert L. Case, 51, of 3 Belmont Court in Bethlehem's

Elm Estates, for endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor.

Case, a data entry operator for CHP, had allegedly befriended an 11-year-old girl at high school football games in Voorheesville. Over a period of several weeks, he gave her gifts of candy, lipstick, nail polish and body oil. Case had the girl put on make-up and pose for pictures. On one occasion, it is alleged that Case exposed himself to the child and asked her to be his "girlfriend."

The girl became concerned and confided in family members, who called the sheriff's department.

Case appeared in New Scotland town court Thursday, Oct. 8, where he was released on his own recognizance. Sheriff James Campbell said that about half a dozen phone calls have come in to the sheriff's office following Case's arrest.

Although this is his first arrest, he has attended other Voorheesville sporting events. The sheriff's department is asking anyone who believes their child has had contact with Case, or who many have information regarding this particular case, to call 765-2351.

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Reality check wipes tint off rose-colored glasses

By Katherine McCarthy

"Are you the kind of mother you thought you'd be?" I asked my sister, who has two daughters about the same age as my sons.

"Hell, no," she replied instantly, then said after pausing, "but they're not the kind of kids I thought they'd be, either."

The truth in it made me laugh, for the only thing I know for sure about raising children is that a lot of the expectations I had about the whole childrearing experience were pretty unrealistic.

Like homework, which I had always thought would be a calm and productive time in our day. There's a quiet space to work, pencils are sharpened, lighting is good and I am ready to assist if they need me. I imagine they will sit right down and ask me deep, probing questions as they enhance their

education with great joy.

Reality check: My linguistic explanation of the seventh vowel change in old German that created today's English language is not what's needed. A glue gun would be better, something to attach the boys to their seats long enough to write each of their spelling words three times; maybe add a column of numbers together.

Chores are another one. Make sure your children have regular, age-appropriate jobs, recommends everyone from child-care experts to our dentist. It gives them ownership and makes them feel invested in the family unit.

Our investments (clothes, toys, books) are dropping like the Dow these days, hitting the floor on a regular basis and never rising again.

On good days, I handle homework, housework, internecine squabbles and every step of the daily routine calmly, smoothly and appropriately, living up to expectations I set long before I ever had children. I strive to be the woman of my dreams — calm, wise, infi-

nitely patient and able to deflect stand-offs and provide motivation with an insightful sense of humor.

Eight years later though, the deflectors have worn really thin, and regardless of the topic, humor and insight fade when I'm repeating something for the third time. Four pushes me into the interminable, senseless harangue that goes something like "All-I'm-asking-is-that-you-put-your-dirty-clothes-in-the-hamper-and-maybe-once-in-a-blue-moon-put-a-toy-away-when-you're-done-with-it-after-all-I'm-a-person-too-not-the-hired-help." I'm like a preacher at a revival meeting, choosing words with particular richness and pushing the volume till it reaches a crescendo that the neighbors can't help hearing.

When I finally stand breathless before my dazed and confused (but not a bit swayed) children, I find I'm brokenhearted about having ceded that good mother expectation to the reality of mommy as the Tasmanian Devil.

A saying on a T-shirt from the public radio catalogue, "I yell because I care," comforts me, as do

words from our first pediatrician, the saintly Dr. Douglas Larsen. "I worry more about parents who never yell than those who do. Yelling indicates involvement," he said. Boy, am I involved!

Too much involvement can, of course, be a bad thing, and when I step back, I see that the toy still on the floor, or the unbrushed teeth, were only catalysts for the harangue. I was yelling because a loved one is scheduled for surgery soon; the credit card bill is higher than it should be; I ate eight Oreos when I meant to eat carrots; we should be putting more money into savings; the cars need to be inspected next month and the dog just chewed up my good shoes.

Sometimes, I'm yelling because these children are extensions of me, and I want them to be so very, very perfect. Like I do for myself, sometimes I set unrealistic expectations for them. I try to sort this out in my mind before I talk to them sanely, something that always gets better results than a harangue.

I want my children to know that whatever my expectations are for

them, they don't have to be responsible for my worries. But I do want them to be a little bit responsible for a few things, and I want to set expectations — and teach them to set their own expectations — that they can meet. I'm also willing to cut them a little slack; maybe, they're tired, or school wasn't so great, or their best friend couldn't come over and play. I also want them to see that if we can't meet our expectations today, we can take a minute to figure out why, reassess and give it another try.

Which is why I want them to be the ones to put the finally finished homework back in their backpacks. While they're working toward that, I think I'll call my sister

Tri-Village Squares to hold dance

Tri-Village Squares will hold square dance on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Former Voorheesville couple touring the U.S.A.

By Katherine McCarthy

When Roger Becker retired in February of 1997, he and his wife Judith sold their house, put a few things in storage and hit the road. In November, they began a new life in their 28-foot motor home.

The 30-year Voorheesville residents have been back in the Capital District since Labor Day, but will mark the one-year anniversary of their life on the open road by heading off to Disney World.

"This was our first year traveling, and I think we'll follow a similar pattern again," Judith Becker said. "We spent three months in Texas. We have friends there, the weather is warm, and it's less expensive than Florida or Arizona."

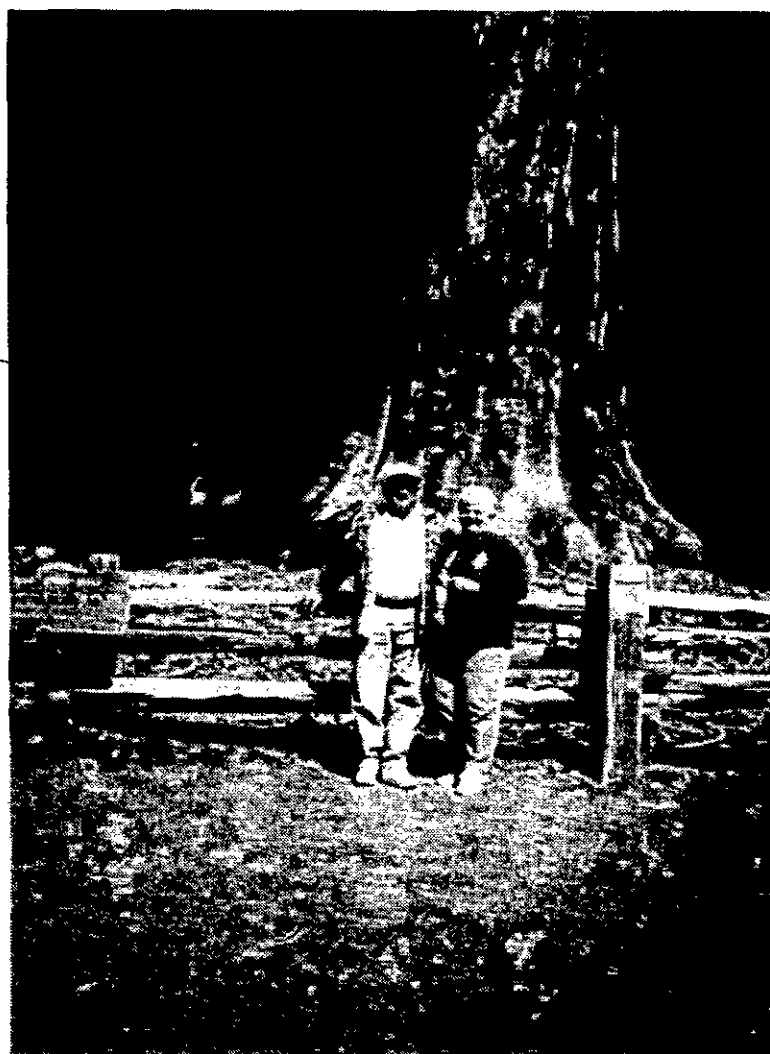
"We were taken by the Texas culture," said Boston native Becker. "The Mexican and Mexican-American culture is enormous. We were able to freely go back and forth across the border."

After Texas, the Beckers started moving west, visiting New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. "We used to live in northern California," Becker said, "and we visited relatives there. We also went to places we'd never been, like Oceanside, north of San Diego."

After a year touring the United States, Becker has concluded that it's quite a country. "This is a beautiful country, full of wonderful people," she said. "You hear about how bad and dangerous this country is, and it's really not true."

Becker said the couple has met people from all over the country, although the bulk of their acquaintance are from the Midwest. "We've met so many people, and it's easy to make friends wherever we go," Becker said. "We belong to the RV group 'Escapee,' which has a club and a magazine and guarantees that we always have friends. We were in a restaurant in Rawlins, Wyo., and there were other 'Escapees' there and we all ate together."

Some places have made more of an impression on the Beckers than others. "One of the most impressive places we saw was Mount St. Helens. It's been 18 years since it exploded. You can see the damage, but also how it's recovered. It's really awe-inspiring—we hadn't expected that."



Roger and Judith Becker in front of a redwood in Yosemite.

Becker had high praise for the country's national parks and the volcano string in the western part of the country. "Crater Lake, Ore., was beautiful. We started with the volcanoes in northern California, and ended at Mount Rainier in Washington," she said. "There are little things that stick out in my mind. We camped one night in Mount Home, Idaho, on Route 20, the same Route 20 that's in New York. There were no trees, it was

high desert. We were sitting there in the middle of all that emptiness, and a full moon rose over the prairie."

Becker said that travelling and living in an RV was something she and Roger had talked about for years, and the couple bought their first motor home eight years ago. "We did a lot of reading over the years," Becker said of their preparation for the trip. "Escapees' pro-

vides good information, and publishes a magazine six times a year. *Trailer Life* and *Good Sam* also provide legal and medical information. We also took out a lot of books from the library. We talked to a lot of people, and did a lot of camping before we started this. You have to go and find out, really."

The Beckers use their son's Scotia home as their legal address. Once a month they find a place to stay and their daughter-in-law, who Becker describes as their business manager, sends along their bills. "We use credit cards to pay for everything," Becker said. "We carry a nominal amount of cash. ATMs are everywhere; we've been all over and never had a problem getting money."

Becker said living in the RV doesn't cost any more than living in a house. "We really take advantage of the RV clubs," she said. "It's different than a two-week vacation. We pay \$6 to \$8 per night, as compared to \$15 to \$25 for a shorter term. In Texas, too, there's an economy of scale." Becker said that although they can cook in their RV, they mostly eat out. "We were too busy to do that before," she said. "We also spent a lot of time outdoors, because we spent a lot of time in dry parts of the country."

The Beckers keep friends and relatives updated with a regular newsletter which they produce on the computer and printer they bring along with them. They've taken "hundreds and hundreds" of pictures and have a collection of postcards to help them remember where they've been.

The Beckers have been keeping an eye out for a place to settle down someday. "When we started," Becker said, "we thought we'd look around for a permanent place to settle. We're finding there's noth-

ing as nice as here. This is a beautiful part of the country, and you don't appreciate it until you've seen more. People that we meet are always telling us how surprised they are at the beauty of New York, with the Adirondack Park and our forests and dairy farms."

The Beckers are open-ended as to how long they'll continue traveling and living in their RV. For now, it suits Judith Becker just fine. "We're among the rare and lucky who get to live out their dream," she said.

Five Rivers slates deer aging program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will hold a program on How to Age a Deer Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

Recording the age of deer brought to Deer Check Stations during the hunting season is critical in managing local deer populations.

The program is a general overview and is not intended to qualify participants as accredited Department of Environmental Conservation deer agers.

For information and to register, call 475-0291.

Lab School sale set

Bethlehem Central Lab School will sponsor a huge garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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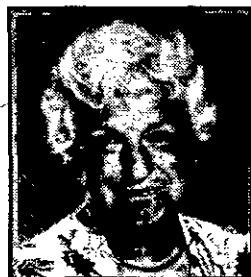
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How sweet it is

It's no surprise to *The Spotlight* that the Bethlehem Central music department received the prestigious Presidential Citation Award for its programs. Anyone, in fact, who has ever attended any of the programs at the elementary, middle or high school level, or district-wide performances, would be the first to underscore the excellence consistently shown by BC students and teachers.

Year after year individual students, along with school choruses, bands and ensembles, earn kudos from leading music organizations throughout the state and the region as well as from the Bethlehem community itself. Student performances at Feestelijk in May received rave reviews as did district-wide performances in the spring. The fact that many go on to successful careers in music shows how exceptional BC's program is. There are former BC students in major orchestras, and many are now leading the way as teachers in schools throughout the Capital District.

The Presidential Award is icing on an already rich cake. Our hats off to the district, its music education supervisor Michael Tebbano, and the teachers and students for this latest recognition of their sterling performance.

Labor of love

St. Thomas School in Delmar was also singled out recently for student achievement when eighth-graders attended a human rights rally sponsored by the Labor Religion Coalition. St. Thomas was the only school invited by the coalition because of a student project last year that focused on child labor abuse.

The rally at the University at Albany targeted child labor abuse in the United States and abroad. One of its goals was to convince schools not to purchase gym and athletic uniforms made in places where workers are underpaid and working conditions are dangerous.

Last year, St. Thomas students, under the guidance of teacher Theresa Heilsberg, accomplished a great deal by compiling a newsletter urging parents to buy clothing made in the United States with a union label and collecting more than 3,000 signatures against child labor which they sent to the president. The St. Thomas students also made sure that their school did not purchase gym clothes without the "Made in the USA" label.

That's a pretty distinguished record for the then seventh-graders. Who knows what these kids will accomplish this year?

Deals on wheels

With shiny new models of all shapes and sizes out for 1999, many people are mulling over the prospect of buying a new car.

In this week's Automotive Supplement, the main story should help car shoppers get a better idea of exactly what's out there. With today's sophisticated technology, some of us need help understanding all the gadgets available on newer models. Cars today have a number of options that were not even thought of just a few years ago.

• Even if you're not thinking of changing cars now, this is a good time to make sure your vehicle is in shape for the winter.

Tires, oil, antifreeze and your vehicle's heating system should all be checked to avoid headaches on the highway when it's cold and road conditions are at their worst.

Breaking down can be costly as well as annoying, so take the Scout's pledge and "Be Prepared" by taking care of your vehicle now, so it will take care of you this winter.

Stay cool in a topsy-turvy market

By Keith D. Vink

The writer is associate vice president/financial consultant for First Albany Corp.

As radio commentator Paul Harvey said, "The only persons who get hurt in a roller coaster are the leapers."

Regardless of your investing method, whether you are an aggressive day-to-day stock trader or a patient long-term buy and hold investor, these volatile times in the stock market are difficult to live through. There are things you can do to survive in this volatile market. Become a 3-D investor—someone who practices discipline, dollar cost averaging and diversification.

Discipline — Stay the course when the market fluctuates

I advise my clients, and I am in complete agreement with Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., that most investors should not change their portfolio. Investors who reduce equity investment when market conditions become difficult are underinvested when bull market conditions resume.

Keep in mind that:

- Stock prices are generally rising 70 percent of the time
- The average annual rise in stock prices from 1950 to 1998 has been 7.9 percent
- Between now and 2010, 23 million individuals will join the ranks of those between ages 45 and 65, which is the period during which individuals are building nest eggs and often investing in stocks
- Perhaps the most startling statistic, according to a study by the University of Michigan, is that an investor who was on the side-



lines during the best 1.2 percent of all the trading days from 1963 to 1993 missed 95 percent of the market gains. Missing the best 90 days of the last 30 years would have negated almost the entire growth of the market.

Armed with these facts, along with the plethora of opinions investors receive from a multitude of sources, most investors I have spoken with agree that the best course of action is no action—ride it out. I agree to a point. Investors should place themselves in a position to take advantage of these bumps in the road. How? One way is dollar cost averaging.

Dollar cost averaging — Invest through market ups and downs

A systematic investment plan, sometimes referred to as dollar cost averaging, is a disciplined approach that requires you to make periodic investments on a fixed amount. This amount can be directly deposited into your investment account (before you spend it) providing you with regular investment savings. The systematic plan hinges on the relationship between your regular investments and the fluctuating cost of shares. When prices go down, your money buys more.

