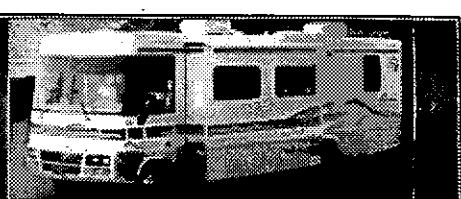




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Bethlehem businesses report overall growth

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The business community in the greater Capital District is upbeat as it emerges from a prosperous 1998 and look ahead to more of the same in 1999. But Bethlehem's entrepreneurs are a touch more reticent to show enthusiasm than their regional peers.

That is the mood depicted in the 13th annual Business Climate Survey, released last week by Marvin & Company, the Latham-based consulting firm, and gathered from more than 1,200

companies belonging to area chambers of commerce from the Adirondacks to Schoharie.

Almost 68 percent of respondents to the survey reported a fatter profitability for the year, and more than 71 percent expected further growth in '99. And more than 42 percent expect to increase their hiring in the coming year — as compared to less than 3 percent expecting to shrink the payroll.

When asked to characterize the region's economy, "recovering" (48 percent) has replaced "stagnant" (26.1 percent) as the favorite response throughout the survey area; another 21.4 percent choose "prospering."

In Bethlehem, the survey shows, the business community has largely shared in the good news. Of the 51 respondents to the survey who belong to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, one

of the 14 participating chambers, 68 percent reported growth in 1998. They averaged nine full-time employees last year, but they've bulked up this year to 17.

Responses characterizing the regional economy as "prospering" or "recovering" are up since last year in Bethlehem, and

I have talked to a lot of people in the area over the last year who are very positive about the regional economy, very positive about business in Bethlehem.

Marty DeLaney

collectively total just over half the town's respondents (26.1 percent each).

Still, "stagnant" remains the top

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O&G report indicates system could produce more water

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Officials of the Syracuse-based O'Brien & Gere Engineers presented their long-awaited report on tests conducted at the Schermerhorn Island aquifer to the Bethlehem town board last week.

Those tests may provide information relevant to the town's pending lawsuit against two other engineering firms over

low output at the town's Clapper Road water plant.

O'Brien & Gere's report at the Feb. 24 board meeting suggested the test well could reliably produce an average of 275 gallons per minute of usable water for the plant, an amount equivalent to 400,000 gallons a day, if the well were converted to permanent production. And they confirmed that additional vertical wells

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Father Walsh searches for more shepherds

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Since the first weekend in January, Father James Walsh of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle has been on the road. He's home one weekend a month, and the rest of the time, he is speaking at churches throughout the Albany Diocese in an effort to recruit more priests.

"There are 185 parishes in the diocese," said Walsh, "and every weekend, I choose a place, and during the Masses, try to make people aware of a possible vocation to the priesthood."

With fewer men entering the priesthood, Walsh said churches are starting to feel the pinch. "Parishes are starting to close, and we can't do some of the things we used to do."

In addition to making the shortage of priests real, Walsh seeks to assuage people's fears and preconceived notions about life as a priest. To do that, he draws on his own experiences.

"I address parents and grandparents directly," Walsh said. "I think they are concerned that their sons will be lonely, that they won't have enough money to care for themselves, that they'll have to give up their hobbies, and that they'll be lost to their families."

"Loneliness," Walsh said with a smile, "is not a part of my priesthood. The



Walsh

people here give me back 10 times what I give to them. I want for nothing, and that's not just the company line. I'm a huge sports nut, and I still follow the Giants and the Yankees. I drive my pickup truck, so I can carry building and electrical supplies, and work with my hands. And I'm more a part of my family than when I used to work."

"In addition to taking the ease off of families afraid of losing their sons," Walsh said, "I address single men, that they might be open to the possibility that God is calling them. If you've got a nice job,

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Pizza perfect



Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School children, Michelle Lee, left, Alyssa Giordano and Megan Kaplowitz top off their own pizzas at Mangia in Slingerlands. Debbie Eberle

BC parents air gripes on walking rule

By DONNA J. BELL

The debate over the Bethlehem Central School District's 1999/2000 budget heated up on Feb. 24, when parents of students who now have to walk to school voiced their concerns.

Currently students who live within a mile and a half radius from the high school and a mile from the middle school must walk to school. According to one parent, that rule has not been looked at since 1969.

"It certainly is not any colder or any darker, but the community has changed," said Pat Eretto. "The traffic is horrendous. We need to put the safety of our children first."

Many parents agreed, and some were visibly upset about their children lugging heavy backpacks over icy, slippery or leaf-covered routes. Several parents pointed out that many of the areas have no sidewalks, forcing children to walk in the middle of the road.

Superintendent Les Loomis said that the busing limits must be changed by a community vote, and

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Bethlehem police arrest 3 for DWI

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem police made three arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) on recent weekends in February.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, at approximately 1:50 a.m., a passing motorist spotted a westbound vehicle on Delaware Avenue in Delmar operating erratically and reported it to police. Officer Anthony Arduini then observed the vehicle crossing the center markings after turning onto Kenwood Avenue, and stopped the vehicle near Kilmer Court.

After administration of field sobriety tests, Bernard Arthur Lynn, 62, of 11 Avondale Terrace, Albany, was charged with DWI and with failure to keep right.

Responding to the charges in Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 17, Lynn pleaded guilty to a reduced count of Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI). He was assessed a \$300 fine and a \$30 surcharge and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Two more DWI arrests were recorded on Sunday, Feb. 14. The first occurred at 2:36 a.m. when, according to police reports, Sgt. Robert Berben observed a vehicle southbound on Route 9W, operating erratically. Berben pulled the vehicle over and called for assistance, and Officer James Rexford responded.

After administering field sobriety tests, Rexford arrested Richard Lewis Ritter Jr., 22, of

Schoharie Turnpike, Athens. Ritter was charged with DWI and two additional traffic infractions.

Later the same day, at about 10:15 p.m., Officers Christopher Hughes and Scott Anson responded to a report by another motorist of an erratic northbound vehicle on Route 9W near the intersection with Creble Road and after administering field sobriety tests, Hughes arrested Patrick Donovan, 36, of 50 Hudson Ave., Albany, and charged him with DWI.

Both men were ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on March 16.

Lab School barbecue

The Bethlehem Central Lab School Program Scholarship Fund will be the beneficiary of a fund-raiser featuring Brooks Bar-B-Cue on Saturday, March 13, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Take-out or eat-in service will be available at Bethlehem Central High School's cafeteria at 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6.50 for children, with ala carte chicken, \$5. They can be obtained by calling 439-3850.

Those who purchase tickets before March 8 will be entered into a drawing for two passes to the March 13 Billy Joel concert at the Pepsi Arena.

Rabid raccoon found in Mosher Road area

By Joseph A. Phillips

Two recent incidents involving sick raccoons provide a fresh reminder of the presence of rabies among the animal population in Bethlehem.

Responding to a complaint on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 11, Officer James Rexford encountered an apparently sick raccoon on Mosher Road in Delmar. According to Rexford's report, the animal responded aggressively to the officer's approach, behavior often indicating a rabid animal.

Rexford shot the animal with his service revolver and subsequently transported it to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center for examination. The Albany County Health Department later confirmed that the dead animal tested positive for rabies.

The second incident occurred on Monday, Feb. 21, again during daylight hours — another potential tip-off that a raccoon, normally a nocturnal animal, might be rabid.

A family on Schuyler Road in Glenmont reported that at about 3:30 p.m. their family dog got into a fight with an apparently sick raccoon. They pulled the dog away from the animal and it fled, and has not been found.

Though the dog has current rabies vaccinations and received a booster at Bethlehem Animal Hospital after the incident, two of the family members were potentially exposed. In accordance with county Health Department procedures, they began rabies treatment immediately under the supervision of their family physician. Health Department officials were alerted to the incident, but have not yet reported test results that might confirm whether the raccoon was rabid.

An advisory issued in January by Bethlehem police officials in response to an earlier incident warned residents to avoid contact with wildlife and to report any unusual wildlife behaviors to police animal control personnel.

They also advised pet owners to stay with their animals while outdoors and make sure their rabies inoculations are up-to-date; to avoid leaving food outdoors where it might attract wild animals; and to make sure food trash that is left out-of-doors is in a secure container or enclosure.

Extension to host open space program

A program on protecting farmland and open space is set for Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

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Physically Speaking



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SHIN SPLINTS

The term "shin splints" refers to pain that radiates from the front of the lower leg. This condition usually results from asking the shin muscle to perform more work than it is accustomed to doing, such as when runners and walkers pick up the pace too quickly. To help alleviate and prevent pain, it pays to keep the calves flexible with daily stretching when the muscles are warm. Otherwise, reduce flexibility in the calves results in more work for the shins to elevate the feet. To strengthen the shins, walkers and runners should try walking on their heels for ten seconds at a time, or writing out the alphabet with each foot as they rotate their ankles.

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V'ville chief fine tunes budget plan

By Katherine McCarthy

At a special budget meeting Monday, Voorheesville School Superintendent Alan McCartney inched closer to presenting the 1999-2000 budget by itemizing proposed increases.

Without including employee fringe benefits, McCartney detailed an additional \$585,940 over last year's total budget of \$13,323,345.

The largest portion, as McCartney pointed out is usually the case, is the increase in the total teaching program of \$391,720.

The \$9,200 budgeted for two summer school teachers and two teaching assistants drew com-

ment from board members. The summer program would be voluntary for about 30 middle schoolers considered at risk by teachers and parents.

Board President John Cole expressed his concern about growth in the special services budget and potential increases for this kind of remediation. "What if a lot of parents want it?" Cole asked. "Who do you exclude?"

McCartney and Linda Wolkenbreit, assistant principal for middle level, described the program as preventive, potentially keeping students out of special services during the school year.

McCartney will present a final budget at the regular school board

meeting on Monday, March 8.

At that time, he will also ask the board to decide whether to proceed with the acquisition by eminent domain of 20 acres of high school neighbor John J. O'Connell's land. The district needs additional land for a proposed high school expansion.

The terms of school board members C. James Coffin and Thomas Thorpe expire this year. Coffin plans to run again; Thorpe is undecided.

Petitions are available in the superintendent's office at the high school for anyone who wants to run for either seat. They must be returned with at least 25 signatures by April 15 at 4:30 p.m.

NiMo hearings spark little comment

By Joseph A. Phillips

The application by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. to convert its Glenmont power generating station to a natural gas-fired plant has itself generated little controversy based on the response to a pair of public hearings held last week.

The real action on the application is taking place behind the scenes, among those who have applied for active-party status in the process.

The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment is reviewing NiMo's application and held last week's hearings.

NiMo plans to sell off the updated facility, to be renamed Bethlehem Energy Center, as the utility divests itself of its non-nuclear electrical generating operations in upstate New York.

The hearings were held on Feb. 23 at Empire State Plaza and Bethlehem town hall. They drew only one individual at each to make a statement for the record.

In Albany, retired engineer Herbert Orth's concern was about the adequacy of local natural gas supplies in the event of a peak-use crunch. Otherwise, he said, "To fire this plant with natural gas is the best thing that can happen for Bethlehem — clean air!"

In Bethlehem, the lone speaker

who turned out also offered support. Construction worker and Selkirk resident Philip Hornberger said "This plant is a dead horse" without its modernization to a natural gas system.

His point of view mirrors NiMo's. "Frankly, the plant doesn't have a future if we don't do this," said spokesman Nick Lyman. That appears to be the consensus even among those organizations that have applied for active-party status.

Those intervenors include the town of Bethlehem, various state agencies with oversight on aspects of the project, such as the Department of Public Service and Department of Environmental Conservation, and public interest groups such as the Rensselaer County Environmental Management Council and Scenic Hudson, an environmental action organization.

Representatives of those organizations say they are basically supportive of the project, although they are closely examining the technical details of NiMo's proposal.

"We think this (conversion) is

a better alternative than using green fields and building a new plant from the ground up," said Mollie Lampi, senior attorney with Pace Energy Project, a legal arm of Scenic Hudson. "We like NiMo's approach. Our concern is principally with their cooling technology." NiMo's proposed cooling system would continue to rely, as the current plant does, on water drawn from the Hudson River.

"We are concerned that the river is overused for electric generating as a process source," said Lampi. "The new system is a step in the right direction, but we think they can go even farther and employ a technology that doesn't use water at all, an air cooled system. We don't believe that the air-cooling technology has been given enough of an examination or a thorough enough review to be discounting it as an option."

Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey Stockholm, presiding officer in the application process, has granted Scenic Hudson's request for more than \$7,000 from the intervenor fund set up by NiMo, to hire a Boston-based consultant to evaluate air-cooled technology.

NS clerk resigns post

By Joseph A. Phillips

In a letter delivered to New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly on Monday, Town Clerk Corinne Cossac announced her decision to step down from her post, effective June 30.

Cossac confirmed on Monday that her decision to resign was largely due to questions of health and age.

She has been increasingly absent from her official duties in recent weeks, leaving the affairs of her office largely in the hands of her deputy, Kathy Martin.

"It's time," she said. "I'm over 65 and it's time to enjoy life in a

different way."

"It's been difficult for her the last few months, due to her recent illness," said Reilly on learning of her decision. "But I've always enjoyed working with Corinne. She's certainly put in a lot of time and effort for the town."

No decision has been made about who will replace Cossac. The town board has responsibility for filling the office after her departure, and the office will be up for re-election in November.

"Whoever they appoint may or may not decide to run in the election," Cossac said. "But my inclination is to think they would appoint my deputy (Martin) at least until then. She's been doing an excellent job since I haven't been in the office. She's been on top of things."



Cossac



Carol Parks, Slingerlands House owner, shows off a silver tea set to be used at the fund-raiser.

Katherine McCarthy

Breast cancer fund-raiser slated at historic house

By Katherine McCarthy

Using the time-honored tradition of hosting a tea party, Deborah Dascher Knight is taking action against breast cancer. The Delmar resident started a business called Adelyne's about 18 months ago, with the sole purpose of raising money to fight breast cancer.

"I know so many people with breast cancer," Knight said. "Coworkers, wives of friends, my aunt; there are so many people with this disease. I've seen how it crushes families, and I wanted to do something about it."

One part of Adelyne's is "Addie's Trinkets," a collection of pins that Knight sells through word of mouth, at craft fairs and at Serendipity in Delmar and Roberta's Gift Shop in Glenmont.

"A pin is something anyone can wear," Knight said. In addition to the pink ribbon that signifies breast cancer concern, Knight's pin collection includes cats, angels and stars.

Adelyne's also sponsors tea parties and the proceeds go to the National Breast Cancer Coalition. The next tea party is scheduled for Sunday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the historic Slingerland House on Route 32 in Feura Bush.

"My girlfriends and I started

talking about hosting tea parties," Knight said. "We thought it would be a place where women can be women, and we might get people thinking and talking. It might encourage women to do that self-exam, or make a mammogram appointment. October is breast cancer awareness month, but breast cancer is 12 months a year."

Admission to Sunday's tea party is \$25. The Cafe at the Commons in Mayfield will provide the food, which will include tea sandwiches, dessert and punch.

Sue McLean will perform as The Victorian Lady, offering a program called "Passage on the Titanic." She will talk about what Victorian women had to do to travel. There will also be door prizes.

This is the second party Adelyne's has hosted, and Knight said she will organize tea parties for other organizations.

The first tea party raised \$1,000, and Knight's aspirations are even higher for this one.

"I feel very rewarded by this," Knight said. "My goal this year is to raise \$5,000."

There is room for 50 people at the tea party. To make a reservation, call Knight at 439-6539.

BCHS Choraliers to perform

Bethlehem Central High School Choraliers, under the direction of Joseph Farrell, will be one of five area high school choral groups celebrating "Music In Our Schools" month by participating in the fifth annual High School Choral Festival tonight, March 3, at 7 p.m. at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

Ensembles from Shenendehowa as well as high schools in Niskayuna, Schenectady and

Saratoga Springs will participate in the fest, which is the brainchild of BC Music Director Michael Tebbano, who also directs the GE chorale.

The diverse musical program will encompass classical, jazz, spirituals, show tunes and folk and contemporary music. The event is free, but tickets are required and may be obtained through participating chorale members and at the Proctor's box office.

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Friends' letters trigger reminiscences

By Katherine McCarthy

"Non nevicata sta mani. Tira vento!" Susan had written in a letter 20 years ago. It made me laugh out loud and call my old college pal on the phone. Susan laughed, too, remembering her first coherent Italian phrase, and how a few of us had used it as a greeting during our senior year of college.

"It's not snowing today. The wind is blowing!" in another language probably doesn't make us the most prestigious group of Middlebury College alums, but it was a silly bonding thing when we were students, and I was glad that Susan had dropped that line into the letter.

I found it in a rubber-banded stack of letters that recently surfaced for God only knows what reason. In addition to Susan's, there were dozens from Marcy, a few from Sally and some from Cammy, all sent to me during junior year abroad and again when I went overseas as a graduate student.

In addition to random foreign phrases — Marcy had adopted

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the German word "puppenspiel" to express frustration or dismay, insisting it sounded more like that than the "puppet show" it actually meant — the letters are marvelous chronicles of the beginnings of our adult lives.

I am blessed with friends who write well. When I picked up one letter out of curiosity, three hours later I felt as if I'd been daydreaming with those girls again, planning international summer travel and what Marcy referred to as "Phi Beta Lives."

They are wonderful letters of searching, as Marcy worried about her English comprehensive finals; Cammy detailed her first job search in New York City; and Sally wrote of her first apartment and men she might like to date.

The letters contain bursts of confidence and joy, but are also full of confusion, anxiety and unhappiness. When I finished graduate school and returned to New York, we all worried together, as letters were replaced by in-person or telephone chats. What if we never found good jobs? What if we didn't do as well as we should in those jobs? What if all our Mr. Rights walked right past, not realizing who we were? What if we never had any children?

We couldn't worry all the time, of course, and set about creating new memories — enjoying dinners in fun restaurants, hanging out in our favorite bar, going to parties (see reference to Mr. Right), meeting an ever-widening circle of friends, and spending occasional weekends in the country or at the ocean.

The testament to how good those memories are lies in the '90s version of all that letter-writing 20 years ago: e-mail. All of us with names ending in that "ee" sound marking us as babies born in the late '50s remain in regular touch electronically.

We are blessed with all the things we worried would elude us. We have good and interesting work. Maybe Mr. Right doesn't do as much housework as he should, but I think we'd all agree that we're well-suited to the mates we have. And we all cherish our children as our greatest blessings. Still, we worry, in "she-mail" that's an updated version of the letters we wrote in our early 20s. We wonder what we will achieve, vent about our relationships with our husbands and worry about the paths our children will travel and whether or not they'll find happiness.

Ah, happiness — the goal we

all circle around, searching for, hoping for, reaching for. When I read those old letters, with the dog's head in my lap and my children asleep in the home I make for them, it occurred to me that we had it all along, only sometimes realizing it. I won't stop searching or trying to define my life, but will try to enjoy that element that is more a part of my life than I realize.

The first thing I'm going to do is to go online with my college friends and thank them for the simple reminder that life is good. Then I'll print out their replies, and every she-mail that follows. And in another 20 years, we'll get them together to count the many blessings of our lives, including the joy of lasting friendship.

Village Stage selling 'Carnival' tickets

Village Stage will present "Carnival" March 11 through 14 at Academy of the Holy Names on New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

The musical, about life and love in the company of a European travelling circus, is the Delmar theater group's first production in nearly two years.

Performances are set for Thursday through Saturday, March 11, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

They include I Love Books at the Four Corners in Delmar; The Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza; Ultimate Video Plus in Glenmont; and the Village Shop in Slingerlands.

In Voorheesville, tickets can be purchased at SuperValu Foods on Route 85A.

K-9 cop rescues shepherd

A Bethlehem police officer recently got his feet wet making a dramatic pet rescue in Glenmont.

At about 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, two pedestrians on River Road near the Albany city line flagged down a passing Bethlehem police car to report spotting a dog in distress in the Hudson River.

The two men led Officers Anthony Arduini and Thomas Heffernan to a spot where they observed a German shepherd in the water about 30 feet from shore and a Rottweiler running loose nearby.

Bethlehem K-9 Officer Wayne LaChappelle, was summoned to the scene. With the assistance of several employees of a nearby business, he attempted to rescue the dog by tossing a stick on a length of rope from the shore. Unable to reach the dog, LaChappelle waded out into waist-deep water and was finally able to reach the animal with the rope and pull him to shore.

The shepherd was then transported to the Bethlehem Animal Hospital and later pronounced fit, and the Rottweiler was taken to Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society's shelter in Menands for safekeeping.

The dogs were later identified as belonging to Richard Beyer of Glenmont, and had escaped from a friend in whose care he had left them for the day.

Bear, the shepherd, and Buster, the Rottweiler, are now doing fine.

Joseph A. Phillips

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Bethlehem native makes no bones about career switch

By Katherine McCarthy

Everything old is new again for Slingerlands native Tim Talmage, who is back in Bethlehem as a chiropractor at Lee Masterson's new Delmar Chiropractic Office at 204 Delaware Ave.

After graduating from Bethlehem Central High School, Talmage went to Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. He came back to the Capital District to work in the brokerage business at First Albany.

A debilitating accident during a rugby game had Talmage slated for back surgery when he decided to pursue less invasive cures. That search led him to Lee Masterson and the field of chiropractic.

"I was literally on the gurney, with the IV in my arm," Talmage said. "I told the surgeon I felt better, and with 20 minutes to go, he held off on the surgery. I came to Lee's old office at 500 Kenwood, and felt better after the first visit. Today, I'm playing rugby again and skiing."

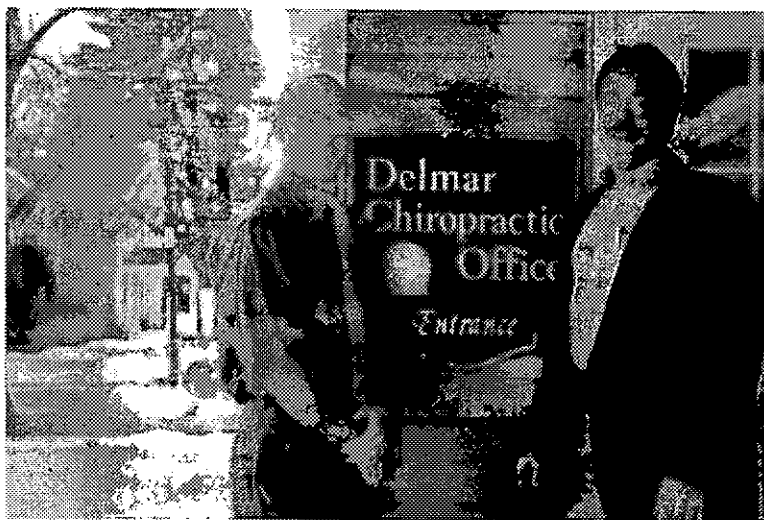
Although Talmage had been at First Albany for about five years, he started to realize that chiropractic fit his personality. "I came to learn that chiropractic was helping people to live their lives more fully," he said. "For me, it's a good combination of the physical and intellectual."

Talmage enrolled in a pre-chiropractic program at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, Cayuga County, commuting home to his wife Ricky in Albany between classes. After that, he entered Life Chiropractic College West in San Lorenzo, Calif.

"My wife was very supportive of the change," Talmage said. "She could see what happiness it would bring our team."

Talmage said he went to California based on Masterson and other chiropractors' recommendations. "I was very pleased with the choice," Talmage said. "Life offered a stimulating environment, with a strong emphasis on clinical studies. It was very rewarding."

So rewarding, that Talmage acquired a number of honors at



Tim Talmage and Lee Masterson stand in front of Delmar Chiropractic office on Delaware Avenue. Katherine McCarthy

the chiropractic school, chief among them being valedictorian of his class. His other awards included a clinical excellence citation, alumni association student of the year, student council president's award, and chiropractic excellence award.

Talmage was also included in the 1998 and 1999 editions of *Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities*.

"I'm particularly proud of the clinical excellence citation," Talmage said. "It's the equivalent of being the valedictorian on the clinical side." The final year and a quarter of chiropractic school, Talmage said, is spent gaining experience working with patients in a clinic.

Talmage said that the perception of chiropractic medicine has changed, as it and other health fields formerly called alternative become more common.

"The challenges remain," Talmage said, "of people not knowing how well trained we are, how safe chiropractic is, and how scientific it is."

Chiropractic is concerned with the spin, the structure of the spine, and its effect on the nervous system and overall health, said Talmage.

"If there's dysfunction in the spine," Talmage said, "in its alignment or tissue or muscles, it can cause pain and dysfunction. The

goal of a chiropractor is to find the dysfunction and correct it. This allows normal function to occur, and let the body heal itself."

Chiropractors meet with and examine patients, and then prescribe a course of treatment. "There's usually a chiropractic adjustment," Talmage said, "a manual adjustment of the spine. We'll help balance the muscle tone, doing some stretching here, and teaching our patients exercises to do at home. We also counsel patients about aspects of daily

living, like getting in and out of chairs, cars and beds."

Talmage said chiropractors spend hours studying the anatomy of the body, with a special emphasis on the spine and skeletal structures.

"We learn about the neurology of the joints, spine and tissue," Talmage said, "all the places where pain can originate. We make our adjustments within physiological boundaries, working with rather than against the

body."

Perhaps most important, Talmage said, chiropractors are well versed in what is and isn't a chiropractic case.

Talmage is excited to be back on the East Coast, and part of Masterson's practice. Masterson has been in Delmar since 1984, and Delmar Chiropractic has four chiropractors on staff. In addition to Masterson and Talmage, who started on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jeff Riker and Jean Hafler are part of the practice.

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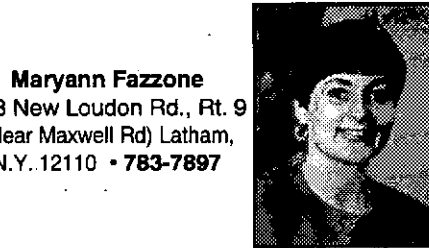
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Matters of Opinion

Grand theft auto

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani has evidently done wonders to improve the quality of life in the city, but the former prosecutor's latest anti-crime gambit raises serious constitutional questions.

Without consulting the state Legislature or even the City Council, Giuliani has decreed that city police will seize vehicles driven by persons arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Like many aggressive prosecutors, Giuliani seems to view the Constitution's Bill of Rights as an obstacle to effective law enforcement rather than the basic bulwark against over-reaching state power.

In this instance, we think Giuliani's edict runs counter to the Fifth Amendment's proscription against the state taking property without due process of law.

A first-offense DWI is usually plea-bargained to driving while ability impaired, a violation. Even so, a DWAI conviction entails thousands of dollars in fines, lawyer's fees, treatment costs, administrative charges and increased insurance premiums.

Now Giuliani would force first offenders, and even those acquitted of DWI, to spend thousands more in legal fees to recover their own property.

Of course, we are opposed to drunken driving. And, alone among local media, we do our part to help deter it by printing the names of alleged drunken drivers arrested by town police. But Giuliani has gone too far.

A case could be made for confiscating vehicles driven by repeat offenders, i.e., those convicted for felony DWI, or by those convicted of a felony related to driving drunk. But that case should be made, and the issue decided, in the state Legislature, not in the secret councils of a politician planning to run for U.S. Senate.

Giuliani's grandstand play also raises several political questions.

Do mayors, town supervisors or county executives have the power to unilaterally and dramatically increase penalties for what the law views as a low-level misdemeanor or a noncriminal violation?

Should people convicted of a violation be subject to confiscation policies originally intended to claim the proceeds of drug felonies?

Should Giuliani's aggressive confiscation policy be extended beyond the city's borders?

In every case, we think not.



County legislator David Young, center, visits with Elsmere Fire Chief Ned Costigan and Delmar Fire Co. President Louis DiLillo.

Elaine McLain

County should help volunteers

By David Young

The writer represents the 34th District in the Albany County Legislature and is a member of the audit and finance and public safety committees.

Volunteerism is unique to American society. From our earliest days as a nation, individuals came forward to volunteer their time, resources and lives for the cause of freedom and security.

They were our fathers and sons, neighbors and friends, who put the safety and future of a nation in their own hands, by their own free will. They were volunteers. Some things have not changed.

Point of View

In Albany County's towns, there are people we know in their everyday lives who dedicate their time, energy and resources to helping others. But a special few volunteer more — they risk their lives for the safety of others.

Volunteer firemen have a long proud tradition and they deserve both recognition and respect. They are individuals who carry on a unique kind of volunteerism. They are everyday heroes.

They are also a disappearing breed. In the late 1980s, there were about 4,500 volunteer firemen in Albany County; today there are fewer than 3,000.

Unfortunately, the number of incidents firefighters in Albany County must respond to is growing. In 1997, there were a total of 124,829 fires statewide, more than 9,000 firefighter injuries and 18 firefighter deaths.

Albany County, at a rate of 6.64, has one of the highest rates of fires per 1000 people in the state. In 1997, there were a total of 2,021 fires in Albany County, a 12 percent increase from 1996. And these incidents come at a price.

In that same year, there were 65 fire service injuries in Albany County, 39 civilian injuries and six deaths.

All told, estimated direct dollar loss due to fire in 1997 was \$1.3 billion in New York.

In January, I introduced a resolution in the county Legislature seeking to provide help to the dwindling ranks of volunteer firefighters. It establishes a matching fund for the retention and recruitment of Albany County firefighters.

The fund will provide \$1 in matching county funds for every \$1 raised by the retention and recruitment committee, up to \$10,000. This committee has been established to serve the needs of the county's 39 volunteer fire departments.

As the volunteer firefighters conduct their campaign to raise money to help attract new members, this matching fund will provide added support to their effort.

With an ever-growing \$23 million surplus, county government is in a strong financial position to help our volunteers increase their ranks.

I believe Albany County should put the safety and future of our firefighters first.

By assisting them in their efforts, we help ensure the safety of our families and neighbors. I hope you will support their efforts and my resolution.

I can be reached at 439-8513 or you can write me to PO Box 215, Delmar 12054.

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Your Opinion Matters

GOP chair urges justice to run this November

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with interest the recent *Spotlight* article on Ken Munnely's conclusion that he was elected to a four-year term as town judge and therefore should not be listed by the Board of Elections as a candidate in November.

Apparently somewhere in the process, he decided to forsake representations he made to voters that he was only asking them to elect him to the two-year term created by the untimely death of Judge Peter Wenger.

I respectfully point out that Mr. Munnely was fully aware at the time he ran for office that it was to complete the term of Judge Wenger, and in fact, he circulated petitions clearly stating he was

Wedding vows should count for something

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Feb. 17 Mom's the Word column, Katherine McCarthy seems to imply that marriage vows amount to nothing.

I always thought the participants pledged to stay together in sickness and in health, for better or worse, until death.

Mrs. McCarthy evidently believes that Mrs. Clinton performed unworthily by staying with her husband. Mrs. McCarthy cites her own high morals and beliefs but belittles those of one who adheres to her marriage vows.

Helen L. Butler
Colonie

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seeking a two-year term. Having presented himself to the voters as a candidate for a two-year term, it is difficult if not impossible for me to understand how he can now seek to abrogate the voters' action and refuse to stand for reelection this year. In that regard, I must also comment that I have just reviewed the legal citations put forth by Mr. Munnely's attorney, Matthew Kelly, to justify this remarkable argument and find them unpersuasive.

I urge Mr. Munnely to reconsider his position and cease any attempt to prevent voters from exercising their right to vote for a town judge this November.

Brian Murphy
Bethlehem Republican
chairman
Delmar

Hillary Clinton comments were disturbing

Editor, The Spotlight:

Katherine McCarthy's commentary on Hillary Clinton was disturbing to me, not because Kathy would not vote for Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senator, but because of her angry and unsettling reasons for her negative vote.

Kathy admits that her personal dislike of Hillary Clinton goes back to the "cookie" comment. She concludes that Hillary's statement reduces "mothering to baking." In fact, the point of Hillary's statement was that her status as wife should not deprive her of the opportunity of being both a caring mother and someone who pursues goals professionally or politically outside the home.

After giving politically correct lip service that it is OK for a woman to work, Kathy concludes that Hillary Clinton does not think mothering is valuable. Yet, even the national media provides ample evidence that Chelsea has been Hillary's No. 1 priority. Surely, Kathy doesn't believe that a woman who chooses to work doesn't value mothering. Well, the proof is in the pudding and by all

accounts, Chelsea Clinton is one wonderful kid.

With her next punch, Kathy concludes that the reason Hillary stays with her philandering husband is either low self-esteem or power. Should we reach the same conclusion regarding Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy or Lady Bird Johnson? More important, what should we think of our own acquaintances who have spouses who have been unfaithful (even more than once), but who choose to keep working at their marriages. Is it their low self-esteem or search for power?

Finally, Kathy asks, 'Who is this woman? Is she a hard core career woman? Devoted wife and mother? Glamour gal? Are these mutually exclusive? Why is it that a career woman cannot also be a devoted wife and mother? The reason I admire Hillary Clinton is that she is so amazingly good at being all of these women: career woman, devoted wife and mother and "glamour gal," all in the face of unprecedented adversity and with unmatched grace and dignity.

Nevertheless, I hope future debate as to whether Hillary should run for senator from New York can move past discussion of the personal choices she has made to her policies, agenda and intellectual and leadership abilities.

Beth Davies Carpinello
Delmar

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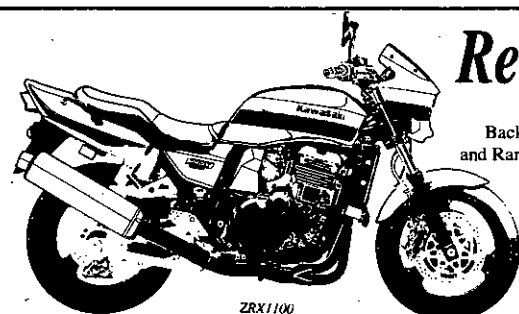
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Congratulations in order *DWI cases should be judged as such* for BCHS swim coach

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'd like to congratulate coach Ken Neff and Bethlehem Central High School's boys varsity swim team for a well-earned victory at the Section II championships on Feb. 13.

The local swimming community knew this would be a difficult season for Bethlehem with some area high school coaches not even counting them in the running for the sectional title. I don't think anyone could have envisioned the setbacks the team would have to overcome.

Losing two swimmers who

would be major point scorers to illness and injury early in the season, and then losing points in the medley relay at the meet seemed to create obstacles the team was hard-pressed to overcome. Their victory is a credit to coach Neff's hard work with the team and the capacity of the swimmers to rise to the challenge.

Congratulations on keeping the title in Bethlehem. Good luck to Ilya Furman and Chris Shaffer at States

Doug Grass
Ballston Spa

Editor, The Spotlight:

Lately, the media buzz seems to be about New York City's new "Booze it and Lose it" law. The majority of opinions seem to be that this law is unfair and violates civil liberties. This law may sound very extreme, however, it does demonstrate New York City's proactive stance on DWI.

Here's how it seems we are handling DWI locally. In the Jan. 27 issue of *The Spotlight*, an individual was arrested for DWI. According to the article, the driver was so impaired that "the officers

were unable to administer field sobriety tests."

In the Feb. 24 issue, we were advised that the same individual had the original charge dropped to a DWAI, which imposed a \$300 fine, \$30 surcharge and a suspended license for 90 days. What happened to the DWI charge?

I am not a proponent of the "Booze it and Lose it" law, although I do see the logic in it. What I would like to see happen is that we at least adjudicate DWI on face value. It seems that almost every DWI case is reduced to a

DWAI. Why aren't these individuals charged with DWAI when they are arrested? Is it common practice to charge someone with a more serious crime than is necessary, so that it can later be reduced in court? The only thing that an individual charged with DWI needs to reduce is their alcohol consumption before getting behind the wheel.

Dennea Miller
Delmar

Editor's note: Yes, it is common legal practice to reduce DWI charges to DWAI, a violation, for first time offenders.

Tree planting is committee's focus

Editor, The Spotlight:

As much as our Community Appearance Committee appreciates the coverage of our upcoming Citizen of the Year award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, there was a significant omission in the Feb. 24 *Spotlight* article. The committee's main thrust for the past four years has been our "Tree Bethlehem"

project that gives priority to street tree plantings along our most prominent thoroughfare, Delaware Avenue. For the third year in a row, we will sponsor a garden tour to raise funds for street trees. Other funds have come from donations and memorial gifts. The Twilight Garden Tour will be on Wednesday, June 16, with a rain date of Thursday, June 17. Plans

are under way for additional tree plantings at Elsmere Elementary School and at several businesses opposite Cohoes Savings Bank.

This spring, the blooms of past plantings of Bradford pear trees on Delaware Avenue should be evident from the former Bob's Produce, westward to Bob's Mobile. Some of those trees were donated by the Bethlehem Garden Club. Also, several hundred daffodils planted by our committee members will be blooming on Delaware Avenue to the immediate east of the D&H overpass. In addition, 200 daffodils that our committee donated last fall should be in bloom at each of our elementary schools.