Rather than succumbing to the impulse to sell when prices are down, you are actually buying low just as the experts recommend. Over time, as the market (and hopefully your share price) increases, you'll own more shares when the price is high.

Diversification — Cushion the impact of a volatile stock market

Even if you agree that discipline and dollar cost averaging make sense, you might still like to add a calming influence to your portfolio. What is your best bet? You have a bunch of choices, unfortunately with the current low

level of interest rates, none of them are great.

Some investments, like gold and treasury bills, really help to dampen a stock portfolio's ups and downs, but their recent returns haven't been anything to rave about. Other choices, such as corporate bonds and real estate investment trusts, don't crimp returns too much, nor do they provide a lot of downside protection.

What should you do? When investors look to mellow their stock portfolios, they usually turn to bonds. Indeed the traditional balanced portfolio, which typically includes 60 percent stocks and 40 bonds, remains a firm favorite with many investment experts.

A balanced portfolio isn't a bad bet. But if you want to calm your stock portfolio, I would skip bonds and instead add cash investments such as money market funds. Chicago researchers, Ibbotson Associates, calculate that over the last 25 years, a mix of 75 percent stocks and 25 percent money market would have performed about as well as a mix of 60 percent stock and 40 percent longer term government bonds and with a similar level of portfolio price volatility. Another advantage is that the stock-cash mix offers more certainty, because you know that even if your stocks fall in value, your cash never will. By contrast, both the stocks and bonds in a balanced portfolio can get hammered at the same time.

Also, a mix of stock and cash should offer fewer tax problems. That's partly because a stock-cash combination will produce less in total interest and dividend income each year than a traditional balanced portfolio, so the stock-cash mix should be more tax efficient. In addition, you can dip into your cash investments without realizing a capital gain, so there're fewer accounting headaches at tax time. That's not the case with stocks and

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bonds, where a sale usually results in a capital gain or loss that then has to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Your reward for getting this far in the article — a hot tip. Would you consider an investment in the following stock? Fifty-two week trading range: High, \$93.37; low, \$71.61; current, \$76.15.

This is a global market leader with strong earnings and a solid long-term outlook. The fundamentals are healthy and economic conditions for this company are perhaps the best they've ever been. Off 18 percent from its high, this "stock" is attractively priced.

What "stock" is this? Move the decimal point two places to the left. It's the Dow Jones industrial average.

My point is that it's easy to get swept up in the emotions of an 1,800 point decline in the Dow or a one-day 500 plus drop in the market. Investors with a long-term view would do well to move the decimal point two places to the left. A 300 point plunge becomes a \$3 drop on a stock that opened the day at \$83.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

Pesticide group member clarifies classification

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Oct. 7 article on Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, I stated that glyphosate, the active ingredient in the pesticide Roundup, is classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Class "C" or possible human carcinogen. Since the public forum, I've learned from multiple sources that, in fact, glyphosate is currently classified as a Class "E" carcinogen, which indicates no evidence of human carcinogenicity.

Evidence does exist that glyphosate may have some mutagenic effects. And since the EPA has requested additional health safety and environmental data from Monsanto on individual Roundup formulations and given the concerns over the potential effects of Roundup's inert ingredients, it is safe to state that at best the potential health effects of Roundup are unclear.

Providing information on pesticides' effects and alternatives is a primary goal of Bethlehem Pesticide Watch. We want to assure that the information we provide is accurate and as current as possible.

BPW hopes to work cooperatively with the school district as we did with the town. We think that by working together to develop an

Integrated Pest Management policy for our schools, we can provide an effective pest control process while minimizing the potential health risks for school staff and our children. Anyone who would like to pursue this goal is encouraged to attend the next BPW meeting at Bethlehem Public Library's board room on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

David Blumkin
Delmar

Thanks to all who helped

Editor, The Spotlight:

As I write this letter, it's exactly one year since Susan Taylor passed away. I know everyone who knew Susan misses her caring, her warmth and her beautiful smile.

At this time, I would like to thank the following people who dedicated a tree in Susan's memory.

Thanks to: former Hamagrael principal Diane Kilfoile for her professional guidance, personal donation and lovely words at the ceremony; Delmar Reformed Church for the kind donation; pastors Rob-

ert Hess and David Schalekamp for the beautiful words at the ceremony; the many teachers and families who gave verbal and financial support; Brian Herrington of Horticulture Unlimited for his sound advice and good work; my friend Mary Farrell, who never knew Susan, but was touched by and contributed to the effort; and especially the wonderful Taylor family and fifth-grade teachers and students who joined us.

My thanks to all.

Nancy Rockefeller
Delmar



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Matters of Opinion

BC teachers stonewall parents

Editor, The Spotlight:

There are still no avenues for parents to have a voice in their children's education in Bethlehem. If the schools need volunteers to run programs, they welcome you. If you want to direct your child's education because you know your child's strengths and weaknesses, the educators say, 'Get out of town.'

Even if you go through the proper channels of communicating your concerns, they slam the door in your face saying they made the right choice with your child's

education. Nothing will change their minds. Some educators say, 'Don't try, you might fail or struggle.'

My fifth-grade daughter was in the 97th percentile or ninth stanine in three of four parts of the Stanford math test. She was in the eight stanine in the fourth part. She was excited to be asked to participate in the Johns Hopkins' program for students in the 97th percentile.

However, Hamagrael's fourth- and fifth-grade teachers decided she couldn't do advanced math in

fifth-grade.

A friend's daughter last year wasn't allowed to do this math because her scores were borderline and she was "too shy," the teacher said. The mother wanted to tutor her to get her in shape for the testing at the end of fifth-grade. So she went to the teacher who taught advanced math to get advice on what tools to use. The teacher brushed her off and told her she couldn't do that.

After my daughter was not chosen for this math class, she told me not to make it an issue because maybe she couldn't do the work. These so-called educators knocked the wind out of her sail. I spent the rest of the school year trying to build her confidence so she can believe in herself.

When I went to the principal, she said she was new and was going to go along with the teacher's decision. Even after I told her some people in the math department believe you can't tell a "good" math student until seventh- or eighth-grade, she said no information would change her mind. Isn't it ironic that BC's educators are managers rather than thinkers.

Patricia Kane
Delmar

Circus coming to Pepsi Arena

The Cyprus Shriners will present the 45th annual Shrine Circus at the Pepsi Arena on Friday, Oct. 23.

There will be a children's bicycle-give away at each performance. In addition, there will be an educational fire prevention pro-

gram presented by Albany Fire Department prior to the circus at 6 p.m.

All Scouts will receive a fire prevention circus patch.

For information, Scout leaders should call the Pepsi Arena group sales department at 487-2100.

Five Rivers to offer teacher workshops

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer free Project Wild and Aquatic Project Wild teacher workshops on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Project Wild workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Aquatic Project Wild program is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Preregistration is required by Oct. 21. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

Teacher in-service credit is available through the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. For information and to register, call 475-0291.

Clarksville PTA to sponsor craft fair

Clarksville PTA's annual craft fair is set for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clarksville Elementary School off of Route 443.

There will be homemade crafts, baked goods, a raffle drawing, Chinese auction and face painting.

For information, call 768-2585.

Doane Stuart parents plan flea market

The Doane Stuart School Parents' Association will hold a flea market and bake sale on Saturday,

Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school auditorium off Route 9W.

A wide variety of items will be for sale, including books, clothes, collectibles, baked goods and pumpkins.

Proceeds benefit Parents' Association activities at the school.

Church to serve baked ham dinner

Unionville Reformed Church at 1134 Delaware Turnpike will serve a family-style baked ham dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17, with servings at 4:40, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu includes baked ham, tomato juice, raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, french beans, cole slaw, rolls, beverages and gingerbread with whipped cream.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free, but need a reservation.

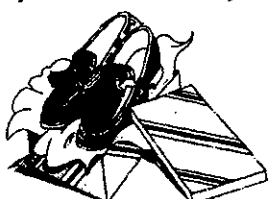
Takeouts will also be available with pickup times at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. To make reservations, call 768-2183.

Zoning hearing set

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the application of John Cullinan of 58 Brockley Drive in Delmar for Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

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We are interested in whatever you've been hoarding that pre-dates the 1960s. We will record a description and may take photos or make copies of your items to display during the 1999 centennial year.

This program is cosponsored by the village of Voorheesville and made possible with a grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities.

Halloween is coming, and Kids Sites on the library Home Page on the Internet is a treasure chest of spooky information. Take a look at www.crisny.org/libraries/capreg/voorheesville/index.htm.

A workshop for beginning Internet users will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn to e-mail and browse

the Web. Sign up at the reference desk.

Copies of *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr are available at the reference desk when you sign up for the November book discussion group.

Young readers can get paperback copies of *Tuck Everlasting* and *The Strange Night Writing of Jessamine Colter* when they sign up for the Friday the 13th book discussion group for grades four through six. The group will meet for lunch on Friday, Nov. 13. Sign up now.

Barbara Vink

Troop 75 gears up for annual auction

Boy Scout Troop 75 will host its 25th annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Sportsmart, the area's largest exchange of new and used sports equipment and sportswear for all seasons, has long provided a common meeting ground for both buyers and sellers.

Sports enthusiasts can find a wide assortment of bargain-priced sporting equipment. Thousands of downhill and cross-country skis, snowboards, boots, poles, sleds, gloves, ski racks, hockey equipment, athletic shoes, camping equipment and bicycles. There will

also be a silent auction for ski passes to numerous regional ski areas.

Sellers should bring their items to Bethlehem Central High School (entrance at rear parking lot accessed from Van Dyke Road off Delaware Avenue) from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. The sale is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the \$1 admission fee will be donated to local food pantries in keeping with the Scouting for Food program.

The sale is Troop 75's only fundraiser. It enables the Troop to provide Scouts with opportunities for a variety of challenging outdoor activities. Scout's direct involve-

ment in all phases of the event also helps them develop the skills needed to grow into responsible and productive citizens.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar is the sponsoring organization.

Elsmere School hosts Cherry Hill exhibit

Elsmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue is hosting an exhibit entitled "School Days for Kittie Putman of Cherry Hill" through Friday, Oct. 16.

To see the exhibit, sponsored by Historic Cherry Hill, call school principal Dorothy Whitney at 439-4996.

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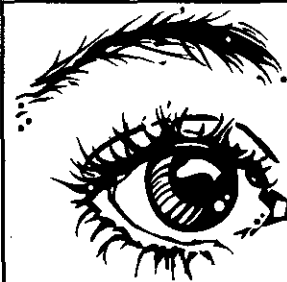
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Pantry to conduct annual food drive at SuperValu

New Scotland Community Food Pantry will hold its annual October food drive Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Route 85A in Voorheesville.

Donations will help stock pantry shelves for the upcoming holiday season.

Cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned yams, canned fruit, pie fillings, baking supplies, pudding and

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The food pantry is a nondenominational group serving residents of the town of New Scotland and the Voorheesville Central School District.

PTA slates homework program

Joyce Laoisa, youth services librarian at Voorheesville Public Library, will give a short presentation entitled "Helping with Homework: A Parent's Guide to Information Problem Solving" at the next meeting of the PTA on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Legion Post to serve breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Ave. will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu includes eggs, ham or sausage, homefries, French toast

and beverages.

The Legion will dish up a community spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Full dinners include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, coffee and dessert. Takeouts will also be available.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free. Proceeds benefit community projects.

UMW slate supper meeting

Voorheesville's United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue for a covered dish supper and program entitled "A Covenant to Care — Brazil."

The guest speaker will be Shirley Byers, who has led many volunteer-in-mission trips to Brazil.

Bring your own table setting and a dish to share. For a ride to the meeting, call Peg Flanders at

765-2682.

Nature photography walk planned at Thatcher Park

Warren Burton will lead a nature photography walk along the Indian Ladder Trail on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. at John Boyd Thatcher State Park in New Scotland.

Bring your camera and tripod and wear sturdy shoes. To register, call 872-1237.

Garden club selling daffodil bulbs for centennial

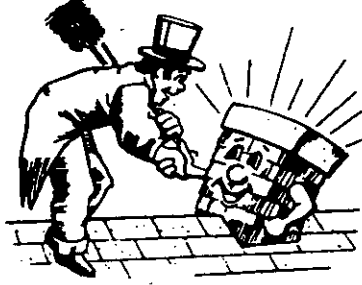
Helderview Garden Club, in conjunction with the village of Voorheesville's centennial committee, will sell daffodil bulbs on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at SuperValu on Maple Avenue. Bulbs cost \$3 for a bag of 10.

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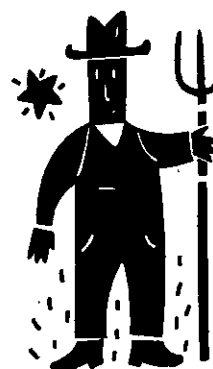
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school board is on Monday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Dollars for Scholars seeks donations for yard sale

The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars chapter is planning a large yard sale for Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school parking lot. Donations of items to be sold for \$1 each are needed. Items must be clean and in good condition. No furniture.

For drop-off instructions, call 765-3314 ext. 205 or 872-9839.

The chapter will meet tonight, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Friends of Music to meet at high school

Friends of Music will meet tonight, at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

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Town board to meet

New Scotland town board meets tonight, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Honor Society to induct new members

National Honor Society inductions are planned for Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

V'ville library seeks trustee candidates

Voorheesville Public Library is seeking candidates for its board of trustees due to the resignation of Fred Wolkwein.

Any citizen over the age of 18 who is a resident of the Voorheesville Central School District is eligible to apply.

Send a letter of interest, including a resume or description of qualifications, before Nov. 15 to Ann Gainer, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186.

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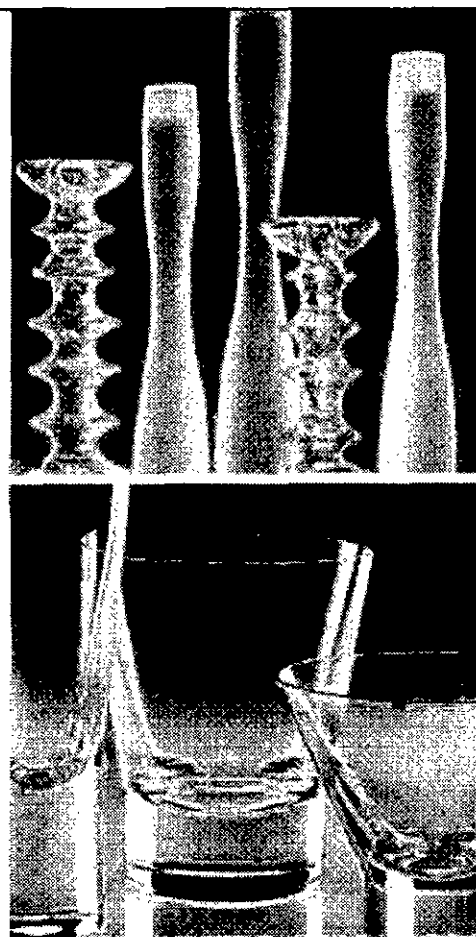
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Bethlehem police officer Jeffrey Vunck will present a program on zero tolerance law on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

Zero tolerance is an amendment to drinking and driving laws for individuals under age 21.

Vunck will also talk about house parties, liability, violations of alcohol beverage control laws and new

license information.

There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

The PTSA's monthly business meeting will be held in the high school library at 7 p.m. prior to the presentation.

Refreshments will be provided by Students Against Drunk Driving.

Preserve the peace and quiet

Remember the old state Library in Albany? It occupied an awe-inspiring space within the classical columns of the Education Building on Washington Avenue.

When I was an undergraduate, I did research there on occasion. I



remember towering ceilings, gorgeous windows, stone floors that set up an echo chamber for slowing footsteps and hushed voices. The inner sanctum was a place of mystery. The soft light of the reading lamps haloed the soothing darkness.

The public was not allowed into the stacks; library staff like temple priests, emerged from places unknown with the requested volumes. For a poor college underclassman to obtain a State Library card was about as remote a possibility at that time as, well, public Internet access.

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But there is a drawback. Sound travels freely. The various departments — youth services, career resources, reference, circulation and to some extent media — are not separated by walls. The large area around the circulation desk invites conversation and play. The openness that the building encourages works against the library caution: sh-h-h.

The library has a responsibility to acknowledge and protect the right of all patrons to a reasonably quiet and orderly space in which to work, browse, read and think. Staff and patrons alike must bear in mind the nature and limitations of our

building, and the needs and rights of our neighbors. The lobby and the outdoor plazas, the Green and the parking lot offer space for conversation, cell phones, play and a child's "time-out." We ask our patrons to utilize those social spaces and help preserve the quiet that makes the library a sanctuary in a noisy world.

Louise Grieco

New Scotland church has new worship time

New Scotland Presbyterian Church has new times for worship and Sunday school.

Worship services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school is at 9:15 a.m. at the church, at 2010 New Scotland Road.

Bethlehem IDA to meet Oct. 19

Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, at 8 a.m. in room 107 of town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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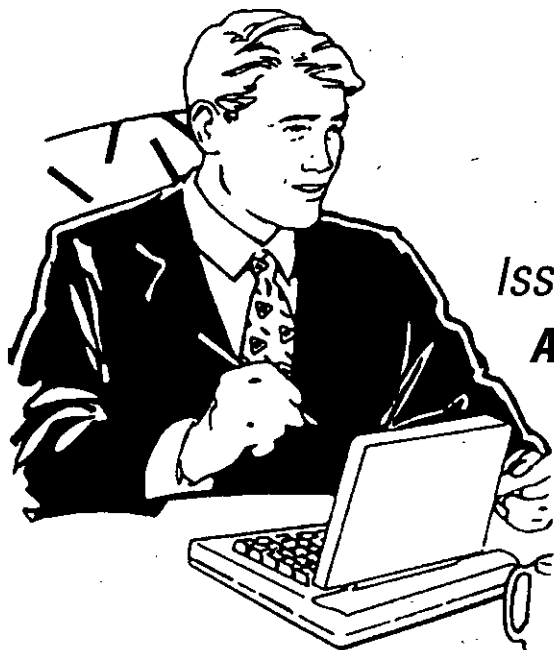
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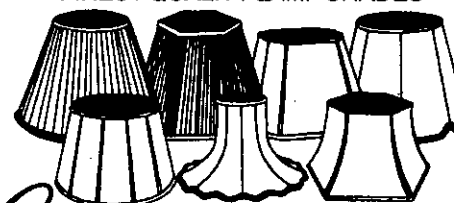
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Grace Methodist Church on Hillcrest Drive in Ravena will serve a roast beef dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17. Servings will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m., and takeouts will be available after 4:30 p.m.

The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, cabbage salad, glazed baby carrots, rolls, dessert and a beverage. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children age 5 through 12.

For information, call Chris Ingraham at 756-6618 or Eileen DePaula at 767-2451.

Church announces annual chicken dinner

New Baltimore Reformed Church will dish up its annual Chicken and Biscuit Supper on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The menu includes creamed chicken on homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy, butternut squash, scalloped onions, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce, relish trays, rolls, homemade pies and beverages.

Servings will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For information, call 756-9282.

Field station slates open house Oct. 17

The Hudson River Field Station at Cohatate Preserve on Route 385 in Athens is now open. The station is a project of Columbia-Greene Community College and will be used as a study and research center. In recent years, the college has been working on such topics as zebra mussel infestation in the Hudson River.

There will be an open house at the station on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 756-9282.

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Church bazaar scheduled Oct. 24

The altar-rosary society of St.

Mary's Church in Coxsackie will hold its annual bazaar and craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall on Mansion Street.

Soccer club to meet

RCS Youth Soccer Club will meet on Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the middle school. All are welcome to attend.

Officer to present zero tolerance program

Parents, students and teachers at RCS Senior High School are invited to a special PTSA meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Police Officer Jeffrey Vunck will present a program on the zero tolerance law.

He will also discuss house parties, liability issues, Alcohol Beverage Control Law violations and give information about new licenses.

Refreshments will be provided Student Against Drunk Driving.

Lions selling

Entertainment books

The Greater Ravena Area Lions Club will be selling Entertainment books as a fund-raiser. To order a book, call Ann Downes at 756-2879.

Pet seminar slated at Bethlehem library

Tracy Muscatello, owner of Pet Spas in Delmar, will give a seminar on pet grooming and maintenance at Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation. To register, call 439-9314.

Church sets food drive Oct. 17, 18

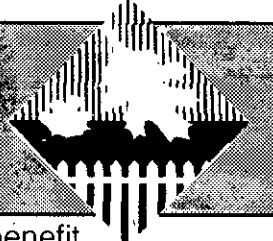
New Scotland Community Food Pantry will hold its annual food drive Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SuperValu on Route 85A in Voorheesville.

Donations will help stock the pantry for the holidays. Cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned yams, canned fruit, pie fillings, baking supplies and pudding are needed.

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Sports

Bethlehem girls making their presence felt in pool

By Len Tarricone

In a key meet earlier this month against a strong Shaker High School team, Bethlehem Central High School girls swim coach Kevin Merges had some strategic instruction for one of his stars, Beth Malinowski, as she approached the start of her specialty, the 500-yard freestyle.

"I told her not to swim too fast," he remembered, realizing that her average effort would probably be good enough to win. "We needed her to come back strong (two races

later) in the 100-back(stroke) and I didn't want her exhausted."

Surely, he must have known better.

Not only did Malinowski swim fast, she shaved almost three seconds off her own Section II record at that distance, breaking the school mark for the third meet in a row in the process. And she had plenty left to win the backstroke.

Bethlehem won the meet with a first- and third-place finish in the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay.



Bethlehem's Beth Malinowski checks her time after completing her swim in the 200-yard freestyle Oct. 9 at Albany Academy. *Len Tarricone*

"My feeling is, you never know how many chances you're going to get to swim," Malinowski said. "I try to think of every race as my last race, and try to do my personal best each time out."

It is that philosophy, combined with a wealth of talent, that has made this Bethlehem team a burgeoning power in the Aqua League, which includes almost every high school swimming program in Section II, regardless of league. It has been 13 years since an Eagles team has captured a sectional title, but Merges thinks this squad might be the best in school history.

One moment of truth will come Oct. 22 against key rival and powerhouse Shenendehowa High School in a meet that the entire team has been pointing toward all year. The Bethlehem pool, which is becoming more and more crowded as word of the team's success has spread, should be jammed for that meet.

"This team is unbelievable; the girls could coach themselves; they're so good," said Merges.

Actually, with so many quality swimmers and a limited number of lane assignments, Merges might have the toughest job on the team in just trying to get swimmers in the pool to establish qualifying times for Sectional consideration.

"I told the girls in the beginning of the year, the hardest cuts would not be in making the team, they would be in determining Sectional cutoffs," he said.

In the 200-yard freestyle Malinowski, a junior, holds the school record, which she set last year, and the pool record. Freshmen Teresa Rosetti and Beck Corson have established Sectional qualifying times this season, and Sarah Szczech, who never swam it before this year, recorded the 13th-fastest time in the section.

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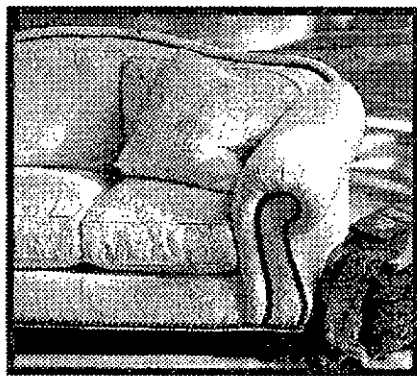
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Suburban schedule challenges BCHS

By Len Tarricone

Whoever was responsible for aligning the two five-team divisions of the Suburban Council girls soccer league did not do the Bethlehem Central High School Eagles any favors.

The way it works out this season, practically all of the league's elite, including undefeated and nationally ranked Niskayuna, perennial powers Shenendehowa and Saratoga and a strong Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake team, are all lumped together in one division, leaving Bethlehem as the second-class citizen.

But the way first-year Eagle coach **Tom Rogan** sees it, struggling against the best has its advantages, especially come Sectional time.

Despite his teams 3-5 league record as of this writing, the strength of schedule quotient employed by the league to select play-off qualifiers may work to his team's advantage. If the Eagles finish strong, that is.

"I feel good about it (making the playoffs)," he said. "We have to win most of our remaining games, and things are starting to come together for us."

A key indicator of his team's progress will come Oct. 23, when the Eagles will host Burnt Hills, a team that defeated Bethlehem handily early in the season.

"Yes, we play in a very difficult league, and our non-league schedule is challenging, but I think we're right where we should be," said Rogan. "We've performed very well against the better teams and showed we can be competitive with them."

He cited an overtime loss to Shenendehowa and a 1-0 loss to Niskayuna as examples.

On the other side of the coin, he is concerned with a tendency the Eagles have shown to play down to their competition, and they have struggled against some of the weaker teams in the council. Rogan stressed the need to remain consistent in order to make the playoffs this season.

This team lost nine players from last year's squad, and got off to a sluggish start. But it also has 11 returning seniors, and Rogan credited them — specifically co-captain midfielders **Lily Corrigan**, **Beth Jukins** and **Melissa Kanuk** — with providing strength and leadership and keeping things together early in the year.

As the season has progressed, junior forward **Carrie Getz** has emerged as the team's most potent offensive weapon and leading scorer. Rogan called her an "aggressive player with good speed and a dangerous shot with either foot."

Additional scoring punch is supplied by senior midfielder/forward **Helen Bailey** and the team's lone freshman, **Sara Virgil**.

One of the anchors on defense is a sophomore, converted midfielder **Susie Breaznell**. Rogan had a problem at the sweeper spot, so he moved Breaznell back there. He said she has been playing "fantastically", and will probably remain there the rest of this season, though a return to offense is likely in the works for her next year.

He also has a strong middle

stopper in junior **Rachel Gajewski** and a big contributor in senior full-back **Caryn Garnet**.

Junior defender **Liz Cappiello** rounds out a quartet that Rogan said, "goes 80 minutes a game, is coming together really well, and gives us more consistency defensively with each game."

The Eagles most versatile player is probably senior goalkeeper **Kim Comtois**.

She began the season in the nets until Rogan felt he needed to use her talents as a sweeper and as a midfielder, so she came out and sophomore **Stephanie Sherman** was inserted in goal. Unfortunately, Sherman broke her collarbone and is out for the season. Comtois has returned and her play has been very solid.

Rogan has been pleased with the team's overall improvement. The next four games will tell if it is enough to get the Eagles back to the Sectionals, where they were eliminated last year by Shenendehowa.

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Children must have been born between July 1, 1985 and June 30, 1987 to be eligible for PeeWee and between July 1, 1983 and June 30, 1985 to be eligible for Bantam.

The teams have been practicing since early September, and will play a 35- to 40-game schedule that will begin in late October and run until mid-March, primarily on weekends.

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RCS boys soccer looks for late-season success

By Len Tarricone

Beginning with its Oct. 14 game against powerful Mechanicville, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School boys soccer team has four games left to qualify for Sectional play.

Continuation of its steady play would go a long way toward getting the job done, as the team has been at or above .500 for most of the season.

First-year coach John Jacobs

said that his squad has done very well in a competitive league and has demonstrated a good balance of attacking and defending.

He particularly singled out the offense, which he said can hold its own with anyone in the Colonial Council.

He said his team leaders up front are midfielders Zach Felter, a senior, junior Jacob Lehman and freshman Tom Nevinge, and that the defensive stalwarts include



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School's James Reilly looks to move upfield in a recent game against Lansingburgh. *Len Tarricone*

seniors Chris Music and Dan Ostrander, junior sweeper Simon Foulger and senior central defender Mike Fernald.

Guarding the nets for the Indians is freshman Bobby Fisk, who Jacobs said was very raw in pre-season, but who has "worked really hard and made remarkable improvement" as the season has progressed.

Of the 17 players on the roster, 15 are either seniors or juniors. "One of the strengths of our team

is the leadership of the upperclassmen," Jacobs said. "The skill level and tactical ability of our guys is good, and what we need to work on is achieving more consistency in our physical play so we can win more of the 50-50 balls."

Jacobs, who previously served as an assistant at the University at Albany and Iona College, was heartened earlier in the season by his team's play against Schalmont High School, which came into that game riding a 35-game league winning streak.

The Indians led 1-0 at the half, but could not hold on and eventually lost 3-1.

"We got fatigued a little, and have to work on our conditioning as far as running 80 minutes a game," Jacobs said.

But the knowledge that his group can compete with the league's best team provides confidence as the Indians enter the most important part of the season.

Football results

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Indians (5-0 league, 6-0 overall) celebrated Homecoming Oct. 9 with a 42-0 domination of LaSalle Institute and set up a showdown at unbeaten Fonda-Fultonville Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m. The contest will match two of the state's top six Class B programs.

The third-ranked Indians will likely be welcoming star tailback Gary Jones back to the lineup after his four-game absence with a knee injury.

"Things are looking pretty optimistic right now. He's not going to get 20 carries, but I expect he'll see some action," said Indians coach Gary Vanderzee.

Jones' understudies continued their sparkling play against the Cadets. Brad Palmer ran for 159 yards and three touchdowns and Keith Albano added a 13-yard scoring run.

St. Denis saves Blackbirds

The Clayton A. Bouton High School Blackbirds needed late heroics from tailback Pat St. Denis to gain a 20-14 win over the Chatham Panthers Oct. 10 at Buckley Field.

St. Denis scored all three touchdowns and his nine-yard run with a minute remaining enabled his team to stay undefeated at 5-0 in the league and 6-0 overall.

The Blackbirds travel to Cohoes Oct. 17 for a 2 p.m. game.

Spartans shoot down Eagles

The Bethlehem Central High School Eagles were shredded 50-7 by Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Oct. 9.

Burnt Hills quarterback Matt Botta opened the scoring with a 45-yard run in the first quarter and tailback Jon George tallied three scores in the second quarter.

Eamon McNiff had the Eagles' touchdown, a one-yard run in the final quarter.