We are stepping up our efforts to improve the appearance of our business community in anticipation of the turn of the century. We appreciate the support we have received from those who have attended past garden tours and look forward to an even better turnout for the Garden Tour this year.

Robert Horn
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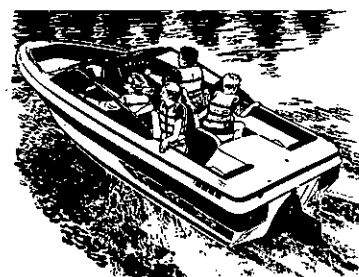


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Village Stage 'Carnival' is a great production

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Village Stage is back with a bang. Familiar names such as Dick Feldman, Tom Watthews and Muriel Nevens have produced this year's great hit, "Carnival." I even saw Dick Harte at a few rehearsals.

I always feel honored to be asked to participate in these local and semiprofessional shows because it gives me the opportunity to see and marvel at the exceptional talent we have in this area.

The casting of this show was brilliant. When you see Helene Runion as Lili and Peg Baumann as Rosalie, you have Maria Albergetti and Kaye Ballard to a 'T.'

Back this up with Feldman's absolutely wonderful choreogra-

phy and you have one of this season's best.

As if this were not enough, for the price of the ticket you get to see Frank Leavitt as Jacqueot and Jim Myers as Paul do the puppets and their show with Lili.

Every player — including Bill Baetz as Marco, Steve Suriano as Schelegel, Holly Wilkie as the clown and Kathy Cavanaugh as a carnie, adds to the quality of the production.

I marvel at the dedication of all these performers and am certain everyone will enjoy the March 11, 12 and 13, 8 p.m. performances and the March 14 2 p.m. matinee at Academy of the Holy Names art center.

Bill Reusswig
Glenmont

RCS board member stepping down

Editor, The Spotlight:

After more than 11 years as a member of the RCS board of education, I have decided not to seek re-election. I am announcing this now because the next few years will be critical to the district's future, and I want to afford good potential candidates ample opportunity to give the job careful consideration.

Along with volunteer emergency services, school board service is one of the most important and rewarding opportunities to positively change one's community. However, like other worthwhile things, it takes a lot of work.

So, please run if you think good schools are the key to our kids' and community's success. Please don't run if you only seek to reduce property taxes at the expense of our future (our governor and legislators are already seeking to do that).

Pick up an application at the RCS board office if you can help make our schools effective and efficient. Don't even drive by if you're looking to make a name for yourself as a stepping stone to higher office. We don't need bad decisions that only make board members more popular with their neighbors.

The school board after the next election will be selecting replacements for key administrative positions. The quality of these new administrators will affect the district for years to come.

New board members will also be faced with conforming new state mandates, which though frequently beneficial, represent big implementation challenges.

As you can see, such tasks need

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board members who are concerned with more than one aspect of the educational enterprise. One-issue candidates should not apply.

I hope RCS board membership will be as rewarding to my successor as it has been for me. When

my successor leaves office, I hope he or she will be as confident as I am that district students and residents are better off for having served.

Maurice Satin
Selkirk

Skateboard fan wants park in Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:

I haven't written in a while, but I just realized something the other day. There still isn't a skate park in Bethlehem.

We've agreed to wear pads, we've agreed to sign petitions and waivers and promise to repair all damage to the park, if there is any. I still don't think anyone cares about what we think.

I don't know if the town is going to build a park for us or ever give us recognition, but I think that if I got a group of my friends to build ramps and get permission to use them in the street hockey segments of the parking lot, we

would be very happy. We would take care of the ramps because we don't want to build new ones every time it rains.

I've been skating in the town park since the summer. As long as we don't break anything, we can keep skating there. All there is now is a plain old bench and a garbage can which we use to our ability. A few ramps would be really great. No one would ever have to worry about paying for them.

I just really want to have a little fun with skateboards now so I don't have to travel around to have fun. Thanks for listening.

Jon Santola
Delmar

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Matters of Opinion

Health care article was very misleading

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Feb. 3 Health Care Supplement, there was an article entitled "Calcium supplements key to prevention." It was poorly written.

At one point, the unnamed author says, "men could also benefit from supplementing their diets with calcium." But after admitting the benefits of supplements, in the last paragraph of the article, the author reverses position by saying, "Many readers know about the inability of pills and capsules to dissolve quickly enough to do the body any good." This statement directly contradicts the one about the benefit for men using supplements. It also contradicts the headline, might better have been called, "Calcium supplements are worthless."

The writer makes no distinction between prescription "pills and capsules" and those that are merely over-the-counter supplements. The conclusion must be, therefore, that prescription pills and capsules are ineffective. I do not believe this to be true, nor in my opinion, would the American Medical Association or the thousands of doctors who prescribe

medicines. Who would deny that aspirin and ibuprofen actually do reduce pain or that antibiotics are helpful in treating diseases?

If we can agree that the writer of the article was just careless when making such a general statement, then we might conclude the author meant to refer only to over-the-counter supplements such as vitamins, minerals and herbs that are sold in the form of pills and capsules. If the writer was careless about prescribed medications, however, was he or she correct about over-the-counter supplements?

The Encyclopedia of Nutrition & Good Health on page 442 states that "fifty to sixty percent of the U.S. adult population take supplements and spend about \$3 billion a year on vitamins, minerals and other supplements." Are so many people wrong?

I subscribe to several monthly newsletters and have many new books on the subject. My impression is that there has been insufficient research to conclude that supplements are useless. For one thing, drug companies will not spend the millions of dollars needed to prove the effectiveness

of the many supplements available today, because they could not then get a patent on the supplements. Unless they were the sole company that could sell a product, they could not recover their research expenses.

The newsletters I receive recommend that vitamins, minerals and other important chemicals be obtained primarily from food. At times, however, it may not be possible to obtain sufficient quantities from food, and in that case, supplementation is recommended.

Many publications including the "Harvard Men's Health Watch," "The University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter" and "The Johns Hopkins Medical Letter" advocate the use of some supplements. The information in these publications indicates that many organizations believe that taking certain supplements can be beneficial.

However, it is my fear that the writer of *The Spotlight* article may be correct. He or she seems very certain about the inability of pills and capsules to do the body any good. For me, an obvious conclusion of the article is that supplements are worthless. If so, many readers and I are wasting much of our hard-earned wages or retirement money.

On the other hand, if the writer is mistaken, the article might wrongly influence some readers to stop taking supplements that could be very beneficial to them, perhaps even essential to good health.

At this point, I am confused. Before reading the article, I was not. Wouldn't it be possible for *The Spotlight* to interview some local researchers, doctors, nutritionists and dieticians who are knowledgeable

about supplements and their efficacy? I think you would be doing a great service to a great number of readers who are interested in this subject.

Clifford Lamere
Loudonville

Chief explains Elsmere's response

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing on behalf of our organization to make a correction in the Feb. 24 article, 'Bethlehem, DEC check out oil spill.' It was the Elsmere Fire Department that was called out to investigate a possible oil spill on Oakwood Road.

The situation warranted a fire department response considering the potential danger. The fire department immediately set up the incident command system that began control measures and summoned a priority response from outside agencies.

Prior to the town agencies arrival, the fire department had isolated the area and was checking the occupied buildings to ensure the safety of residents.

The town is fortunate to have volunteers that have spent time to get specialized training, in addition to the normal required fire training. The volunteer fire service is a proud group and looks forward to the recognition and support that a local paper offers, and we appreciate all that *The Spotlight* does.

We rely on public recognition to help attract volunteers and maintain our ranks.

Edward J. Costigan
Elsmere fire chief

Five Rivers hosts how-to program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will conduct a how-to program on the fine points of scoring and grading deer antlers on Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m.

Participants will learn the how and why behind a trophy-quality rack of antlers, will learn how to measure a buck's Boone and Crockett score and will practice measuring racks from the Center's collection.

Bring a measuring tape — and racks are also welcome. For information, call 475-0291.

Grange to dish up roast beef dinner

Bethlehem Grange will dish up a roast beef dinner on Saturday, March 6, at the Grange Hall on Route 396 in Selkirk.

The all-you-can-eat family-style dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. The price is adults is \$8 and \$4 for children, and the hall is handicapped-accessible.

The dinner will be the first of a monthly series that will continue through June. For information, call 767-3342.

Church to serve venison stew dinner

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will host a venison stew donation dinner on Saturday, March 6, with a single serving at 6 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Camp Fowler Scholarship fund and the Camp Fowler Generation to Generation Fund.

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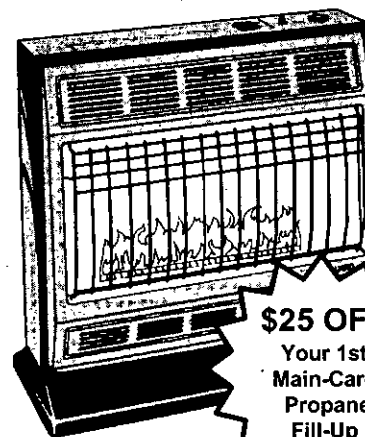
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PTA plans Fun Festival March 6

It's time for the PTA's annual Fun Festival on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be fun and games for all. Lunch and snacks will be served in the cafeteria, and there will also be a bake sale.

Snappy the Clown will entertain from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be a raffle drawing.

Admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

Kindergarten meeting set for March 4

Parents who have a child entering kindergarten at the elementary school in the fall are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

Administrators will explain the kindergarten registration and screening program. To enroll, children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1. Parents should call JoAnn Donohue at 765-2382, ext. 514 to confirm that their child is slated for kindergarten.

Winter concert set at high school

The high school winter concert is set for Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the school on Route 85A.

Village residents to vote for trustee

Voorheesville residents who voted in the most recent presidential election or any subsequent general election are eligible to vote in the village election on Tuesday, March 9, from noon to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road. Two seats on the village board of trustees will be on the ballot. Incumbent trustee Harvey Huth and Bill Hotaling are running for the seats.

Kevin Garrity has decided not to seek re-election as trustee. Voorheesville will hold voter registration for the upcoming village election on Saturday, March 6, from noon to 5 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave. For information, call the village office at 765-2692.

Magicians to perform at high school

Members of the Society of American Magicians will perform an "All Star Magic" show on Fri-

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day, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Jay Gorham will serve as master of ceremonies for the performance, which will include magicians John Murray, David MacDonald and Jack Shea and paranormal investigator Harry Keefe.

The show is cosponsored by the freshman class. Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door.

School board to meet

The school board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school. The board will continue its land condemnation hearing concerning property owned by John J. O'Connell on Martin Road.

The board wants the land for a proposed expansion of the junior/senior high school campus.

Fire department to serve fish fry

New Salem Fire Department is sponsoring its annual Lenten Fish Fry on Fridays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem. Eat-in or take-out meals will be available, and senior citizens get a discount.

Town board sets meeting

The New Scotland town board meets on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Kiwanis announce blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis sponsored blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, March 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

Sports boosters to meet at high school

The Voorheesville High School

Sports Booster Club meets tonight, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the high school. The group sponsors a sports hotline. For the latest scores, call 765-3314, ext. 4999.

Village asks kids to draw pictures

The village of Voorheesville would like children to draw pictures using the theme The Life of a Child in Voorheesville — 100 Years Ago or 100 Years from Now.

The drawing should be on an 18-by-24-inch piece of paper and have a title. The child's name, grade and teacher should be written on the back. Drawings are due by April 14 and will be collected by teachers at the elementary school.

Some of them will be awarded prizes and displayed during the village's centennial celebrations in May.

Business women to meet at Normanside

The monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Business Women is set for tonight, March 3, at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere.

Guest speaker Ernie Walk, host of his own radio garden show for more than two decades, will discuss "Going to Seed," focusing on indoor and outdoor gardening.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. social followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guests and new members are welcome. For information, call 439-8012.

Youth orchestra on tap for library anniversary

The Empire State Youth Orchestra String Quartet will perform at the Voorheesville Public Library's 10th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Architectural preservationist John Mesick will give a historical lecture on "What Our Buildings Say About Who We Were, Who We Are" on Tuesday, March 16, at

7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

The library is seeking fine art and photography for "Century Images," a juried and judged art show in celebration of the village's centennial. Call 765-2791 or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186.

Board petitions available

Nominating petitions are now available for seats on the Bethlehem school board. Elections will be held in the spring.

Seats currently held by board Chairwoman Happy Scherer and members James Schwab and Pamela Williams will be up for election. The new three-year terms commence July 1.