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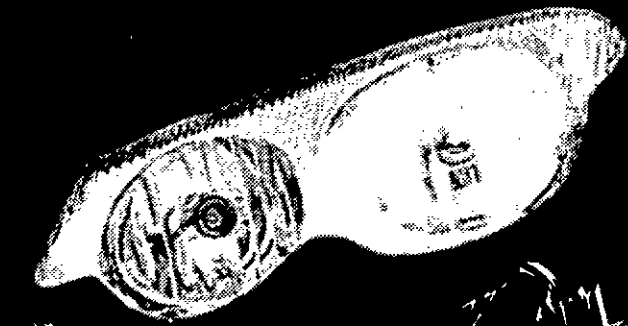
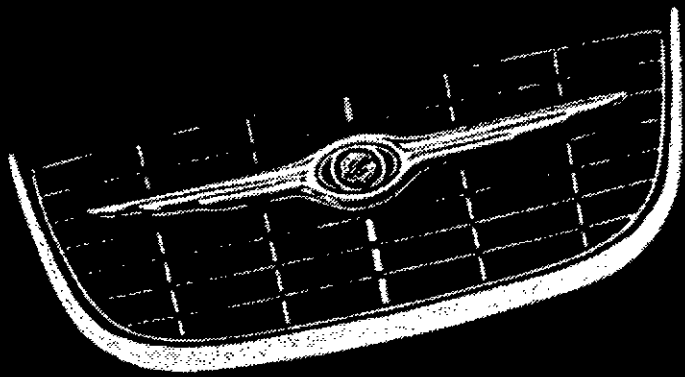
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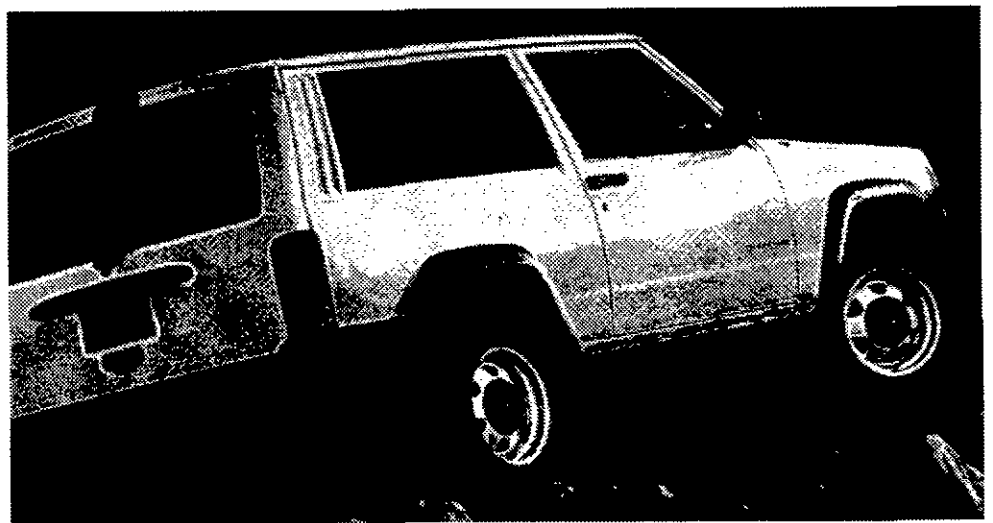
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Left, the 1999 Jeep Cherokee four-door. Above, the two-door Jeep Cherokee.

New 1999 vehicles offer safety, style, and value

By Donna Bell

THERE IS A LOT TO LOVE IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR NEW WHEELS IN 1999. New safety features, sleek styling and comfort top the list of highlights that the showrooms are bragging about for their new line of vehicles.

In addition, prices are remaining close to 1998 models even with all the new bells and whistles. Local dealers are delighted with the more powerful and durable sports utilities vehicles and innovative technology that is showing up in the new makes and

models. Following is a sample of the 1999s you'll find on the dealer's lots.

The 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee sport-utility vehicle is truly new for 1999. With only 127 carry-over parts from the current Grand Cherokee, the new vehicle is designed, engineered and built for either on- or off-road driving.

The Grand Cherokee's major changes include: a new exterior that is more fluid and refined, a wider track, and a step-in height that is reduced by one inch

for easy entry.

On the interior you find a softer seat fabric, much more interior room and a new 4.7-liter V-8 PowerTech engine that offers more power, increased fuel efficiency and 30 percent lower emissions than the 5.2-liter engine it replaces. The Jeep also unveils a new multi-speed automatic transmission.

If you are looking for a Mazda, Jim McDonald, sales manager at Cooley Mazda and Volkswagen, says that the new 1999 models on the lot are

exciting.

"The Mazda Protegé has unique styling and roominess," said McDonald. "For the price, it is unmatched by other manufacturers."

The Protegee has been rated a "best buy" in the past by consumer magazines and it now rides on a new platform with a stylish chrome front. It offers side-impact protection while retaining its renowned interior roominess. You'll also find new engines including a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder with 105 horsepower.

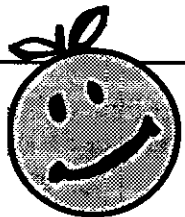
"They made a great car better with style and performance, with special attention to safety," said

McDonald.

The Mazda 626 is an excellent value with a lot of standard equipment

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Left, the Mazda Protegé. Right, the 1999 Volkswagen Euro Van GLS.

added for 1999 with little or no price increase and McDonald says that it continues as the core model of the Mazda line-up with 1999 being its 20th anniversary.

"It's renowned for its sporty good looks and fun-to-drive character," McDonald said.

The 1999 Mazda Miata continues to be a great sports car and this year you'll find more room,

more power and better looks, McDonald said. It now boasts an Inline 4-cylinder engine. Both inside and out, the Miata is a classic roadster, and this year it features a revamped low-profile with new curvaceous sides.

As for the 1999 Mazda trucks—the most popular model will be the 4-door extended cab that will appeal as a car and a truck and will serve the needs of

all in the family.

Volkswagen is introducing a new 1999 EuroVan with a V6 engine, more safety features, and more standard equipment. The engine's peak torque of 177 pounds per foot and its maximum horsepower of 140 allows the EuroVan to carry nearly 1,000 pounds of cargo.

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Volkswagen Beetle is back! "It's a very high quality car," McDonald says. If you don't want to be noticed, don't buy a beetle," said McDonald. A 10-year 100,000 mile warranty in the engine, transmission, and drive-train tops the list of Beetle's values.

Volvo has several new offerings for 1999.

"Volvo's S80 is a large-platform front-wheel drive luxury sedan that is geared towards the luxury Euro-

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The Volvo S79, an all-wheel drive sports sedan is for the driver looking for a sporty sedan with the safety advantage of its new,

bigger side air bags. The V70 wagon will also have the side bags that add head protection.

Another Volvo offering is the C70 Coupe 2-door. "It's 236 turbo engine combines the safety and durability of traditional Volvos with the sporty vehicle the new generation is looking for," Hebert said.

GMC headlines the all-new Denali—a 4-door sport

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Don Gendron, the owner of Gendron's GMC in Troy, says that the Denali has a Vortec V-8 engine, with trailer towing. "It's a classic in SUV's," Gendron said.

The new 1999 GMC Sierra, a full-sized pickup, has complete new body styling, Gendron said, with a new frame, suspension, brakes, lights, seats and



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Step 1: Give your car the once-over

Even if you've got two left hands when it comes to your car, you can still provide the first line of defense in winterizing: information. Inspect your car for winter well being by examining the basics and if anything's amiss, tell your mechanic.

- Check brake lights, turn signals, the trunk light — right down to the glove box light.
- Make sure you've got enough antifreeze in your cooling system. Letting it get too low can be a costly mistake.
- Test the horn (but not at midnight).
- Check the trunk for moisture or rust, which can indicate a water leak.
- Examine the car for nicks and chips in the paint.
- Check shocks and struts by pushing down on the hood as hard as you can. If the car bounces like a yo-yo, you may have trouble.
- Take a Lincoln-head penny and insert it Lincoln-

head first in your tire tread at the most worn part of the tire. If you see the top of Lincoln's head, you may need new tires.

- Look under the car for signs of mud or salt buildup and inspect the garage floor for signs of leaks.

Step 2: Have an auto checkup

- Check your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations to see if a different weight oil is required for winter. You should change your car's oil every 3,000 miles or three months, whichever comes first.
- Check condition of hoses and belts. Blowing a hose or breaking a belt is bad anytime. In winter, it can be disastrous.
- Inspect, and if needed, fill window washer fluid, radiator fluid, transmission fluid, brake fluid, differential fluid and power steering fluid.
- Change air and oil filters and wiper blades, if necessary.
- Check battery terminals. If you see signs of corro-

sion (whitish powder), clean them or have them cleaned.

- Check tire pressure.
- Spray graphite lubricant in locks.
- Wash and wax your car to protect it during cold months.

Step 3: Better safe than sorry

The best-laid plans don't always yield the best results. Prepare a winter safety kit to keep in your car at all times. An old backpack or duffle bag is a great way to store these supplies so they don't clutter up your trunk or back seat. Be sure to include:

- A small throw rug or towel and an old shower curtain. You can use them when kneeling next to your car or getting under it.
- A set of battery cables
- A large flashlight with extra batteries
- Work gloves
- Tools, including a screwdriver, pliers, rubber hammer, wrench and short-handled shovel

Lucille Treganowan hosts a national television show, oversees two auto mechanic shops and recently published a book on car repair.



- A wheel chock
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Step 4: Words to live by

And finally, a few tips to get you through a rough winter:

- If your door locks have frozen, hold your key carefully over an open flame to heat it. Insert into the frozen lock as needed. Or, many times only one side of the car will be frozen; try going through the passenger side.
- Remember that temperatures of 25 to 30 degrees can often be the most hazardous for driving, as you only get half as much traction on wet snow than you'd get on solidly frozen ground.
- As every driver's education teacher tells you, steer into a skid.
- Don't lower the air

pressure in your tires thinking you'll get more traction. All you'll get is a too-flat tire.

- If you get stuck in the snow, throw kitty litter, old newspapers or dirt behind the back wheels for additional traction.
- On a cold, windy night, if your car is parked outside, position the front of the vehicle away from the wind.
- Always, always keep your gas tank at least half full.
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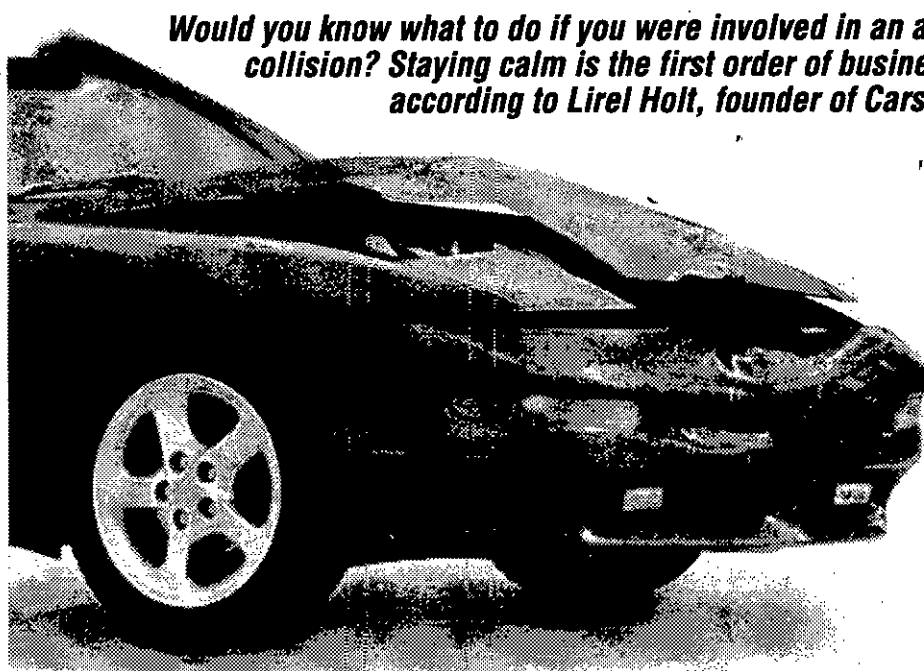
LAST FEBRUARY, GRETCHEN KRAFT'S COMMUTE STARTED OFF like every other day. Then, while driving to work in rush hour traffic, the 28-

year-old Kansas City native rear-ended the car in front of her.

"I was so hysterical, I didn't know what to do," Kraft said. "It's a good thing the other person involved in the accident remained calm and handled the situation."

Is she alone in not knowing what to do after an accident? Surprisingly, the answer is no.

"A driver's reaction immediately after a crash is vital to ensuring the safety of all individuals involved, and to getting your car back on the road in the same condition it was before the accident," said



Lirel Holt, founder of CARSTAR, the nation's

Would you know what to do if you were involved in an auto collision? Staying calm is the first order of business, according to Lirel Holt, founder of Carstar.

largest provider of collision repair services.

The importance of knowing what to do in an accident is alarmingly clear. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates 6.7 million police-reported traffic crashes occurred last year in the United States. Of those crashes, more than half (3.45 million) involved injuries.

CARSTAR offers these important safety tips for what to do in an accident:

- Remain calm. Panicking

will only make matters worse. Take a few deep breaths and relax.

- Assess the situation: Are there any injuries? If so, medical attention should be provided by professionals only. How extensive is the damage? Move the cars only if necessary, and then to the side of the road or to a nearby parking lot.

- Call the police.

- Exchange information with the other person(s) involved in the crash. This includes name, address, license numbers and

insurance information.

- Get the names, addresses and even license numbers of any witnesses.

- Do not admit fault in an accident. The police will issue a ticket if blame is warranted.

- Contact a reputable collision repair specialist to have the car towed to a facility and start the insurance process.

Unfortunately, for many drivers the stress does not end there. Dealing with the right collision repair specialist is important to getting the car back on the road. But what does one look for when considering collision repair?

Consumers should seek out collision repair specialists that are certified. Two typical certifications are ASE, or Automotive Service Excellence, and I-CAR, the Inter-Industry Conference on Collision Repair, which provides the latest technical training in collision repair.

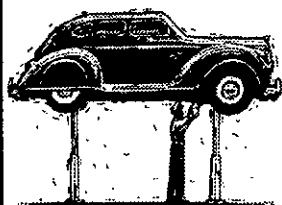
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And as for Kraft? "If I were in an accident today, I believe I would handle it better," she said. "It's unfortunate that I had to learn the hard way."

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"Good question!"

By Cathy Reichow

Q. My car is seven years old. I'm trying to decide if I should keep my car or get a new one. What should I do?

A. This is a tough decision that my customers face every day. With the price of new cars soaring, if you are satisfied with your present car it's a good idea to find out just what kind of condition it's in.

There are comprehensive vehicle inspection programs in place throughout the country, but if you can't locate one in your area, I would suggest that you talk to your regular technician. Explain to him or her what you want to do. Ask that they perform a thorough inspection of your vehicle.

They should check your brakes (all four wheels), inspect your steering and suspension front and rear, check the electrical system, inspect hoses, belts, fluid levels and condition, inspect the undercarriage and exhaust performance, and computer check for trouble.

This evaluation should take at least two to three hours to perform. When finished, have enough time available to discuss the outcome of the inspection.

Armed with this information as a consumer, you can now make an educated decision about whether to keep your present car or purchase a new one.

Q. Do I have the right to ask what brand of parts a repair shop used on my car?

A. When you take your vehicle to a shop for repair, you should not only get an itemized bill with part

number and brand name, but it should have a separate line item which should include labor for everything that was performed on your vehicle. The best advice I can give you is to find a shop that does this — gives you a detailed invoice of what was performed and what exact parts were replaced. You should be offered to see or take your old parts if you want to. It's also great if the shop can document if there is anything else your vehicle may need in the future, that way you can budget ahead for future needs.

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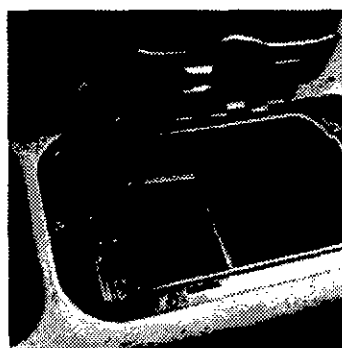
Q. The yellow ABS light comes on for my brakes. Does that mean I won't have any brakes?

A. When the yellow ABS (anti-lock brake system) light comes on that means something for the ABS system is not functioning properly, therefore your ABS system will not function. The ABS is designed to work in panic stops. It keeps the wheels from locking up and skidding.

Your regular brakes will function the way they were designed to work. ABS is, however, a very important safety feature, and you should have the system checked as soon as possible.

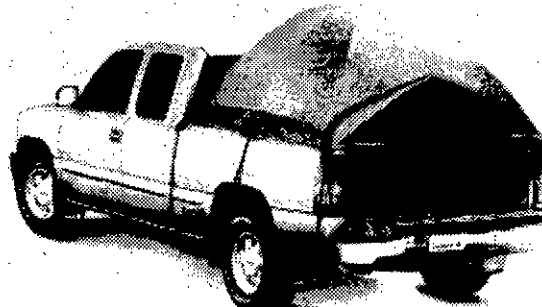


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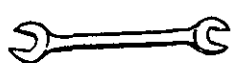


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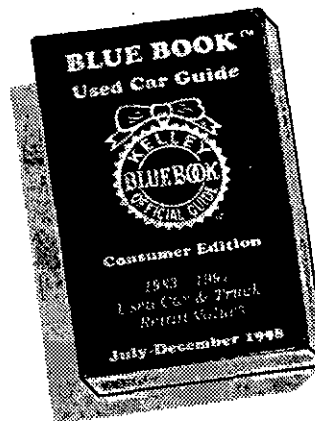
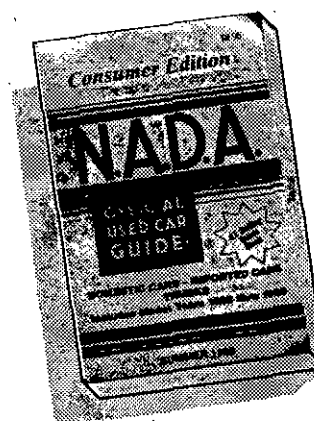
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Consumers need to ask informed questions about air bag replacement practices



THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN AIR BAG EQUIPPED VEHICLES, COUPLED with questionable replacement practices, is raising safety concerns among vehicle manufacturers and collision repairers.

Air bag systems are rapidly becoming standard equipment. Known as Supplemental Restraint

Systems (SRS), they are designed to provide additional protection in front-end accidents when used in combination with seat belts. According to the Automotive Occupant Restraints Council, approximately 22 million passenger vehicles are equipped with at least one air bag. As of the 1998

model year, federal regulations required both driver and front passenger air bags as standard equipment for all passenger cars; the same requirement will go into effect for light trucks as of the 1999 model year.

With an estimated 36 million vehicle accidents each year—15 million of which are repaired—proper repair of air bag systems could become a growing concern to vehicle owners if they are not fully informed.

The top priority of vehicle owners authorizing collision repairs should be to have their vehicles returned to pre-accident condition. Especially important is the proper repair of supplemental restraint systems.

As more air bag-equipped vehicles have been produced, questionable alternative sources for replacement parts have sprung up, including:

- Salvage air bag modules, which are removed from junkyard vehicles; and
- Stolen air bag modules. The Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) recently

reported that air bag theft now accounts for 10 percent of all auto-related theft.

What's important for vehicle owners to remember is that the air bag system in their vehicle was designed specifically for that vehicle. It must be repaired carefully and correctly in order to function properly.

The complexity of an air bag system adds to the necessity of careful repair. Air bag system function begins with three sensors that first detect the rapid deceleration that occurs in a frontal impact. The sensors are usually designed to react to an impact that generates more force than a 25-mile per hour crash into a parked vehicle. Two of the three sensors must trigger in order to activate the system. It takes only approximately 0.01 seconds for the sensors to react, although this varies with the type of collision and vehicle speed.

The air bag module consists of the air bag and a gas-generating chemical packed around an electric ignitor inside the air bag. The bag itself is made of lightweight nylon material

and is folded into the tip of the module. When the sensors trigger, the ignitor fires, starting a chemical reaction that instantly releases a quantity of inert nitrogen gas. As the gas fills the air bag, it expands, continuing until fully deployed.

When the driver makes contact with the air bag, the bag begins to compress and filter holes in the base of the module let gas escape quickly, providing additional cushioning. The whole process—inflation, protection and deflation—takes place in a fraction of a second.

While many air bag replacement parts may look nearly identical, each is designed for a specific vehicle make and model. Model year design changes to parts such as hoods and fenders may require system alterations.

To ensure the highest-quality collision repair and proper functioning of air bag systems, vehicle owners should ask the following questions prior to repairs:

Does the air bag system need to be replaced?

If an accident caused

vehicle damage but did not deploy the air bag, the air bag system should be inspected. Air bag system components should be replaced if physical damage such as dents, cracks or deformation is apparent; if wiring connectors are burnt, cut or cracked; or if diagnostic tests identify a faulty component.

If the air bag did deploy, the repairer must replace the air bag module(s) and inspect (and repair or replace, as necessary) the following components: clock spring, sensors and wiring, steering wheel and column, and electronic control unit. (On Ford Contour/Mercury Mystique vehicles, the steering column must be replaced when the air bag has deployed.)

In addition, the instrument panel and seat belts should be inspected and replaced if damage is evident.

If the air bag module(s) must be replaced, should new or used equipment be used?

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placement modules are made by the vehicle manufacturers' authorized suppliers, and are sold by new vehicle dealerships.

Salvage air bag modules are removed from junkyard vehicles. While some automotive recyclers believe salvage air bag modules are acceptable, others, including Ford Motor Company, question their use.

In a statement released in June 1995, Ford said that while it is confident about the performance of air bag systems it designs and installs in its vehicles, it cannot be confident that air bag systems or components salvaged from damaged vehicles for re-use will perform properly. Several factors, such as weathering and improper removal techniques, could influence the integrity of salvaged air bag systems or components.

"In addition, air bag systems are designed for specific vehicles, with changes occurring even within specific vehicle models from year to year to accommodate technological advancements. It is possible for an air bag system or an individual air bag component to fit into an inappropriate vehicle, thereby jeopardizing the integrity of the air bag system. For these reasons, Ford believes only new air bag systems and components should be used to repair damaged vehicles."

Where will the replacement air bag module(s) and/or system components come from?

Even with new replacement air bag modules, ve-

hicle owners need to ask who supplied the parts. Recently, companies claiming to sell overruns and blemished air bag modules made for vehicle manufacturers have been promoting these modules at very low prices to collision repairers.

Although the companies state that the modules are the "original equipment" supplied to vehicle manufacturers, they do not guarantee the performance of the product.

Vehicle owners should also be aware that the proliferation of air bag-equipped vehicles has led to a sharp increase in air bag theft.

According to the Highway Loss Data Institute, thieves can steal a driver-side air bag module in less than three minutes, and sell it for a quick profit.

Vehicle owners should ask their collision repairers for proper sales documentation for replacement air bag modules and components from supplying dealerships. In some areas of the country, there are companies specializing in air bag replacement. These legitimate installers should also be able to provide proper sales documentation from supplying dealerships.

What replacement "crash parts" will be used to repair the vehicle?

Certain replacement crash parts, such as hoods and fenders, may play a role in the function of the air bag system. Many insurance companies specify the use of imitation crash parts, which are unauthorized copies of vehicle manufacturer



Left, as of 1998, federal regulations require both driver and front passenger air bags as standard equipment for all cars. The same requirement will go into effect for light trucks as of the 1999 model year.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics, the combination of seat belts and air bags is 75 percent effective in preventing serious head injuries and 66 percent effective in preventing serious chest injuries.

paint could degrade the cover materials and affect air bag door performance.

- Ask the repairer to complete and return the manufacturer information card that accompanies the new OEM replacement air bag module.

Air bags in new vehicles carry part numbers coded to

the vehicle's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), a number unique to that vehicle. Replacement air bag modules come with an information card for the repairer to complete and return to the vehicle manufacturer. This provides a record that the vehicle has had the air bag module replaced.

parts. A testing program commissioned by Ford in 1994 found imitation parts to be substandard in fit, finish, structural integrity, material composition, corrosion resistance and dent resistance when compared to genuine Ford crash parts.

Vehicle owners should also:

- Check to make sure the new driver-side module

cover is the correct color.

If the driver-side air bag module cover, which is visible within the steering wheel, is not the correct color, it should be returned and the correct color re-ordered. It cannot be painted. New genuine Ford replacement air bag modules come with a warning that the deployment doors of the module must not be painted, as

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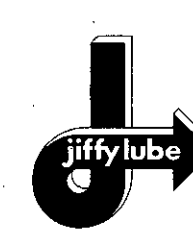
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What every consumer should know about on-board diagnostics

IN NUMEROUS CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE IS THE single greatest contributor to air pollution. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is required by the Clean Air Act to develop emission control policies and programs to protect public health and the environment.

Because of its large impact on air pollution, the automobile is one of the primary emission sources targeted by the EPA for emission controls.

The passage of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 mandated that the Agency put into place a program that would monitor the perfor-

mance of the emission control system on all automobiles beginning with the 1996 model year. This emission control program is known as On-Board Diagnostics.

What is On-Board Diagnostics (OBD)?

OBD is an on-board computer controlled system that monitors an automobile's emission control components (for example, the oxygen sensor and catalytic converter, among others) for malfunctions and deterioration. If the vehicle's computer determines that a problem exists, information is stored in the computer's memory and a light on the

dashboard will go on.

On most vehicles, this dashboard light, or malfunction indicator light, will be yellow in color and will read "Service Engine Soon" or "Check Engine," alerting the driver of the need for vehicle service. While this light does not indicate an emergency situation, timely response to the malfunction indicator light can not only reduce pollution, but can also save consumers time and money.

Potential savings can result because the OBD system is designed to inform drivers not only when something in the emission control system fails, but also when it begins to deteriorate. Early diagnosis followed by timely repair can often prevent more costly future repairs. For example, a poor performing spark plug can cause the engine to misfire, sometimes going unnoticed by the driver. This engine misfire

can, in turn, degrade the performance of the catalytic converter. With OBD detection of the engine misfire, the driver would be faced with a relatively inexpensive spark plug repair. However, without OBD detection, the driver could be faced with an expensive catalytic converter repair in addition to the spark plug repair.

The OBD system will also provide far more information to auto technicians than they have ever had before to help them diagnose problems and properly repair your vehicle. When a vehicle is brought in for service, an auto technician will access the information stored in your car's computer and use that information to accurately diagnose the problem during the first visit to the repair shop, saving you time and money.

The Environmental Protection Agency, along with

automobile manufacturers, see great promise in OBD systems and their role in clean air.

The diagnostic systems being developed and incorporated into 1996 and later model year cars and trucks represent some of the most advanced technologies on today's vehicles.

These OBD systems, along with drivers following manufacturer specified maintenance procedures and making trips to the repair shop when the "Check Engine" or "Service Engine Soon" light illuminates, will go a long way in helping our cities achieve their clean air goals.

For more information, contact: Todd Sherwood, U.S. EPA, N. V. F. E. L. / V. P. C. D., 2565 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105, (313) 668-4405.

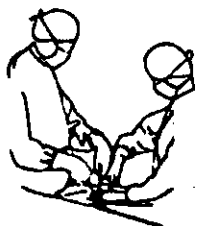


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True ___ False ___

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1. False. Upgrading fuel generally is an expensive and unsatisfactory remedy for a "pinging" engine. A better investment would be a diagnostic checkup by an experienced technician.

2. False. For long tire life and best gas mileage keep tires inflated as recommended on a sticker whose location will be specified in the owners manual, not on the sidewall of the tire.

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- Seat belt use should be mandatory. Actually, the earlier you instill this habit in your children, the better. As soon as they are old enough to ride without a car seat, your children should learn to buckle up every time they ride in a vehicle.

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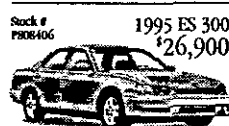
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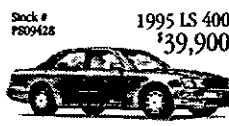
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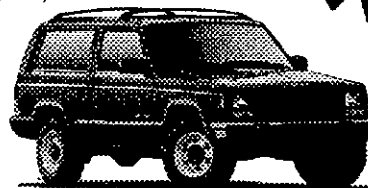
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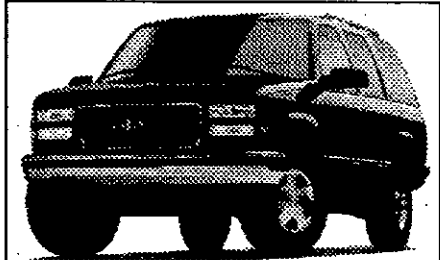
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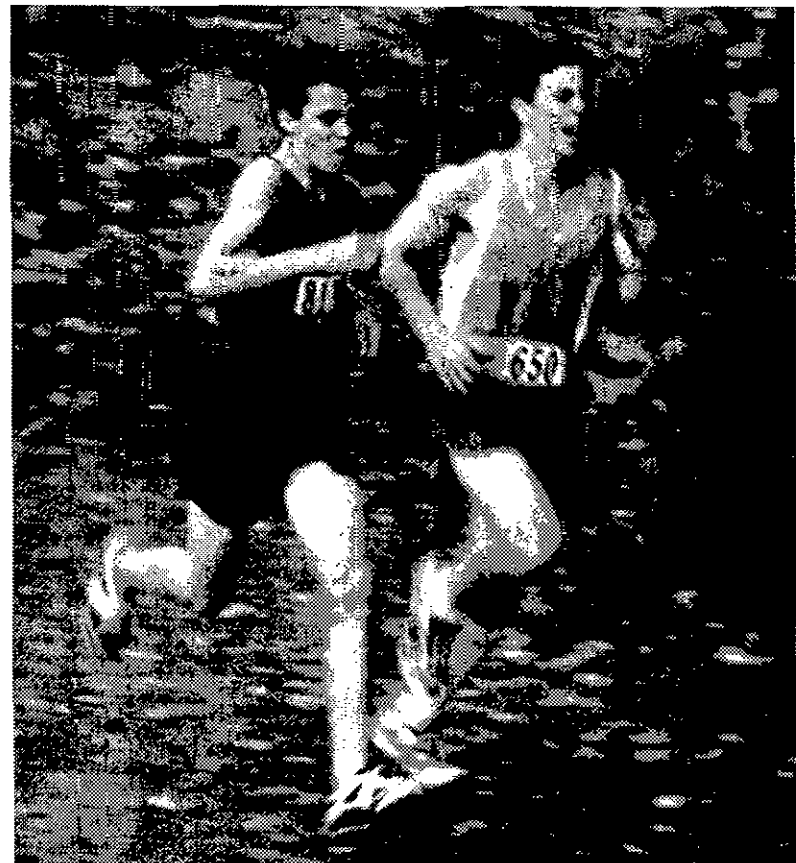


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Bethlehem Central High School varsity cross-country runner Brian Rhodes, left, races along a wooded trail at the Cobleskill Cross Country Invitational Oct. 10. The meet was a huge success for the Eagles, as the varsity, junior varsity and modified teams all finished in first place. *Gail Harvey*

Basketball club sets registration

The Bethlehem Basketball Club will hold its high school league registration Oct. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the main foyer of Bethlehem Central Middle School.

All games will be Saturday afternoons and evenings at Bethlehem Central High School from Dec. 5 to March 20.

The program is open to all students in grades nine through 12 and costs \$50.

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Bethlehem Pop Warner drops three

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Eagles had their first home game of the season Oct. 11, but the East Greenbush Blue Devils spoiled the homecoming with a 16-8 win in Senior Midget action.

East Greenbush took an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter following an interception. The Eagles responded by driving down the field before the efforts of John Sterrett, Anthony Livreri, Devin Nolan, Kevin Allerdice and Joseph Siniski but could not find a way into the East Greenbush end zone.

Bethlehem finally knotted the score after a 70-yard fumble recovery by linebacker Jeremy Irving. Darnell Douglass kicked the extra point.

The Blue Devils scored what proved to be the winning touchdown in the second quarter and valiant attempts by the Eagles to draw even in the second half fell short.

Sean Myrtle, Nate Pannucci and Tah-Quan Jackson were the offensive standouts for Bethlehem in the loss.

Myrtle, John Flagg, Pannucci and Shane Cassidy turned in excellent defensive efforts for the Eagles.

Bethlehem's Junior Pee Wee Condors fell 14-6 to the Burnt Hills

Spartans Oct. 11.

Bethlehem took the lead after a scoreless first half on a touchdown pass from Chris Abriel to Patrick Gerasia, but the Spartans scored two late touchdowns to seal Bethlehem's fate.