Petitions are available at the district clerk's office at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

Each submitted petition must contain a minimum of 62 valid signatures of registered voters and must be filed with the district clerk by 4:30 p.m. on April 16, which is 32 days before the district budget vote on May 18.

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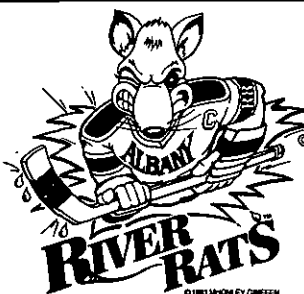
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Artist's work featured in gallery

"Em & Me," drawings and paintings by Colleen Skiff Kriss and her daughter Emily, are featured in the northwest gallery this month. Emily came up with the palindromic title.

Check It Out
Bethlehem Public Library

Corlis Carroll's evocative exhibit of limited original prints, "Bridging The Sea: Monhegan to Ireland," is on display in the southwest gallery.

Check out the bulletin board for information about Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and its annual auction. If music is your muse, take a look at the Delmar Community Orchestra's display in the small case. The youth services case features Kimberly Raffaele's pig collection.

Through its displays the library has highlighted a wide range of media and interests over the years, from papercutting to puppetry, logos to Legos, fiber arts to pho-



One of Corlis Carroll's prints on display in the southwest gallery.

tography. If you have a collection you'd like to share, the library is happy to accommodate you.

Here's how to do it: Display cases and the bulletin board are generally reserved for one month, up to a year in advance. Call Therese Broderick (adult services) or Janis Dominelli (youth services) for details at 439-9314.

Gallery space is reserved through the library receptionist, who will book exhibits up to two

years in advance. Individual artists may exhibit once in that two-year period; groups are limited to two shows per year. Prospective exhibitors will be sent a policy statement, along with a reservation form which should be completed in full, signed and returned as soon as possible.

All artists and exhibitors are encouraged to send along short bios, resumes, samples or photos, a description of their methodology or anything else they feel is relevant. The information usually finds its way into this column the first week of every month.

Exhibitors are asked to keep in mind that library displays are an opportunity to share, not advertise. Library policy states that displays may not be used for advertising, political or commercial purposes. We ask that an exhibitor not post prices or a phone number. A price list for insurance purposes can be sent along with the signed reservation/indemnification agreement. Since all age groups use the library on a regular basis, exhibits should demonstrate good taste and common sense. The library, being a public forum, does not advocate or endorse the viewpoints of exhibits or exhibitors.

Visit our Web site at: <http://www.crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>.

Louise Grieco

Nimblefingers to host stitchery celebration

Nimblefingers will present Tea and Stitchery on Tuesday, March 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will feature a show and share time to display handmade treasures that are family heirlooms or items you have crafted yourself.

Voorheesville Public Library

If you appreciate knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, plastic canvas, needlepoint or other sewing techniques, stop by for tea and crumpets and bring a "treasure" to share as you get acquainted with the women who sew and socialize every Tuesday at the library.

Nimblefingers was founded in 1992 by Dorothy Calvin as a place for women to share their needlework skills. The group is now led by Julie Stump.

The Library Club for students in grades four through six will meet to Weave a World Wide Web

on Thursday, March 11, after school. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting. Sign-up is necessary.

Oil paintings by Harry McChesney will be in the hall gallery this month. The library will offer a series of portrait workshops under McChesney's guidance in the summer. To sign up, leave your name and telephone number at the library.

A collection of Irish miscellany from Beverly Trombley will also be on display throughout the month.

The book discussion group will meet on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The selection for April is *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. Copies are available at the reference desk.

"The Bookworm" is in the mail. If you would like to be on our mailing list, call 765-2791. The newsletter is full of exciting upcoming events as we move toward our busy spring season.

Barbara Vink

Masons to present DeWitt Clinton award

Elsmere resident Karen Pellettier will be honored on March 19 for her community service with the highest honor bestowed by New York state Masons upon a non-Mason, the DeWitt Clinton Award.

Named for a former New York governor and prominent Mason, the Clinton award will be presented to Pettettier by members of Onesquethau Lodge No. 1096 in ceremonies at the Delmar Masonic Temple at 421 Kenwood Ave.

The award is presented by individual New York lodges to honor non-Masons who best exhibit traditional Masonic values and qualities in service to their communi-

ties.

Pellettier was cited for her "initiative in creating and implementing services for the elderly within the town of Bethlehem." She is director of Bethlehem's Senior Services Department.

Robert Walenta, district deputy grand master of Masons for the Albany district, applauded Pellettier's selection.

"As a resident of Delmar it is more than apparent to me that great care and concern is devoted to our senior population," he said. "We are fortunate to have in our community caring people such as Karen Pellettier." Onesquethau is one of 10 Masonic lodges in the Albany district.

Pelletier has been recognized previously for her community service with such honors as the Red Cross Distinguished Volunteers Award and a certificate of appreciation from Kiwanis International, and she is a two-time recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Service Certificate of Appreciation.

Delmar library to show kiddie films

A free program of films for children ages 3 to 6 will be held on Friday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program lasts approximately 30 minutes, and will include "Anansi," "Foolish Frog," "Patrick" and "Monty." For information, call 439-9314.

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Library kicks off story hours

RCS Community Library will host preschool story hours Thursdays at 1 p.m. starting March 4 and running through May.

The program is free and no registration is necessary.

Story kits are also available for day care, nursery school or other educational groups.

The multimedia kits contain stories and activities centered on science or social studies themes.

Each kit can be signed out for two-weeks.

Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. is Writing Club time. Middle school kids are invited to come to the library to finish their homework, talk, write, draw and even make crafts. Registration is not required.

Church to host supper and talk

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will host a soup and sandwich supper tonight, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.

This week's speaker will be the Rev. LeRoy Suess, pastor of New Baltimore Reformed Church.

His talk is entitled "How My Soul Has Changed."

The church is located at 30 Church Road, just off Rouse 9W in Selkirk.

Participants are asked to bring a sandwich; a beverage and soup will be provided.

Those who are coming only to hear the speaker (but not for sup-

Five Rivers Center hosts maple sugaring

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will host a series of maple sugaring open houses on Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Participants will visit the center's sugar bush, learn about tapping, and taste boiled sap and finished maple syrup at the shack. Local producers will have a variety of maple products for sale.

Groups are welcome by appointment, but pre-registration for groups is requested the Wednesday before their visit. For information, call 475-0291.

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Parent-teacher groups meet

Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School PTO will meet on Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

A.W. Becker Elementary School's PTA will also meet on Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

RCS Sports Association to meet tonight

RCS Sports Association will meet tonight, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Instrumental concert slated for high school

The annual Music In Our Schools Month instrumental concert by students in grades five to 12 is set for Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school on Route 9W.

Cabin Fever Dance to benefit Little League

Don't forget the annual Cabin Fever Dance to benefit Hudson Valley Little League on Saturday, March 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the

Knights of Columbus Hall in Ravena. Refreshments will be provided.

For information, call John Morse at 756-2676.

Coeymans youth plan game night

The youth advisory committee will sponsor a game night on Saturday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at town hall.

There will be music, refreshments and games.

Young people ages 10 to 21 are invited to attend and bring their own games and CDs to share.

Coeymans schedules public hearing

The Coeymans town board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at town hall, 18 Russell Ave., Ravena, concerning the proposed temporary moratorium on nonresidential building in the northeastern part of town.

The proposed moratorium will give the town board time to examine zoning, water resources and traffic patterns.

The board would like to protect residential areas from future industrial development by providing buffer areas or transitional land uses between incompatible zoning districts.

Harlequin Players to present one-act plays this weekend

Harlequin Players of Slingerlands continues its current production of one-act plays on March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at Community Methodist Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday double bill of "Hide and Seek," directed by Dan Roberts, and "The Temp," directed by Pat Ahearn, cost \$7. For reservations, call 478-0405 or 346-1147.

V'ville library seeks art for show

The Voorheesville Public Library is seeking entries of fine art or photography for its first juried and judged art show. Entitled "Century Images," the exhibit will hang in the library during the month of May, as part of the village centennial celebration.

The show is jointly sponsored

by the library, the Friends of the Library and the Village Centennial Committee.

For an entry form and guidelines, call 765-27691 or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186.

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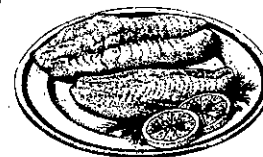
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Sports

Eagles' upset highlights local boys Sectional play

By Len Tarricone

Although all three area boys basketball teams fell in the Section II tournament last week, each advanced to the quarterfinals with opening-round wins. The most impressive victory was turned in by Bethlehem Central High School Feb. 24 at the Pat Riley Sports Center in Schenectady.

The Eagles, playing inspired and intelligent basketball at both ends of the floor, rose up gallantly, especially in the final five minutes, to seize control and defeat the defending state Class A champions on their own floor, 48-37.

"I'm so proud of these kids, they were great, they made plays, and they battled," said Eagle coach **Chuck Abba**, who played his high school ball at Linton High School and coached at Schenectady for a season. "I was very comfortable with our game plan, the kids bought into it, stuck with it, and they believed."

The strategy involved forcing the taller, quicker, high-flying Patriots to try to win the game from the perimeter. Easier said than done, but the Eagles got off quickly with solid shooting of their own, including three three-point

baskets from senior **Ryan Venter**, one from **Josh Burnett** and another from guard **Chuck Abba** to forge a 23-15 halftime lead.

The Patriots struck back with a 14-4 third quarter to grab a two-point advantage, and after Eagles guard **Mitch Lane** converted a steal to briefly put Bethlehem back in front, Schenectady's **Jason McKrieth** slammed home a dunk on a follow to tie the game at 31 and energize the home crowd.

But Venter silenced them with another trey, Abba completed a three-point play off a baseline drive, Venter worked hard on the offensive glass for a bucket on a goaltending call, and Burnett and Abba hit two free throws apiece.

All of those plays took place in the next 3:40, and all were unanswered. By the time the Patriots finally scored again, in the final minute, their dreams of a repeat title were vanquished. On the other bench, the jubilation of the orange and black was unbridled.

"We weathered the storm; we knew it was coming," said the younger Abba. "We showed a lot of heart in coming back. I'm just so happy right now."

"No one but us thought we



Ryan Venter (42) contests a pass against Schenectady. Len Tarricone

could win, and we stuck in there and hung with them," added Venter, who finished with 19 points in what he described as "the best game of my life."

Point guard **Pat Hughes** compared the win with the 55-38 victory over Saratoga High School two years ago that propelled Bethlehem to Glens Falls.

"We kept our composure and stuck to the game plan. We packed it in, let them shoot, and it worked." Bethlehem would not be able

to employ that tactic in its next game, against Catholic Central High School of the Big 10 Feb. 27 at Hudson Valley Community College. **Bryan Degnan**, the Crusaders' senior guard, blistered the twine for 37 points, many from long range, in leading his club past the Eagles 61-49.

His 18 first-half points helped CCHS take a 32-21 lead at the break, and the margin grew to 44-29 late in the third quarter. But Hughes' trifecta capped a 14-3 run that brought Bethlehem within 47-43 with 4:55 to play.

However, Degnan hit a turnaround jumper, and personally outscored the Eagles 8-0 over the next four minutes to ice the game.

"We just couldn't make any shots down the stretch, and I think we expended a lot of energy just to get it back to 47-43," said coach Abba. "They present problems for us, they're a good perimeter team, Degnan's an impressive player, and **Dustin Manny** is active and physical inside. They had too much balance for us."

Clayton A. Bouton Central High School coach **Bill Logan** knows that feeling every time his squad goes up against Watervliet High School, which it did for the third time this season Feb. 26 in a Class CC quarterfinal at HVCC. For the third time, the Cannoneers shot down the Blackbirds, this time by a 66-46 score, ending their season at 7-15.

Section II scoring leader **Kevin Yanni** poured in 27 points to pace Watervliet, but the Cannoneers' inside play took a toll as well.

"They just wore us down," said Logan. "We spend 100 percent of our effort trying to guard Yanni, and physically they beat you up under the basket as well."

Nevertheless, the Blackbirds were down only 29-21 at the half, but a 21-9 third-quarter stretch by Watervliet proved to be lethal.

"If someone had told us we would only be down eight points at halftime to this team, we might have taken it," said Logan. "We've

played some lousy games this year, but we were within striking distance in this one. I think our team played more solidly in the post-season than we did for much of the year."