The Condors next play at home against South Colonie Oct. 18.

The Bethlehem Falcons lost 34-6 to the South Colonie Raiders Oct. 10 in Pee Wee action.

Ryan Eder scored the Falcons' only touchdown on a pass from quarterback Zach Patnode.

Adam Storm and Matt Carroll also had receptions and gained yardage behind offensive linemen Justin Burkart, Zachary Smith

and Dan Mulhall.

Rylan Conway and Chris Marsh led the defensive effort with several solo tackles.

Brian Nolan, Brendan Rhatigan and Erik Russo also contributed fine games on defense for Bethlehem.

Soccer boosters schedule meeting

The Bethlehem Central Soccer Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room at Bethlehem Central High School.

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Pool

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The 200- individual medley belongs to junior **Elyse McDonough**, probably the best all-around swimmer on the team. She set the school record this year, breaking the mark she set at the state meet last year. Senior **Kathryn O'Donoghue** and Corson have also qualified.

McDonough holds the school and pool mark in the 50-yard freestyle at 24.65 seconds, which is one-tenth of a second shy of All-American consideration.

She does not swim this event, however. Junior **Kim Link** is the team's sprinter, and was in the top eight in the section last year. Merges said at least half of the 35-swimmer squad will post times good enough to make Sectionals in the 50, but only four from a school can be entered in an event.

McDonough set the school and pool standards in the 100 butterfly earlier this year, but will not swim the event in Sectionals because a swimmer can only enter two individual events, and hers are the 200-

individual medley and the 100-freestyle. Rosetti, junior **Katie Gold**, freshman **Kathleen Shaffer** and junior **Kate Xeller** have qualified and Merges feels sophomore **Catherine Hartman** will also.

McDonough leads the way in the 100- freestyle with a personal best of 52:98. The qualifying time for this event is around 1:03, and Merges has 12 or 13 swimmers who have or will break that. Link was a top-eight Sectional performer last year in this event and Gold, Szczech, **Blaire Banagan** and

Katie Richardson have all gone in about one minute.

The 500-yard freestyle is Malinowski's event, but this is the strongest individual classification for the team as well. Merges said Bethlehem has five of the top 12 in the section, including Corson, O'Donoghue, Richardson and freshman **Ellen Bandel**.

Eight Eagles swimmers could qualify in the 100 backstroke, including freshmen **Lauren Sullivan** and **Sarah Richardson**, Katie Richardson and Szczech.

Junior **Megan McBride** and O'Donoghue top Bethlehem's entries in the 100- breaststroke, followed by four freshmen — **Meredith Singer**, **Bandel**, **Shaffer** and **Jessica Szczech**.

The 200- and 400- freestyle relays are two of the team's strongest events. Bethlehem has either the first or second-best time in the section in each, with a mark in the 200 one-tenth of a second off the All-American consideration standard.

The divers have been steady as well. Led by senior **Tracy Kovarik**, this year's high scorer to date, junior **Tara Ornoski** and sophomore **Jen Keyes**, coach **Elin Popkoski's** unit has won three of the five league meets in which they've competed.

Lately, they have been hampered by medical problems, said Popkoski, with Keyes nursing an ankle and Ornoski battling a severe ear infection. Still, all three have qualified for the Sectionals, where Keyes and Ornoski were finalists last year.

Freshman **Sarah Storey** is an up-and-comer, who "came to me with nothing more than interest and athleticism and is learning at an astonishing rate," according to her coach.

This whole package of swimmers and divers is a lot to throw at a team. And not only is the group talented and deep, it is young. Co-

captains O'Donoghue and Kovarik are the only seniors on a squad with 15 juniors, eight sophomores and 10 freshmen.

A former modified coach with the Eagles' program, Merges feels the interest in swimming at the school is a testament to the commitment by the town of Bethlehem to youth instructional programs.

McDonough is a product of the year-round "tiny tots" program.

"I started swimming there when I was about 3 years old," she said; and added that about 75 percent of the team will volunteer instruction to the youngsters.

Merges has the team swimming nine sessions a week — three mornings and six afternoons. They will do about 200 miles each by the end of the season.

"It is a long, grueling season, but it's worth it. When you get tired, you just have to bite the bullet," Malinowski said.

The team is 4-1 in the league, losing its last meet in a squeaker to Saratoga that left the girls more than a little despondent. Overconfidence may have been a factor.

"I think we underestimated how good they were," said McDonough, even though the Blue Streaks had beaten the Eagles the year before.

"Our game faces were not on that day, and the whole team kind of faltered," added Malinowski. "We are capable of a lot more, and we'll show it in the Sectionals."

McDonough said the community has gotten behind this team. "We see more students, as well as parents at our meets now, and that psyches us up," she said.

"Walking in to a pool as the team to beat is a thrill, and with the crowd psyched, it boosts your ego," said Malinowski. "It's a great way to approach swimming."

Sectionals will get under way Nov. 13. Meanwhile, the Eagles' next meet is Oct 14 at 4:30 at Guilderville.



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the board would review the request and get back to the group. BCUEA members questioned such negotiation issues as support staff health benefits and a union member asked Superintendent Les Loomis if he would accept the terms of the contract if he belonged to the BCUEA.

Loomis responded by saying that board of education meetings were not the proper forum to discuss negotiations. "It's not helpful to discuss this in public ... From my vantage point I can see both perspectives and neither side has been flexible enough to get to the middle ground."

In another matter, Wayne Johnson and Winston Greer both questioned facility problems at the transportation department. "We passed a bond in 1997 to update the facilities on Van Dyke Road," said Greer. "What happened?" Greer said that because of problems with facilities, the district had to send vehicles away to be inspected. "Where is the money going?" he asked. Johnson added that there are only 50 parking spaces available for more than 80 transportation department employees.

Loomis said that Phase 3 of the capital construction project has been delayed because Phase 2 came in over budget and the district had to submit an energy performance plan. The rules for submitting the plan were changed, and approval was just granted last month. "The bus garage will be completed as quickly as we can," Loomis said, adding that it would be reasonable to assume the garage will be finished by next summer. He also said parking for transportation employees was a high priority.

In routine business the board approved 1998-99 district goals. The district-wide goals were written by representatives of the administration, teachers, members of the board of education, parents and students in a meeting on Sept. 16. Loomis said the goals will be posted at each of the schools. Scherer was pleased with the collaborative effort. "The leadership of the students in the goal process

was important," she said. "We learned a lot and I feel confident that the student's will see their goals accomplished."

Loomis announced that the district had received the Presidential Citation Award, New York State School Music Association's (NYSSMA) highest honor. District music supervisor Michael Tebbano said the award recognized Bethlehem's dedication and commitment to a quality music program. He added that the program enjoys strong support from the community.

At the meeting, Loomis also announced that 18 members the class of 1999 were honored by the National Merit Scholarship program.

In a discussion on the integrated pest management plan, Loomis said the district is committed to using a minimal amount of pesticides. "We have put together a review committee to see if that (minimizing chemical usage) is possible," said Loomis. The committee will consist of board member Steve O'Shea, two principals, two PTA representatives, experts on health and environment issues from the state and county health departments, and possibly a representative from the Cornell Co-operative Extension of Albany County. Loomis said the committee will convene soon.

Music

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Les Loomis. "And we are particularly blessed to have the leadership of Mr. Tebbano."

Michael Tebbano has been supervisor of the district's music education program since 1997. He credits the commitment and support of program participants at all levels — students, parents, educators, administrators and community members for the excellence of the program. He added that the award is given to districts that show dedication and commitment to the music education program, and stress high quality, well-balanced and innovative programs. "Our colleagues are recognizing our program and that means a lot to us," Tebbano said.

Bethlehem Central's innovative program shows its strength in the number of students singled out for special honors, including participation at NYSSMA music festivals. Students must apply and audition each year to be selected for All-State and All-Eastern choirs.

"Each year Bethlehem has the highest number of participants in the suburban council at All-State, this year we have seven students selected," Tebbano said, adding that students from Bethlehem have also been chosen for elite groups such as the American Choral Directors program and McDonald's All American Band.

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In fact, the growing list of BCHS alumni who are now professional musicians points to the program's success. David Langlitz, class of 1970, is principal trombone player for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City; Susan Loegering, who graduated in 1986, is principal bassoon player for the New Orleans Symphony; and Suzanne Rice, class of 1992, plays French horn with the Navy Band in Washington D.C.

Other students have gone on to become music educators. Shannon Woodley, a 1992 graduate, teaches in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District. Shawn Flynn, who graduated in 1991, teaches in Lansingburgh schools and David Fisk, class of 1992, is a

music teacher in Niskayuna schools.

Tebbano feels students benefit from the comprehensive music curriculum that starts when they first enter school. "We have music experiences that start in kindergarten," Tebbano said. "Kindergarten through eighth-grade start with general music classes that begin to teach them to sing and read music."

"Our programming is intensive, and we work to get (students) in the music program," said Tebbano, adding that the program enjoys the solid endorsement of parents and the community through the Bethlehem Central Music Association. "They strongly support us and go to bat for us at the budget meetings so we have quality musical instruments," said Tebbano.

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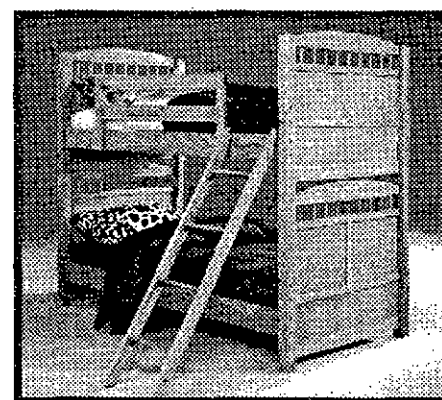
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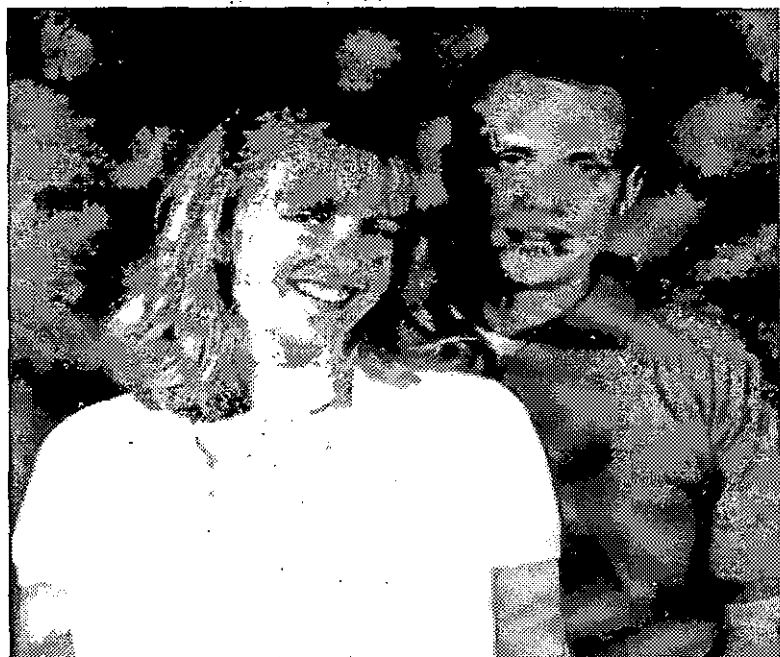
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Alison Ragone and Shawn Ballou

Ragone, Ballou engaged

Alison Ragone, daughter of Donald and Stephanie Ragone of Delmar, and Shawn Ballou, son of Austin and Dawn Ballou of Portland, Ore., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo. She has a master's from Ohio University and

is a speech-language pathologist for the Hams County Department of Education in Houston, Texas.

The future groom is a graduate of West Linn High School in West Linn, Ore., and an Army veteran. He is an ultrasonic technician for U.S. Inspections in Houston.

The couple plans a Dec. 9 wedding.

Business names sales and service CEO

Donald Robbins, president of Solutions By Design at 318 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, recently announced the appointment of Gary Robbins as chief operations officer of the computer sales and service business.

The business offers a wide range of standard configurations for home and business use, and provides installation support and maintenance of network systems.

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.

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Kristin and John Peyrebrune

Woodhouse, Peyrebrune wed

Kristin Sue Woodhouse, daughter of William and Susan Steiner of Fayetteville, Onondaga County, and John Claude Peyrebrune, son of Henry and Sally Peyrebrune of Delmar, were married July 4.

The Rev. William Reilly performed the ceremony at the Madonna della Strada Chapel on the campus of Lemoyne College in Syracuse.

A reception followed at the Onondaga Golf and Country Club.

The maid of honor was Karen Woodhouse, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joan Peyrebrune, sister of the groom, and Denise Clark, Alisha Eichmann Collier, Anne King and Jeanne Barley.

The flower girl was Helen Peyrebrune, niece of the groom.

The best man was Robert Peyrebrune, brother of the groom. Ushers were Henry Peyrebrune, brother of the groom, and Jim Blendell, Paul Curran, Tim Fuller, Randy Gambelunghe and Paul Taffe.

The bride is a graduate of LeMoyne College and has a master's from Marymount College. She teaches English as a second language in Fairfax County, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and LeMoyne College. He is completing a master's in business at George Washington University and works for TRW in Washington, D.C.

After a wedding trip to Grenada, the couple lives in Washington, D.C.

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George and Eleanor Fabe, above in 1948, and now



Fabes celebrate 50th

George and Eleanor Fabe of Metroland Business Machines in Surfside, S.C., and formerly of Albany. Eleanor is retired from Glenmont, celebrated their 50th Capital District Transportation Authority.

The couple has three daughters, Jacqueline Branstrom of Selkirk, and Janet Hammond and Barbara Hummiell, both of Glenmont; and a son, Greg Fabe of Selkirk.

Delmar woman receives Navy honor

Seaman recruit Suzanne Rice recently completed basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Command Great Lakes north of Chicago and was singled out as the honor recruit for her division during graduation ceremonies.

Rice was selected for the award by her peers who deemed her the most outstanding recruit in the division.

She is a 1993 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and 1998 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where she was a music major.

She joined the Navy after an intensive audition to get into the Navy Band. Rice will go directly to Washington, D.C. to begin performing with the U.S. Navy Band.

She is the daughter of Frank and Ruth Rice of Delmar.

Doctor receives business degree

Former Delmar resident Dr. John Wales of Louisiana recently received a master's in business administration from Tulane University's A.B. Freeman School of Business in New Orleans.

Wales is medical director of the emergency department at East Jefferson General Hospital in Metairie, La. and president of Gulf Emergency Management, a provider of contracted emergency physician services.

He is a graduate of Albany Medical College and served as chief of emergency medicine at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany from 1986 to '91.

BCHS graduate named resident assistant

BCHS graduate Crystal Hotaling of Delmar has been selected as a resident assistant at SUNY Cobleskill.

Hotaling is majoring in animal science at the school.

She is the daughter of Steve and Edith Hotaling.

In Delmar

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Mobil, Getty, and Sunoco Elm Ave.



Nancy and Remsen Davis

VanNosdall, Davis marry

Nancy Marie VanNosdall, daughter of John and Helene VanNosdall of Delmar, and Remsen James Davis, son of James and Katherine Davis of Hudson Falls, were married July 10.

The Rev. Sandy Damhof performed the ceremony at Delmar Reformed Church. A reception followed at the Century House in Latham.

The maid of honor was Leanne Casale. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Burt, Sandra Drozd and Kimberly Burt, all cousins of the bride. The flower girl was Monica Knowlton, niece of the groom.

The best man was Shannon Terrell. Ushers were David Lansing, Beecher Fuller and Robert Brown.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and has bachelor's and master's degrees from The College of Saint Rose. She is a teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District.

The groom is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose. He is a computer technician for Castle Computers in Latham.

After a wedding trip to Vermont, the couple lives in Delmar.

V'ville woman attends fund meeting

Viola McKaig of Voorheesville will attend the directors meeting of the Business and Professional Women of New York's Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton.

The endowment directors develop investment capital to fund the Grace LeGendre Fellowships for women, which are presented each June during the group's annual conference.

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Community Corner



Bethlehem Central Lab School to hold garage sale

Bethlehem Central Lab School will sponsor a garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school cafeteria at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The sale will include housewares, small appliances, furniture, sporting goods, clothing and children's books, toys and puzzles.

Funds will benefit the Lab School's Marine Biology Trip to Florida in March.

Obituaries

Lettie Patterson

Lettie Patterson, 88, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Oct. 7, at her home.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mrs. Patterson was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was the widow of George Patterson.

Survivors include six brothers, William Taylor and Jessie Sherman, both of Alabama, Willie Sherman and Henry Sherman, both of Albany, Walter Sherman of Buffalo and Thomas Sherman of Long Island; and five sisters, Millie Gibson of Selkirk, Viola Tillman of Kentucky, Louise Manley of Buffalo and Mary Booker and Alene Sherman, both of Albany.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Services were from the Selkirk Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Maxine Chesbro

Maxine Sharpe Chesbro of Delmar died Thursday, Oct. 8, at her home.

She was a graduate of Syracuse University.

Mrs. Chesbro was a caseworker for the Syracuse Department of Public Welfare and a homemaker.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, American Association of University Women, Delmar Progress Club and the Bethlehem Historical Society.

She was a volunteer for the Albany United Methodist Society and was active on behalf of UNICEF.

Survivors include her husband, George Chesbro; a son, George C. Chesbro of Nyack; a daughter, Judith Ragone of Selkirk; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Mrs. Chesbro donated her body to the Anatomical Gift Program.

Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to

First United Methodist Church, U.S. Committee for UNICEF, 333 E. 38th St., New York 10016 or Bethlehem Historical Association, Attn. Julie Kelley, 1003 River Road, Selkirk 12158.

Patricia McCaskill

Patricia Anncole McCaskill of Guilderland and Champaign, Ill., and formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Mrs. McCaskill was director of publications at the University of Illinois. She was the system administrator at the University at Albany from 1980 to 1996.

She was the widow of Quimby E. McCaskill.

Survivors include two sons Quimby E. McCaskill Jr. of Albany and Duncan P. McCaskill of Alexandria, Va.; two sisters, Thelma Libke of Portland, Ore., and Edith Peckham of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; and a brother, Douglas Rigsbee of Lula, Ga.

Services were from Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in Atlanta, Ga.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Presbyterian Church

Helen B. Schiller

Helen B. Koelliker Schiller, 89, of Glenville, and formerly of Delmar died Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Glendale Nursing Facility.

Born in Denver, Colo., she was a graduate of Unadilla High School and Unadilla Normal School.

Mrs. Schiller was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar and the Delmar Antique Study Group.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Schiller Porter of Ballston Lake and Mary Ann Keenan of Wayland, Mass.; a son, Henry Martin Schiller of Mineral, Va.; a brother, Walter Koelliker of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church

Building Fund, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054, the Delmar Rescue Squad, Adams Place, Delmar 12054 or the Salvation Army, 452 Clinton Ave., Albany 12206.

Margaret Johnson

Margaret Rose Johnson, 95, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar died Friday, Oct. 2, at the home.

She was the widow of Rupert W. Johnson.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Bromley of Albany; a son, the Rev. Robert Webster Johnson of Sterling, Mass.; two brothers, Verne Mosher of Corinth and Frank Mosher of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany 12210.

Vera Gorham

Vera Windelspecht Gorham, 70, of Concord, N.H., and formerly of Voorheesville died Wednesday, Oct. 7.

She was the widow of William Gorham.

She is survived by several cousins.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Services were private.

Clarification

Contributions in memory of Charles Tashian Sr., who died Sept. 29, may be made to Albany Medical College, Division of Rheumatology Research, 47 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Delmar library plans "Frankenfest"

Monster fans age 12 and up are invited to compare excerpts from Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* with old and new film versions at Bethlehem Public Library's "Frankenfest" on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Participants may pick up a copy of the book at the youth services desk. To register, call 439-9314.

Harlequin Players set performance dates

The Harlequin Players will present Mark Dunn's *Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain* on Oct. 16, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m. at Slingerlands United Methodist Church on Route 85.

Tickets are \$7. Dinner theater tickets are \$12. For tickets call 478-0405 or 346-1147.

A performance is set for Saturday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. For dinner reservations, call 439-1766.

Patching things up



Braden Lilley, 4, is pleased as punch about the pumpkin he found at Olsen's Nursery in New Scotland. Elaine McLain

Series to present movie on water birds

The Natural History Lecture Series, cosponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and SUNY Atmospheric Sciences Research Center will offer a free program on water birds on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the University at Albany Campus at 1400 Washington Ave.

Larry King, a retiree from the GE Research and Development Laboratory will present a movie about water birds that he produced and narrated.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Church to dish up turkey dinner Oct. 17

Thompson Lake Reformed Church at the junction of routes 157 and 157A in East Berne will serve a turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 4 p.m.

The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetable, cranberry sauce, cole slaw, rolls, a beverage and homemade pie for dessert.

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

For information, call Marie Flagler at 872-1353.

Chamber members to share stories

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce members share stories and offer advice on starting a business in "Bethlehem Beginnings" on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Benefits of chamber membership will be discussed. The program is part of the Libraries Mean Business series.

To register, call 439-9314.

Breslin to receive Healing Heart Award

State Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, will receive the Healing Heart Award from KidsPeace Albany Area Intensive Treatment Family Program on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

The award is given annually to a community member who works on behalf of children. Breslin is a member of the state Senate Committee for Children and Families and has assisted with KidsPeace activities.

Choir fund-raising

Bells of Praise Handbell Choir from Delmar Presbyterian Church is raising funds by selling Entertainment books for \$40 each. To purchase a book, call 439-5903 or 439-4463.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Fall in for local theater

By Dev Tobin

With frost on the pumpkin, the locus of area arts performances sensibly moves indoors. After another busy summer of music, dance and summer stock, much of it in Saratoga County or the Berkshires, the fall arts schedule is also particularly active and, fortunately, much closer to Bethlehem and Colonie.

Every major local theater company, for instance, will have begun its 1998-99 season by this weekend.

Local theater, whether Equity, community or collegiate, is a relative bargain, with all productions offering tickets under \$20, plus discounts for seniors and children.

Leading the way is a critically acclaimed production of Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer prize-winning classic *Long Day's Journey Into Night* at Capital Rep.

The intense, autobiographical exploration of the Tyrone family's dysfunctions is on stage at 111 N. Pearl St. in Albany through Oct. 25. For information, call 445-7469.

The New York State Theatre Institute will complete its first production of 1998-99, *Anne of Green Gables*, on Friday morning at 10 a.m. and is preparing for a short-run reprise of *Sherlock's Secret Life*.

The play, written by Ed. Lange of Delmar, a veteran Institute director, imaginatively fills in a gap in the famous detective's background, while staying true to the spirit of the Conan Doyle stories.

Sherlock's Secret Life will be on stage Oct. 21 to 25 at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, just over the Collar City Bridge from Watervliet and I-787. For information, call 274-3256.

On the community theater front, the Schenectady Light Opera Co. kicks off its season with *The Mikado*, Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operetta.

The Mikado will be presented at the company's Opera House, 826 State St., the weekends of Oct. 12 to 18 and 22 to 25. For information, call 377-5101.

Albany Civic Theatre debuts with *The Cemetery Club*, a romantic comedy by Ivan Menchell about three Jewish widows. The show will be performed the weekends of Oct. 16 to 18, 23 to 25 and Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 at the theater, 235 Second Ave.

Schenectady Civic Players presents *Dancing at Lughnasa*, by Brian Friel, a bittersweet tale of five sisters in dirt-poor 1920s western Ireland. Attendees will get a chance to compare this local production with the major motion picture starring Meryl Streep due out later this year.

A limited edition of *Fire on the Hearth*, the Irish American Heritage Museum's exhibit on the many contributions of women of Irish descent to America, will be on display in the playhouse's Green Room.

Dancing at Lughnasa will be onstage from Oct. 16 to 19 and 21 to 25 at the playhouse, 12 S. Church St. For information, call 382-2081.

At local colleges, Siena's thespians don black and white for *Nunsense*, the hit musical comedy, which finishes its run this weekend. For information, call 783-2527.

And the University at Albany's Theatre Department presents *Aven'U Boys*, a drama about three Italian-American friends growing up in southern Brooklyn in the late 1980s. The play will be on stage at the Studio Theatre of the Performing Arts Center Oct. 23 to 25 and 28 to 31. For information, call 442-3997.



Among the offerings by area theater companies this fall are, above, *Anne of Green Gables* at the New York State Theatre Institute, starring Glen Lincoln and Kate Hettesheimer; *The Mikado*, right, at Schenectady Light Opera Co., with Mark Levy, Rae Teeter and Dan Foster; and Capital Rep's first production of a Eugene O'Neill play — *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, below, with Barry Boys and Colin Lane.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT"

Eugene O'Neill classic, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., through Oct. 25, \$21 to \$35. Information, 445-7469.

"ANNE OF GREEN GABLES"

new adaptation of classic children's story, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at 10 a.m., \$17 adult, \$14 senior/student, \$8 children under age 13. Information, 274-3256.

"SHERLOCK'S SECRET LIFE"

new look at famous English detective, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Oct. 21, 22 and 23 at 10 a.m., Oct. 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., Oct. 25 at 2 p.m., \$17 adult, \$14 senior/student, \$8 children under age 13. Information, 274-3256.

"THE CEMETERY CLUB"

comedy by Ivan Menchell, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Oct. 16, 17 and 30 at 8 p.m., Oct. 24 and 31 at 4 and 8 p.m., Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1 at 3 p.m., \$12. Information, 462-1297.

"THE MIKADO"

Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., Oct. 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., Oct. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 377-5101.

"SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN"

gospel/bluegrass musical, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Oct. 22 and 23 at 8:15 p.m., Oct. 24 at 5 and 9 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM"

musical comedy starring Rip Taylor, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Oct. 16, 8 p.m., \$36.50 to \$42.50. Information, 346-6204.

"NUNSENSE"

musical comedy, Siena College Theatre Series, Foy Theatre, Oct. 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., Oct. 11 at 2 p.m., \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Information, 783-2527.

"AVEN'U BOYS"

presented by theater department of the University at Albany, Studio of Theatre of Performing Arts Center, Oct. 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 at 8 p.m., Oct. 25 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 for students, seniors and university employees. Information, 442-3997.

"LETICE AND LOVAGE"

comedy by Peter Schaffer, Home Made Theater at the Spa Little Theater, Saratoga State Park, Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 8:15 p.m., Oct. 26 and Nov. 1 at 1 p.m., \$14 to \$16. Information, 587-4427.

"BECOMING MEMORIES"

memory play with music by Arthur Giron, presented by Circle Theatre Players, Route 43, Averill Park, Oct. 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., Oct. 18, 24 and 25 at 2:30 p.m., \$10, \$20 with dinner at 6 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 17. Information, 674-2154.

GERSHWIN GALA

Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theatre, North Pearl Street, Albany, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., \$14 to \$33. Information, 465-4663.

LAWRENCE MCGEE

classical piano concert to benefit the Northeastern Association of the Blind, McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., \$15. Information, 463-1211.

CASSANDRA WILSON

jazz singer, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Oct. 17, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

MUSIC

WHIRLIGIG

traditional and contemporary Celtic music, Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Oct. 16, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

AROUND the AREA

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

ALBANY COUNTY

ARCHIVES WEEK

Albany County Hall of Records, 250 South Street, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 447-4500.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

FARMERS' MARKET

Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

90 WOMEN FOR THE NINETIES

community breakfast, Capriccio Banquet Theatre, 33 Second Street, Troy, 7:30 a.m. Information, 274-7100.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall, Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

ALBANY COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

LUNCHTIME SIDEWALK SALE (SUMMER ONLY)

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.

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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.

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University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

FARMERS' MARKET

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 OCTOBER 16

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET

Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

ALBANY COUNTY

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER

Guilderland Fire Department, Route 20, 4 to 7 p.m.

FARMERS' MARKET

First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

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.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Avenue, Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

MOHAWK-HUDSON RIVER MARATHON

26.2 mile course, begins in Schenectady's Central Park, 7:30 a.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

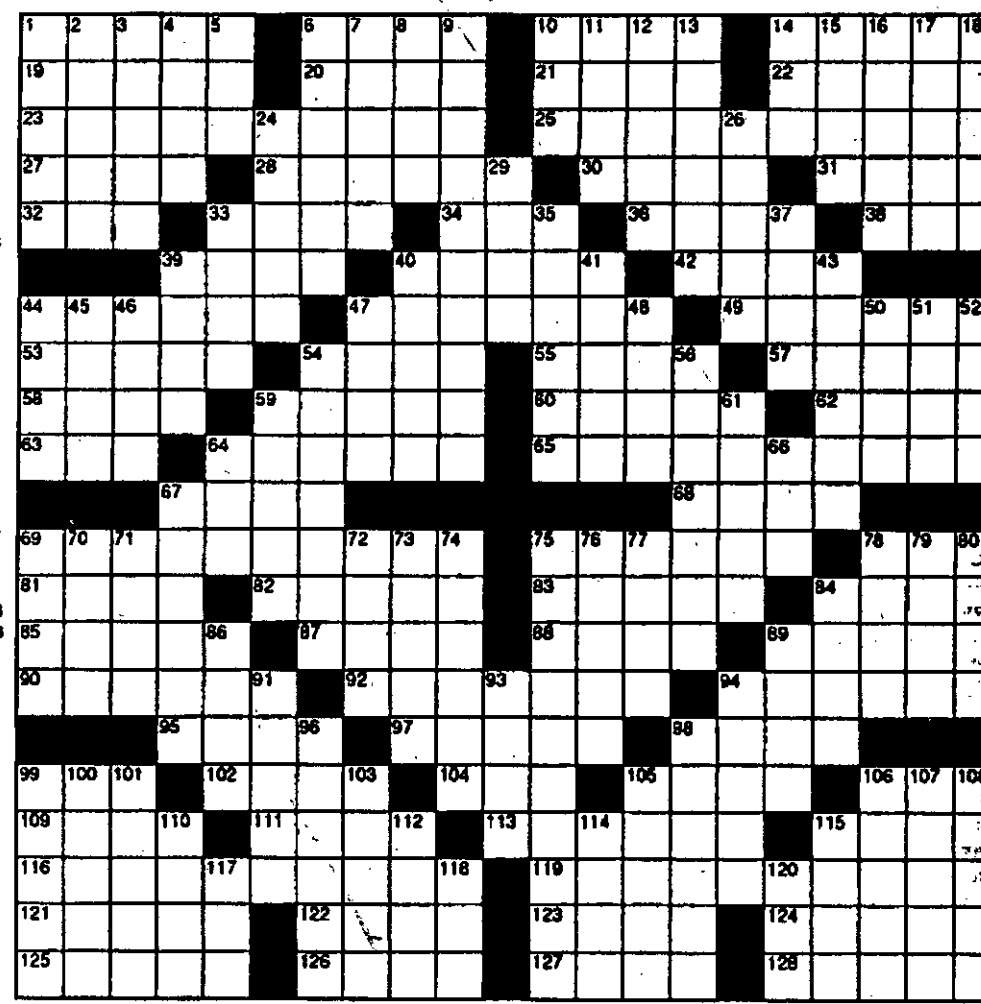
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SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