The Blackbirds were impressive, especially senior **John Krajewski**, who had 37 points in a 66-56 upset over Greenville in the first round. Seniors **Tim Beadnell** and **Pat St. Denis** added 11 and 10, respectively.

Krajewski finished up a fine career at Voorheesville with a team-leading 24-point effort against Watervliet.

"It's tough knowing that was the last game," said St. Denis, who has his sights set on a collegiate football career. "It was good to get to Glens Falls last year (where the Blackbirds were defeated in the Class CC final by Watervliet), and I hope the guys coming back next year can get the opportunity."

Meanwhile, in Class B action, No. 3 seed Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School had little problem dispatching No. 14 Broadalbin-Perth 70-43 Feb. 24 in Ravena, as **John Weinheimer** and **Nate Seaburg** had 16 points each and **Kevin Reinisch** added 15.

They found the competition a bittougher two days later at HVCC against LaSalle from the Big 10. Despite the Cadets' No. 11 seed and 7-14 record, RCS coach **Bryan Wood** was wary of the matchup.

"They're used to playing against bigger players and they're not going to be intimidated," he said. "We knew they were better than their record."

And LaSalle showed it on the court, using a 10-0 third-quarter spurt to fuel a 51-45 win.

"We matched their toughness, that was the key," said Cadets coach **Brian Fruscio**.

Fruscio's group played solid defense and kept Ravena off the offensive glass, particularly in the fourth quarter when the Indians needed to make a charge. Often the one shot they got was not the one Wood wanted.

"We couldn't run a good offense today," he said. "We didn't set good screens, our movement wasn't good, and we didn't use good patience. They played well defensively on John; he struggled, and when he struggles, we struggle."

Weinheimer closed out his RCS career with a 17-point effort against the Cadets' double coverage, and Ravena's season ended at 16-6.

"I'm happy with our season," said Wood. "It was a big-time learning experience for me, and it was great to coach as many good players as we had."

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Top-seeded Ladybirds roll on to Class CC semifinal

By Len Tarricone

Some were surprised when the Clayton A. Bouton Central High School girls basketball team was seeded first in the Class CC tournament by the Section II committee, but the Ladybirds looked every bit the tourney favorite in steamrolling Granville 63-28 Feb. 27 in Voorheesville.

Coach Jack Adams' group turned its defense up full throttle and cashed in time and again off the 35 turnovers it created.

"We came out shooting very well, the kids played very good defense which got our transition game going, and we passed well on the break," said Adams.

Seniors Caryn Adams (19 points) and Jessica Stewart (11) led the Ladybirds (13-8), who now move on to face Mechanicville in a semifinal matchup March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. The Ladybirds won the two earlier meetings with their Colonial Council foe, but Adams knows that the Red Raiders (9-13), who knocked off fourth-seeded Hoosick Falls by 23 points to advance, can be dangerous.

"The first time we beat them in a close game in our gym, and up there we won 52-50 in overtime, so it should be a very competitive semifinal," said Adams. "They have some strength in the post and a couple of good perimeter shooters. We'll try to do the same things we did last time, but hopefully do them better."

Meanwhile, in another quarterfinal contest, this one in Class A Feb. 26 in Niskayuna, the Bethlehem Lady Eagles had their hands full with No. 3 seed Colonie Central High School (19-3). With Colonie's Kim Corbitt harassing Eagle's leading scorer Bridget Murray, Bridget Blot disturbing the shots of her sister Lauren Murray, and Erica Poole shad-



Bethlehem center Lily Corrigan blocks the path of Colonie's Bridget Blot as she drives to the basket in their quarterfinal game. Len Tarricone

owing Kate Strait, the Lady Raiders created havoc on the perimeter, and held the sixth-seeded Eagles to only six first-half points en route to a 44-31 victory.

"We couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," Lady Eagles' coach Kim Wise's said. "We came out a little tight, and they did a good defensive job on our guards. If we could have hit a few things inside it might have loosened things up a bit for them."

Bethlehem did a fine defensive job itself in the first half, and the score was just 14-6 entering the third quarter.

As the second half unfolded, Eagles' center Lily Corrigan asserted herself, finishing off entry passes into the post with a variety of jump shots and inside moves. The senior combined with Bridget Murray to score 13 of Bethlehem's first 15 points of the half as the Lady Eagles kept it close.

Corrigan scored inside again with 2:30 left in the game to cut the margin to 36-28, but Colonie forward Kelly Murphy hit two jump shots in the lane to offset a jumper by the Eagles' Megan Fish, and that spelled the end for Bethlehem's season at 13-9.

Bridget Murray had 11 points and Corrigan 10 for the Eagles, a team that includes only four seniors - Strait, Corrigan, Carrie Staniels and Kate Bresnahan.

"I'm very proud of the kids, and I told them they should feel good about the progress they made this season," said Wise. "It's tough to lose as many kids as we did from last year, and there were a lot of shoes to fill, but the girls did their best to step up."

The Lady Eagles had advanced to the quarterfinals by virtue of a 71-52 victory Feb. 23 in Delmar over Albany High School, as Bridget Murray and Bresnahan

each scored 14 points, and Lauren Murray and Strait added 11 apiece.

That same evening, in Ravena, Bruce Stott's Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls team also saw its season end, as the eighth-seeded Indians were toppled 50-43 by ninth-seeded Gloversville. Casey Firstiun had 17 points, and Alyssa Sebert added 10 for RCS, which finished 12-9 after winning 11 of its last 16 games, including one over Colonial Council champions Academy of the Holy Names. The squad loses seniors Melissa Eissing, Colleen Prior and Samantha Skiff.

"It would have been easy, after starting 1-4 with three losses by over 20 points, to lose confidence, but they put in the effort to improve and it paid off," Stott said. "We have a way to go, but I'm appreciative of this group for turning the ship around. I think we have a promising future."

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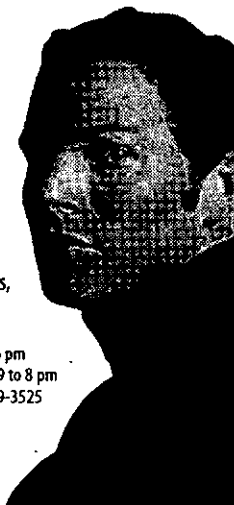
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Dolphins end month with strong performances

The Delmar Dolphins swimmers made their mark both in the Thoroughbred Splash in Saratoga Feb. 13 and at the Pre-March Madness Meet in Gloversville Feb. 28.

In the Thoroughbred Splash 8-and-under category, **Alyssa Sullivan** won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 23.34 seconds and the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 46.09 seconds. She also took second in the 50-yard freestyle. **Katie O'Donnell** achieved a national "A" time in the 25-yard freestyle with a time of 15.55 seconds and the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 51.45 seconds. She also won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 37.35 seconds and placed second in the 25-yard breaststroke.

Eleanor Grady finished seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke and eighth in the 25-yard freestyle. **Jimmy Kivlin** won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 23.29 seconds, placed third in the 25-yard backstroke and finished sixth in the 25-yard freestyle. **Kiersten Swete** won the 100-yard IM.

The relay team of Swete, O'Donnell, Sullivan and Kivlin took second, and **Alexandra**

Scaldone swam a personal-best time.

In the 9- and 10-year-old category, **Martha Grady** won the 100-yard IM with a time of 1:23.85, finished third in the 50-yard butterfly and took fifth in the 50-yard freestyle. **Laurel Heighton** placed sixth in the 100-yard IM and seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke. **Kyla Walsh** placed third in the 50-yard butterfly and fourth in the 100-yard IM, and **Molly Moriarity** took sixth in the 50-yard backstroke. **Larry Gloeckler** achieved a national "A" time in the 100-yard IM with a time of 1:21.02, won the 50-yard butterfly in 36.84 seconds and won 100-yard freestyle in 1:11.42. He also placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Justin Murphy finished third in the 100-yard IM, took fourth in the 50-yard butterfly and the 100-yard breaststroke and finished eighth in the 100-yard freestyle. **Tyler Dudas** won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:20.72 and the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:47.34. He also finished third in the 50-yard butterfly and fifth in the 100-yard IM.

The relay team of Grady, Gloeckler, Heighton and Murphy finished fourth, and the team of Moriarity, Swete, Walsh and Dudas took seventh. **Kristianna Russo** and **Robin Bogen** each swam personal-best times.

In the 11- and 12-year-old category, **Lauren Grady** took seventh in the 100-yard IM, and **Scott Solomon** finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard freestyle, third in the 100-yard IM and seventh in the 50-yard butterfly.

In the 8-and-under category in Gloversville, **Nicholas Lavada** took fifth in the 100-yard freestyle, and **Stephanie Clement** took seventh in both the 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard IM.

In the 9- and 10-year-old category, Murphy finished second in the 100-yard freestyle, 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard IM and took third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Dudas took second in the 50-yard butterfly, third in the 200-yard IM, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Solomon took second in the 200-yard IM, fourth in the 100-

yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 50-yard butterfly. **Natalie Singer** swam personal best times in several events.

In the 13- and 14-year-old category, **Meredith Singer** finished second in both the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard breaststroke and took third in the 200-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle. **Courtney Arduini** swam in the senior division for the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard freestyle and took second in the butterfly and fifth in the freestyle. She also finished second in the 200-yard IM.

Teresa Rosetti took second in the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard IM, and finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle. **Sarah Richardson** finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke. **Larissa Suparmanto** had an eighth-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The relay team of Suparmanto, Arduini, Richardson and Rosetti took first place.

In the senior division, **Katie Richardson** took third in the 100-yard butterfly and third in the 100-yard backstroke, finished sixth in the 50-yard freestyle and placed seventh in the 100-yard freestyle.

Umar, Ansaldo shine at states

Senior **Khalid Umar** won medals in two events to help the Section II boys contingent win the state indoor track meet Feb. 27 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, taking second place in the long jump with a leap of 21-feet, 6-inches and third in the triple jump with a mark of 44-feet, 9-inches.

His teammate, junior **Lee Ansaldo**, also collected a silver by virtue of his time of 6.47 seconds in the 55-meter dash. Umar finished 22nd in that event, while a third Bethlehem athlete, senior **Max Anderson**, placed ninth in the triple jump.

BBC starts playoffs

After a two-week break, the Bethlehem Basketball Club began opening-round playoff action Feb. 28. In the NBA, the Knicks downed the Lakers 38-31 behind nine points from **Sean McManus**. **Kevin Gutman** led the Lakers with 15. Elsewhere, it was the Sonics (**Jeremy Wytuda** 16 points) over the Rockets (**Nick Criscione** 11) 47-29; the Bulls (**John Thibodeau** 15) getting past the Magic (**Brian Biche** 6) 47-21, and the Spurs (**Matt Robbins** 16) upending Boston (**Bob Barrowman** 19) in a 39-38 squeaker.

In the ACC, **Russell Eilers** 19 points led Wake Forest past the **Steve Blanch**-led Yellowjackets 44-31. Duke (**Brendan Venter** 16) downed Clemson (**Luke Sullivan** 8) 41-21; the Seminoles (**Michael Dax** 19) beat the Tar Heels (**Craig Oskam** 10) 35-28, and Maryland (**Evan Marsh** 19) edged Virginia (**Josh Lewis** 6) 28-27.

In Big East play, UConn got 6 points from **Adam Storm** in a 26-24 win over the Wildcats and **John Politi** (9 points). Providence (**Vanessa Patry** 16) nipped Pitt (**Dan Forrest** 10) 30-29; West Virginia (**Scott Strogatz** 14) and Syracuse (**Warheit** 16) played to a 30-30 draw; Seton Hall (**Geoffrey Wilcox** 20) doubled BC (**Samantha Feinberg** 13) 44-22.

St. John's (**Josh DuBois** 15) knocked off the Hoyas (**Phillip Schwartz** 10) 29-18, and Notre Dame (**Connor Murphy** 12) dispatched Miami (**Zach Sherman** 13) 50-35.



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Wheeler-dealers *Living large in a motor home*

By Debbie Eberle

Traveling across the country today in a motor home has as much, if not more, to offer than staying in some of the finest hotels. What used to be considered options have now become standard accessories for RV buyers.

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are in the \$30,000 to \$75,000 range.

Delmar barber, Don Wagner started RV-ing 20 years ago with a 54 passenger school bus that he converted to a mobile home. He's since moved on to own his 31-foot Southwind.