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- 1 Chill con —
6 October birthstone
10 Word before barrel or chop
14 Civet
19 With the normal voice
20 Biblical weed
21 Olive genus
22 "Rib" (1949 movie)
23 Author of 32 Across
25 He wrote "Daisy Miller"
27 Some are indelible
28 Spartan serfs
30 Sioux Indian
31 Part in the play
32 "Miserables"
33 Area in reverse?
34 Wood sorrel
36 "of the Pioneers"
38 Smith and Jolson
39 Galatea's beloved
40 "Put the — on Mame"
42 Greek portico
44 He penned "Paradise Lost"
47 Expressive movement
49 "Persuasion" author
53 Fully grown
54 "Two Years Before the —"
55 Cather's "The — of the Ark"
57 Horned animal
58 Italian painter
59 Brief film appearance
60 Ferber and Millay
62 Camp beds
63 "— on a Hot Tin Roof"
64 Guarantee
65 "Junio and the Paycock" author
67 Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
68 Smile broadly
69 He wrote "The Sea Wolf"
75 Took a fast plane
78 Youth org.
81 White termite of the Philippines
82 It's before willing and able
83 Medleys
84 Sport played with mallets
85 Captain Nemo's creator
87 Poverty-stricken area
88 Cry of the wild goose
- 89 One of the Beatles
90 Like some of Stravinsky's music
92 Encroach (on)
94 "Pilgrim's Progress" author
95 River in Belgium and France
97 Dinah of song
98 Minus
99 Airport abbr.
102 Baseball's Slaughter author
104 Irwin of Hollywood
105 Narrow strip of wood
106 Malay gibbon
109 Poet
110 Teasdale
111 He wrote 54 Across
113 Shrewd
115 Madrid negative
118 He wrote "The Magic Mountain"
119 "R.U.R." author
121 Red dye
122 Therefore, to Caesar
123 Angers
124 Daff and active
125 Singer Delta
126 Legal document
127 Political cartoonist of
- note
128 Diminishes gradually
DOWN
1 Quibble or carp
2 Skirt style
3 Gangland gems?
4 Exclamation of disgust
5 Tokyo, once
6 Those remaining
7 Singer/dancer Abdul
8 Jason's ship
9 "Anna Karenina" author
10 Exclamation of contempt
11 Bread spread
12 Signs the lease
13 South African tablelands
14 Sovereignty, in India
15 Jewish month
16 South Pacific island group
17 Follow one's nose?
18 They're before tees
24 The Rhine, in Germany
26 Gossipy woman
29 Style of singing
33 Highlander
35 Entertains
37 Kind of grapes?
39 Gudrun's husband or besiege
41 Wear away
43 School of U.S. painters
44 Playwright Connolly
45 Brainstorm
46 Stage star Alfred
47 Word with point or plan
48 Sicilian city
50 Juan's uncle
51 Grafted, in heraldry
52 Rudely inquisitive
54 Land and sea soldiers
56 Capital of Sikdim
59 Director of 22 Across
61 Painful lesions
64 "My Gal —"
66 Spanish hero
67 Like Twiggy, once upon a time
69 Breakfast beverage?
70 Dill weed
71 Dear, in Rome
72 Surrealist painter
73 West African timber trees
74 Beautiful nature goddesses
75 Author of "Modern Painters"
76 Funeral oration
77 Prong
78 Small liqueur glass
79 Seaweed
80 Fish-eating diver
84 Lane targets
86 Alleviate
89 Word with hour or order
91 Imports
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94 Nut or palm
96 Wandered at will
98 Most recent
99 Organic compound
100 Calif.-Nev. border lake
101 Part of a Stein line
103 Kind of drum
105 Anglers' aids
106 Rabbit fur
107 One of the Astaires
108 Does a fall chore
110 Henri's pals
112 French angel
114 GATW plantation
115 Hindu mendicant
117 Actress Sue — Langdon
118 Cain's land
120 Raucous bird cry



The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14**
BETHLEHEM

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

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15**
BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
<ITEM>Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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 (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.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
OCTOBER 16**
BETHLEHEM

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

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
OCTOBER 17**
BETHLEHEM

GARAGE SALE
Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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. Information, 489-6779.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18**
BETHLEHEM

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care available at all worship times. 386 Delaware Ave., Information, 439-9929.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krunkill 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, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

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.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR
Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 Elm Ave., Delmar, worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. Information, 768-2021.

NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM (SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER)
in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

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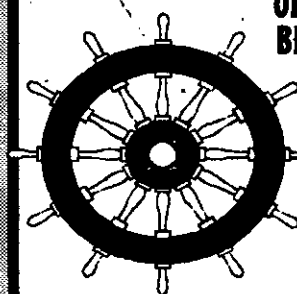
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LEGAL NOTICE**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF JMP ENTERPRISES, LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is JMP ENTERPRISES, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Saratoga.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, P.O. Box 459, Albany, New York 12201-0459.

FIFTH: The company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 15th day of September, 1998.

Richard A. Langer,
Attorney-in-Fact
(October 14, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

FIRST: The name of the company is: CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The latest date on which the Limited Liability Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2047.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secre-

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tary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is:

105 Old Niskayuna Road,
Loudonville, New York 12211

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to on this 23rd day of June, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ E.J. Vandergift,
Attorney in Fact.
(October 14, 1998)

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Bethlehem Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting 7p.m. Monday, November 2, 1998 at the Delmar Reformed Church. For information phone 767-2930. (October 14, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCTOLOGY CENTER OF LATHAM, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed by the NYS Secretary of State on 8/19/98. Principal office is located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it to The PLLC, c/o Elsa Goldstein, M.D., 214 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the LLC is the practice of the profession of Medicine. (October 14, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of limited liability partnership: FERRARO CHOI ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK, LLP. Certificate of registration filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY): 9/11/1998. Principal office located: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against LLP may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to c/o Fox, Charles & Kowalewski, LLP, P.O. Box 958, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065-0802. LLP's business: architecture. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

M.I.T.C.O. MALONEY INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LLC was filed with SSNY 09/17/98. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY

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shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him; c/o The LLC, 170 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act/ activity. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

ALLOY LLC was filed with SSNY 09/30/98. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 30 E. 40th St. Ste 605, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

MAPLE LEAF CONSULTANTS LLC was filed with SSNY 09/30/98. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him; c/o The LLC, 170 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

ARMEDIC INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY 09/28/98. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 170 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ALLIANCE FOR FAMILY VALUES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/18/98. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence A. Kirsch, Esq., 90 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION MEDICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, PLLC

1. The name of the professional service limited liability company is Medical Pain Management Services, PLLC.
2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on May 7, 1998

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3. The office of the company shall be located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him is 63 Shaker Road, Suite G05, Albany, New York 12203-1030.

5. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the purpose of practicing the profession of medicine. (October 14, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Mediterranean L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 27, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o John K. Sullivan, 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12212-2753. (October 14, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is MEMORIES INTERACTIVE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State on September 4, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County, the Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 523 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

RIDGE COMPANY LLC was filed with the SSNY 09/02/98. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 170 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act/activity. (October 14, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is On The Lake Associates, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 25, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (October 14, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia GBG, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 17, 1998. The purpose of

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the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XVII, Side Yards, Section 128-76 and Article XVII, Rear Yards, Section 128-82 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to allow a constructed 6 foot fence to remain which would exceed the 4 ft. requirement at premises 58 Brockley Drive, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom,
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on October 28, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 13 of 1998, concerning rezoning of property form Residence B District to CC Retail Commercial District for lands located at the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection of Delaware Avenue, Cherry Avenue and Elm Avenue. Said lands consist of three lots of record as shown on the "Tax Map, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York", dated 3/98, and include those lots having the following Tax Map numbers:

- (1) Lot No. 85.18-4-17
- (2) Lot No. 85.18-4-18
- (3) Lot No. 85.19-1-1

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: September 9, 1998
(October 14, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1999 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 8:00 p.m. on the 28th day of October 1998 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to par-

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ticipate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor \$71,442.00
Councilman (each) \$9,975.00
Town Clerk \$49,650.00
Superintendent of Highways \$68,995.00
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments \$42,075.00
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Notice shall be published once in the following newspapers: THE SPOTLIGHT, the official newspaper of the Town on October 14, 1998 and the TIMES UNION, and Albany newspaper, on October 15, 1998.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: September 23, 1998
(October 14, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is NORTHBROOK REALTY, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 1998.

THIRD: The County within New York 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 Secretary of State shall mail process is: 2 Birch Lane, Voorheesville, NY 12186

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York limited Liability Company law (the "LAW").

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to invest in real estate and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (October 14, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is GUARDIAN STORAGE OF BOYNTON BEACH, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on September 9, 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 Secretary of State shall mail process is: Guardian Storage of Boynton beach, LLC, Building No. 2, Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.

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. (October 14, 1998)

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Christian support group for mother's of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information: 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information: 439-24377 or 439-6952.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information: 439-1603.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

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AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 20**
BETHLEHEM
PLANNING BOARD

town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information: 439-4955.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

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

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Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information: 449-2210.

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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information: 765-2791.

STORY HOUR

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

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 21**
BETHLEHEM
BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

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GARAGE SALES

ALBANY: Rummage Sale/ Bake Sale, 1st Lutheran Church, 181 Western Avenue, Albany. October 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bag sale, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., \$3 per bag.

ALBANY: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Boulevard, Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DELMAR: 148 Van Dyke Road (off Delaware), October 24, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., tools, household items & furniture.

DELMAR: 16 Pheasant Lane, Saturday, October 17, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Skis, coats, wooden Futon.

DELMAR: 178, 180, 181, 184 & 190 Rowland Avenue, Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Clothes, household, bikes, etc.

DELMAR: 40 Darroch Road, Thursday, October 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Friday/ Saturday, October 16-17, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sale of the year! Unbelievable selection of designer women's, teen's and girl's clothes, bikes, snowboards, skates, cross country skis, telescope, cartop carrier. Much much more! Rain or shine. 439-0746.

DELMAR: 491 Haskell Place, October 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daybed, clothing, household items & miscellaneous.

DELMAR: Alden Court (off Kenwood), "Last Chance" block sale. Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Rain date Sunday.

DELMAR: Bethlehem High School cafeteria. 700 Delaware Avenue, Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Large sale, multi-family. Cash only!

DELMAR: Big yard sale. Tools, welding supplies, household items & much more! Friday & Saturday, October 16, 17, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 348 Elm Avenue South.

FEURA BUSH: 1 1/2 miles south of Meads Corners, October 16 & 17, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Strollers, toys, children's clothes, girl's bicycle, household.

LOUDONVILLE: 2 Crumite Road, Saturday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Multi-family. BLOWOUT! Lots of furniture (waterbed, formal dine set), designer clothes, rugs, books, sport, miscellaneous.

MENANDS: 15 Dennin Drive (Roost Estates), October 17, 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. King size bed, crib, dresser, toys and much more. No early birds.

MENANDS: 20 Glenwood Road, October 16-17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Children's clothes, toys, furniture, miscellaneous household.

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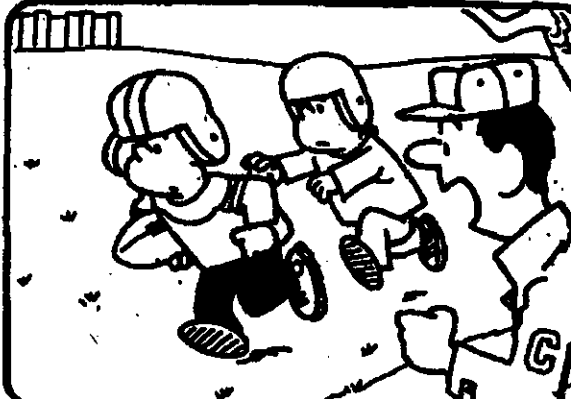
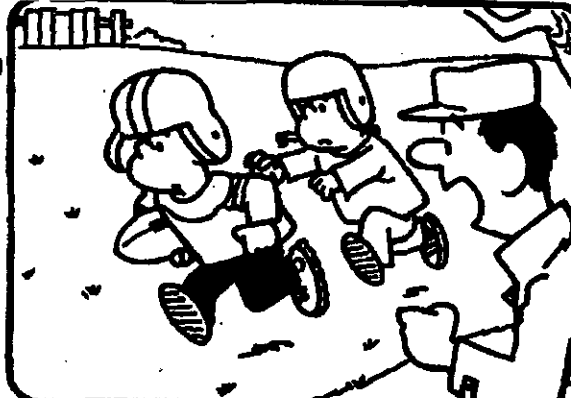
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Ordeal

(From Page 1)

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

The end of the tunnel is in sight

for Gertrude Adair. But even if the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals finally approves her two-month-old variance request next week, the entire experience has been "traumatic."

"I never anticipated anything like this," she said.

The 73-year-old Adair moved to her Glenmont home last winter in order to be closer to her children, and nearer to her volunteer work. She visits senior facilities accompanied by four Pomeranian therapy dogs, who are the object of the regulatory thicket she has been negotiating since August.

Adair's encounter with the zoning appeals process is illustrative of the way a well-meaning regulatory effort to protect the character of a community can nonetheless seem intimidating and distant to the ordinary citizen trying to comply with the law.

Zoning board chairman Michael Hodom concedes that the public is not aware of the intricacies of the zoning variance process. "Probably not," he said. "Because most people are not familiar with zoning in general in town, the variance process

is totally new to them. It possibly could be intimidating. But that's why we're such a laid-back board. We try to reach out in terms of advice and suggestions on how to comply."

Indeed, several zoning board members expressed some anguish about the Adair case during the board's Oct. 7 meeting. But the wish to protect neighbors from the prospect of a commercial kennel someday opening in their neighborhood was uppermost in their minds. Board member Richard Lewis said, "I'd just like to see that, as best we can do it, we ensure that property owners adjacent to Mrs. Adair's property and around it are protected adequately, and forevermore."

That "forevermore" business puzzles Adair: "It seems to me that there should be some way, that they could word something to say that if the property is sold, this

would not pass to the next owner."

She's perplexed, as well, by the lack of any contact with zoning board members or staff since her Aug. 19 hearing. Adair's request has been the subject of discussion at three different zoning board meetings since then, but "nobody has called me," she says. "The last time I saw any of those people was the night of my hearing."

Hodom says that after a public hearing, the board is legally bound to announce a decision within 62 days — but not obliged to contact the subject of discussion in the meantime. "Our agenda is put out there for everyone to see, and they are welcome to attend," he said. And there are avenues for an applicant to iron out disagreements with the zoning board's action, up to and including legal recourse.

But, says Adair, "There is a certain amount of frustration when my neighbor comes up to me and says, 'I hear you got another hearing,' and I don't know anything about it. Maybe once they get it all set up legally, maybe someone will call me."

Her variance request, and the ensuing public attention, has deluged Adair with phone calls from well-wishers, but the attention has been draining nonetheless. "I got home today, and there must have been 20 phone calls," she said, "including yours."

"Maybe if I was younger, it wouldn't have been so stressful," she says. "I'm in relatively good health, and always have been." Several weeks ago she collapsed in the parking lot of the Grand Union in Glenmont. She's undergoing stress tests seeking to determine the cause, but she says, "I just wish I felt better. It's the culmination of many things — moving, other changes. This zoning board thing may be one of them."

The attention hasn't been all bad. Her busy phone has included calls from several individuals interested in getting involved with therapeutic work like Adair's. "I hope something good comes out of this," she says. Still, the whole mess can't be over soon enough for her.

"It hasn't been easy," she says. "Had I known I was going to have to go through all this, I wouldn't have moved here. I love the location, the neighbors are nice, but this whole experience has been very hard."

League to meet

The League of Women Voters of Albany County is starting a half-year study on the public financing of higher education.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Glenmont.

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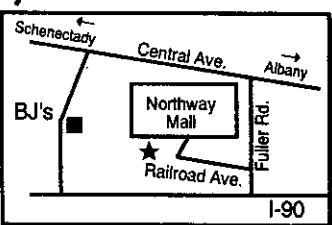
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