"I enjoy my mobile home for the independence of going where I want to go," Wagner said. "My wife and I love to be near the water so we can canoe and fish." Wagner and his wife, Joan, get a lot of use out of their motor home from Memorial Day right through Columbus Day as they travel to various spots on the East Coast. Wagner said that one of the most memorable times he's spent in his mobile home was when his children were small and he, his brother and their sister, along with their respective spouses and all the children spent a week together in three RVs at Disney World in Florida.

Wagner hopes when he retires to trade in his current motor home for a slightly larger one and head out toward the Grand Canyon and California with his wife. "I just enjoy going," he said.

Lynn Brandow of Feura Bush has owned a pop-up as well as a 19' motor home.

"I really liked our pop-up. It basically gives you a camping feel with the conveniences of home," said Brandow. "You feel like you're out in nature without having to pack all the gear camping requires." As far as her motor home she said, "That was nice because everything is all set up in it." But added that one downside is that when you arrive at your destination, unlike when you pull a popup, you don't have your car to go on day trips.

Whatever your preference, pop-up to luxury motor home, the independence of landing where you may seems to be the draw for young and old alike.

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Snowmobiling

GPS is as accurate as radar for monitoring speed and distance. When traveling over groomed trails or on more adventurous cross-country trips, recording the location of the trailhead or other landmarks lets you find your way back at the end of the day while recording miles traveled and speed over ground.



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Petey 'Boat of Dreams' a treasure for entire family

By Katherine McCarthy

THE 22' 1956 CHRIS CRAFT WITH AN INBOARD MOTOR WAS A DREAM come true for Dad.

"We've always wanted a boat," both my parents said more than a little defensively when they bought it. We, their now-grown and irritatingly practical children, had hoped they would put the money into repairs in a house much worse the wear for raising five children on working class salaries. But a boat it was, a purchase that made sense to a pair of empty nesters finally being able to take something for themselves instead of always giving to their children.

It was also the purchase of something Dad had probably always wanted to give us as children. Growing up on Lake Champlain, every summer we went to camp. My father, who could always sniff out the extraordinary, had found an idyllic bay on the lake, with only three white-clapboard and green-shuttered buildings fronted by a stone beach and open lake, and backed by expansive green fields. Every summer a few select families made the trek from monied

suburbs to spend some time in that rural and peaceful Vermont a few miles from our semi-urban home. One of the treasures at camp was the "Petey boat," also a 1950s-era wooden Chris Craft. We spent many happy days and evenings trawling the lake in that boat, or sitting on the deck of our camp, watching the sun set orange, red and yellow, turning the Petey boat into an elongated shadow on the water.

Now Dad had a Petey boat of his own, and he could finally roam the lake he'd grown up on. Mom and Dad motored down the lake, across the lake, toyed with the idea of taking it to Montreal, and once boated to Albany, where the Champlain canal locks made them feel like they were in coffins, and the sun burnt their skin to a crisp.

Mostly, though, the boat gave them new access to Dad's old hometown. Burlington is a beautiful city with a walkable downtown with sidewalk cafes, and a well-maintained hike, bike and Rollerblade trail that hugs the lake and offers resting benches at regular intervals.

Dad became the commodore of the waterfront, getting to know all the regular boaters, all the people who made a living on the lake, and the new arrivals, to



Diane and Jerry Leary and grandson Christopher McCarthy spend time on the lake.

Katherine McCarthy

whom he always extolled Burlington's wonders, especially the free trolley that would take them from the lake to the downtown area.

The fourth of July, with fireworks over the breakwater, became more important to Dad than Christmas to a child. By 5 p.m. on the night of the fireworks, we'd be at the boat, surrounded by throngs of people.

Our boys loved to climb onto the front of the boat, dance on the dock, or walk around to see Uncle Sam on stilts, or Champ,

Lake Champlain's version of Nessie, zooming around the harbor on a Sea-Doo. They bought glow-in-the-dark necklaces and imagined we'd never lose them.

Dad was sick with cancer last summer, and the boat never made it into the water. But the fourth of July went on, and we carried lawn chairs to the lakefront's epicenter, the Boathouse, snaking our way through the crowd to its roped-off entrance. "You're with Jerry? Go on in." Dad's going was slow, as many people stopped to shake his hand, hug him, or clap him on the shoulder. Four different people, from high school students to old curmudgeons, pulled me aside.

"You make your father fight this," they said, "he's somebody special." When Dad tried to buy his grandchildren this year's glow-in-the-dark necklaces, the parks and recreation supervisor

told him to put his money away, and peeled off four of them. With our feet dangling in the lake and The Unknown Blues Band serenading the night above us, we agreed it was just as good as being on the boat.

"What will you do with the boat?" was one of the many questions my mother had to answer at Dad's funeral.

"Keep it," she said. My youngest brother lives in Burlington; he has already begun this summer's work on the boat, and Mom has her front and center slip on the lake all set.

My boys are planning their boat trips, looking forward to jumping off the bow into the clean, cold water.

For the fourth of July this year, I will also wear a glow-in-the-dark necklace so that, when Dad looks down from heaven, he can see his dream shining up at him.

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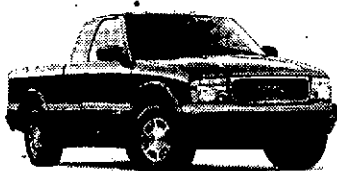
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There are traffic rules on the water just as on the road. Boat traffic is counterclockwise around a body of water, and the buoys are like traffic signals. Here is what various buoys are telling you:

- ✓ An orange diamond around a cross means boats are prohibited.
- ✓ The buoys with orange rectangles contain information such as fish habitat and marina.
- ✓ A buoy with orange-and-white or red-and-white vertical stripes means that there is an obstruction and you should not pass between the buoy and shore.



Learn the "Rules of the Road" before heading out next spring

✓ An orange diamond means danger with the specific type of danger usually written inside the diamond. It may be some obstruction that can do damage if you pass over it.

✓ A buoy with an orange circle means that the area past the buoy is a control area. It may be no wake, no skiing or no water vehicles. There will be more information written inside the circle.

✓ A round buoy with a blue line around the circumference is a mooring buoy, while red and green buoys are channel markers.

A good boater wouldn't dream of piloting his craft while

under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Make sure there is a life jacket onboard for every passenger and have children wear them at all times, even when the boat is not under way.

Boating at night requires special considerations. Lights on boats let other boaters know at a glance where other boats

are and which direction they are facing. Common sense is the basis for most of the rules of the water. Sailboats under sail generally have the right of way because they can't maneuver as quickly as a motorboat. A wise pilot realizes that the same is true of barges and keeps well out of their way.

The barge pilot's blind spot can extend for hundreds of feet in front of the vessel, and once they are lined up and committed to a lock, it's almost impossible for them to stop.

A barge can create turbulence hundreds of yards behind them, so give them a wide berth.

To learn the rules of the water, take a Coast Guard boating course. They're usually free. You will learn invaluable towing and boating safety tips,

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Practice boat trailering skills to be ready for spring

HOOKING UP YOUR BOAT AND GETTING READY TO GO TO THE LAKE IS almost as much fun as being on the water. The anticipation of a good time sends your spirits soaring, and for most anglers, that means a chance to escape to the outdoors.

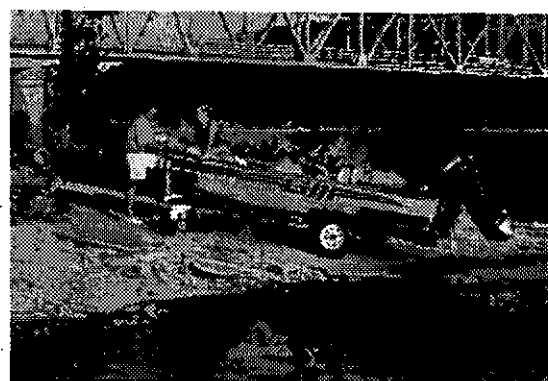
To make certain your day on the water starts off right here are a few suggestions on how to make your towing as smooth as your boating. Make sure your

vehicle is rated to tow the weight of your boat before you hitch it up. To calculate the towing weight, add up the weight of your boat, trailer, all the gear stowed on the boat, the weight of the person who will be in the boat during launch and the fuel that the boat can hold. The figure you arrive at will be the minimum towing capacity required in the tow vehicle you use.

When you hook up your boat,

have someone stand by the trailer tongue and guide you to it. It makes hitching up a lot easier.

Make sure you have the safety chains crossed under the tongue. If you have surge brakes on the trailer, attach the breakaway cable according to the directions you received with your boat. Check the brakes before you leave and again after launching and retrieving the boat. You may have to allow a



Work on ironing out the wrinkles in your trailering skills this winter.

be sure they are loaded with grease and not overheating.

On the ramp, don't get in a big hurry. Make sure you are ready to launch before you get in line at the ramp. Some boaters back the boat down the ramp with the vehicle

little dry-out time before you head home.

Make sure the coupler is securely attached to the ball, and use any locks or pins on the coupler. Plug the wire harness in and have someone stand behind the boat and watch while you operate the brakes, turn signals and taillights to see that they all work on the trailer. Check to see that the bow strap is connected and snug and that the transom tie-downs are secured. Adjust your mirrors so you can see 100 feet behind the trailer. Whenever you stop on the way to the lake, walk around the boat and check to see that everything is still secure. Check the wheel hubs on the trailer to

in neutral. They say this simple change makes backing even the biggest boat a snap. Practice backing the trailer in a parking lot so you get familiar with it before you are on the ramp with an audience. On a wet, steep or sandy ramp, try keeping one foot on the brake and one on the gas. Release the brake slowly as you apply power. This can help let the tires grab before moving.

Once the boat is in the water and secured, all you have to do is park and secure your vehicle and trailer and look forward to a great day on the water. Iron out the wrinkles in your trailering skills this winter so next spring's ramp loading and unloading will go smoothly.



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17th Annual RV and Camping Expo offers family fun

By Donna J. Bell

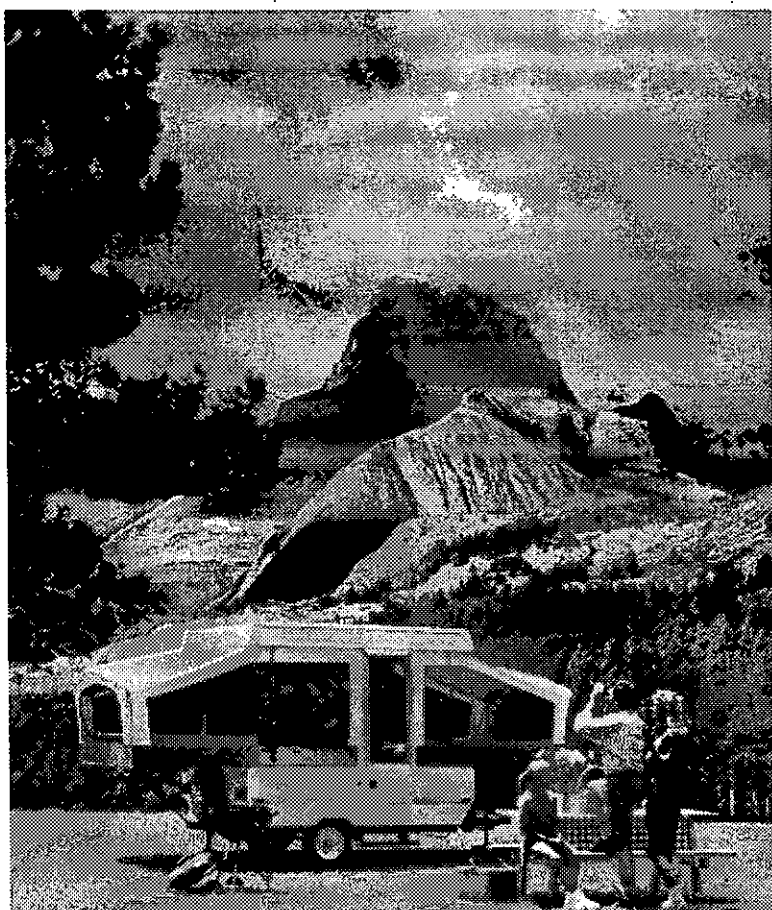
WHAT COULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN TAKING THE FAMILY OUT on the open road in a brand-new recreational vehicle, exploring new sights and creating a lifetime of family memories?

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Take a trip down to the the 17th Annual RV and Camping Expo showing March 26 through 28 at Hudson Valley Community College Sports Complex and check out what is new in RVs.

"We will be featuring more than 100 1999 RVs and RV equipment, travel trailers, fifth-wheels, mini-mother homes, and diesel-pushers," said Dave Hyde, show coordinator and



A growing number of people are getting away from it all by making themselves at home in their recreation vehicles, like this fold-down camping trailer.

owner of Hyde's RVs and Boats in Rexford. In layman's terms, a "diesel-pusher" is a large rear-engine Class A motor home.

But that is just the beginning, you can also take a gander at a wide-variety of pop-ups, truck campers, and a display of GMC

trucks by Gendron's truck center.

If you are looking for the perfect vacation spot, more than 20 campgrounds from New York, New Hampshire and Vermont will be touting their seasonal and overnight sites.

Hyde said that owning an RV is an economical way to vacation.

"It makes a lot of sense to go to a campground for \$15 a night rather than spending \$100 for a hotel room," Hyde said.

"You get to meet wonderful people in campgrounds and get close to nature," Hyde said that the expo is a family event and that there will activities for children, food and prize draw-

ings with a grand prize of a 25-inch TV set.

This is a great time of the year to purchase a RV, according to Hyde. "Most folks have their income taxes in place, interest rates are low and the (vacation) season is just around the corner."

The RV and Camping Expo will be held Friday, March 26 from noon to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sports complex at Hudson Valley Community College is on Route 4 in Troy.

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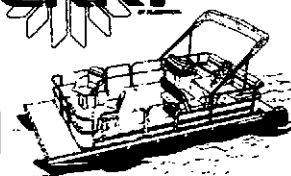
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Personal watercraft can be safe boating alternative

By Barbara Yax

THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID ABOUT BEING THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR own ship, even if it is a ship for one. For some people a sail or motorboat may be out of the question, but if you can drive a motorcycle, you can maneuver it's aquatic cousin — the personal watercraft (PWC). Commonly called JetSki's, Sea-Doo's or Waverunners, the modern PWC is making a big splash on the market.

JetSki's were introduced in the late 1950s, however they did not gain much popularity until the 80s when they became more dependable and easy to operate. While they are designed to be operated sitting, standing or kneeling, the makers of Sea-Doo report that 98 percent of all watercraft shipped to the U.S. are sit down models. Typically 10 to 15 feet in length, today's PWCs can accommodate 1 to 4 riders (depending on the model), and are equipped with engines ranging from about 80 to 130 horse power.



A personal watercraft can carry one to four people and vary in price from \$4,500 to around \$8,900. Barbara Yax

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, more than 176,000 were sold in the U.S. in 1997 and with more than one million in operation in this country alone.

Who is the typical user? Demographics say that most watercraft owners are professional males, about 34 years old who boast a household income in the \$52,000 range or above.

PWCs are everywhere. A quick journey on the Internet

will reveal Web pages, in a plethora of languages, devoted to all aspects of PWC use. Whether you want to race them, talk about them, vacation with them, even get married on one, there is a Web site for you. PWCs are also familiar to anyone who has spent time near the water. Characterized by high speed and quick maneuverability, PWC riders are typically seen jumping the wakes behind boats or performing other tricks. While this may sound

dangerous to some, it doesn't have said Randall Sawyer, public relations officer for the state Office of Parks and Recreation.

"The faster you go the more risk there is for reckless operation," Sawyer said. "Last year there were 102 accidents involving PWCs, 65 of them involved collisions with other vessels." There are laws governing how fast you can go and what is considered proper use. Lake George has a limit of 55 mph, while Saratoga Lake does not allow speeds in excess of 45 mph. As with any motorized vehicles, either on land or on water, travelling at high speeds can be dangerous.

The state has enacted legislation that requires all PWC operators to be at least 14 years old (riders must be 16 to rent a PWC) and complete a boater safety course.

The New York State Boaters Guide provides a list of safety items to remember:

- Do not operate your PWC in congested areas.
- Stay clear of other boats.
- Give other PWC operators a safety buffer to avoid potential collisions.

While these may sound obvious they are important rules. A complete list of specific regulations are outlined in the guide. Courtesy and good boatsmanship are paramount when it comes to safety.

"Our goal at Parks and Recreation is for everyone to enjoy boating," said Sawyer. "Whether it be on a Catamaran, motorboat, JetSki or sailboat, we need to respect each others space, safety and vessels."

Greg Tarte, service manager at Seymour's Motorized Sports in Latham echoed this statement saying riders should "be responsible." Tarte explained

that JetSki's are powerful machines capable of reaching speeds of 45 to 65 mph.

If you are ready to become a PWC owner you'll find that the craft range in price from around \$4,500 for a basic "beginner" model to around \$8,900. If this sounds a bit steep, you could always buy a used one.

"The price (to purchase a pre-owned PWC) depends on how well the machine was cared for and how much it has been used," Tarte said. Additional items to figure into your final price will include a trailer to haul your PWC (about \$500), a personal flotation device or life vest (\$80 to \$275) and a fire extinguisher (approximately \$14). Federal law requires the life vest and fire extinguisher.

PWCs are a fun alternative for enjoying the water. If you plan to buy one, or maybe just borrow one to see how you like it, be sure you know how to use it.

The New York State Boater's Guide suggests you have someone who knows what they are doing take you out for a ride and show you how to properly operate the vessel. Have them explain the operation of the device as well as the rules of the road for the waterway.

When you are ready for your solo mission, try the PWC in an area free of traffic, obstructions (like buoys) and wildlife. Also keep in mind that New York is not the only state with laws regulating PWC use.

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Obituaries

William Seymour

William Espie Seymour, 69, of South Road in Delmar died Tuesday, Feb. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a graduate of SUNY New Paltz and Cornell University.

Mr. Seymour was a professor of business at the University at Albany.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a former president of the board of Albany County Cooperative Extension, and a past president of Albany County Rural Housing. He was a member of the consistory of Unionville Reformed Church.

He was a member of New Scotland Kiwanis Club, the YMCA in Albany, Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 and a former trustee of Bethlehem Public Library.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Seymour; two sons, William M. Seymour of Annandale, N.J., and Thomas E. Seymour of Delmar; a daughter, Victoria H. Morrell of Delmar; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Unionville Reformed Church.

Spring burial will be in New Scotland Cemetery in New Scotland.

Contributions may be made to Unionville Reformed Church Memorial Fund, 1143 Delaware Turnpike, Delmar 12054 or the New Scotland Kiwanis Club Memorial Fund, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

Newell C. Cross

Newell C. Cross, 78, of the Firemen's Home in Hudson and formerly of Royal Boulevard in Delmar, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the home.

Born in Albany, Mr. Cross was a salesman for Curtis Lumber in Delmar before he retired.

He was a member of the Delmar Fire Department, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Delmar, the American Legion in Delmar and a former captain of the Delmar Rescue Squad.

He was a veteran of the Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Whelpley Cross; two daughters, Bonnie Querze of Connecticut and Dale Cole of Pittsford; a brother, Charles Cross of North Carolina; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Firemen's Home Chapel.

Burial was in the Firemen's Home Cemetery in Hudson.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Donald M. Camp

Donald M. Camp, 81, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Delmar, Mr. Camp was a graduate of Ithaca College and SUNY.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Camp was a teacher at Bethlehem Central High School. He was named Coach of the Year by the *Times Union* in 1950. He was a professional tennis instructor and pro doubles champion at Albany Country Club. He also helped found the Bethlehem Tennis Association.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar and the Bethlehem Republican Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Thomson Camp; two daughters, Linda Strebel of Rochester and Patricia Owens of Kenduskeag, Maine; a sister, Kathleen Fant of Gaithersburg, Md.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be on Tuesday, March 6, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 N. Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Anna C. Card

Anna C. Card of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Hudson, she lived in Albany before moving to Delmar.

She was an administrative assistant at the former Sterling Winthrop Co.

She was the widow of Kenneth C. Card.

Survivors include a daughter, Regina A. Card of Delmar and a son, Kenneth C. Card II of Delanson.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Peter G. Sharpe III

Peter G. Sharpe III, 51, of Slingerlands died Thursday, Feb. 25 at home.

He was a graduate of Nasson College in Maine.

Mr. Sharpe was president of Hospitality Hotel Marketing Co.

He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Swanson Sharpe; a daughter, Angelina Montes-Sharpe; and two brothers, David Sharpe of Nantucket and Andrew Sharpe of Golden Colo.

Services were from Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Christ the King Church Building Fund.

Pleasant J. Foy Sr.

The Rev. Pleasant J. Foy Sr., 68, of Selkirk died Thursday, Feb. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was pastor of Morning Star Missionary Church. Rev. Foy worked for the state Thruway Authority and Bud Kearney Ford until he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Zelda B. Jones Foy; a son, Pleasant Foy Jr. of Atlantic City, N.J.; a daughter, Wanda Foy Burroughs of Irvington, N.J.; two brothers, John Henry Foy of Halifax, Va., and Alvin Foy of Albany; two sisters, Harriett Chalmers and Naverne Smith; both of Albany; and two grandsons.

Services will be today, at noon at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 159 Quail St., Albany. Calling hours will precede the service from 9 a.m. to noon at the church.

Arrangements are by the Garland Bros. Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund.

Robert E. Woodworth

Robert E. Woodworth, 91, of Delmar died Thursday, Feb. 18, at his home.

Mr. Woodworth worked for the former New York Telephone Co. before he retired.

He was the husband of the late Nellie Woodworth.

Survivors include a son, Robert F. Woodworth of Naples, Fla.; a daughter, Nancy W. Jarvis of Delmar; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Eternal Hills Mortuary in Oceanside, Calif.

Bethlehem preschool slates open house

Bethlehem Preschool will hold an open house, and discussion of kindergarten options for parents, on Wednesday, March 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont.

The preschool offers full- and half-day kindergarten and a kindergarten enrichment program for children who attend half-day public schools.

The school offers computers, field trips, math and language arts, science discovery and dramatic play programs. For information, call 463-8091.

Growth

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response (38.5 percent) of Bethlehem business owners. And 49 percent expect that the economy will "experience little or no growth" in the coming years, almost 10 points more pessimistic than the overall survey field.

"I'm baffled by that," said Marty DeLaney, executive director of the Bethlehem chamber. "That's not what I'm hearing from people. I have talked to a lot of people in the area over the last year who are very positive about the regional economy, very positive about business in Bethlehem. We had a very good year last year."

So why the caution? Frank Venezia, chairman of the chamber's board of directors and director of accounting and auditing services at Marvin & Co., points out that they are in general less-established (62 percent in existence fewer than 20 years), with an average payroll a third of the size of the area norm, and slightly more heavily concentrated in the service and retail sectors. Seventy-six percent report gross sales of less than \$1 million, compared to just 50.7 percent of the broader survey.

For businesses throughout the region, the number one concern was "finding qualified employees." Bethlehem business owners worry most about "health benefits costs" — a key issue for the little guys, for whom it's a bigger percentage of the bottom line.

"Bethlehem businesses are not 'destination' businesses like the ones you find in the shopping malls," Venezia said. "They are businesses designed primarily to serve the community of Bethlehem." And as such, their point of view on the overall economy is a little less boom-and-

bust. A rising tide may lift all boats — but in the Bethlehem estuary, it doesn't lift them quite as far.

Still, Bethlehem business owners are more upbeat across the board than they were a year ago, if a little less so than their regional colleagues. "And it's not only a perception, it's a reality," said Kevin McCoy, managing director of Marvin & Co., of the positive outlook. "This perspective can be partly attributed to continued economic improvement over the past two years. It's real."

'Meet Nellie Bly' at Delmar library

Storyteller Nancy Marie Payne will offer an introduction to a fascinating 19th century investigative journalist as she presents "Meet Nellie Bly" on Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

The presentation will dramatize Bly's infiltration of the infamous Blackwell's Island insane asylum, where she posed as a madwoman in order to expose cruel conditions at the facility. Her work was later published and became a sensation in Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World*.

The program kicks off National Women's history month at the library.

To register, call 439-9314.

Progress Club talk

James Wilson Tinney will present a slide program on the history of Hudson River steamboats to the Delmar Progress Club on Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

— DEATH NOTICE —

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Funeral Home & Cremation Service

Ellen B. Marshall, 85, of Shell Point Village, died February 24, 1999 at Hospice House, Ft. Myers, FL, following a brief illness. Her parents William and Ora Broughton, her husband Richard Douglas Marshall (1971) and one granddaughter preceded her in death. Ellen was born in Reddick, IL. She worked with her husband in the family business, R. D. Marshall & Co. in Albany, NY. After his death, she continued in the business with his son, Doug. Ellen was the first woman board member of the National Association of Wholesale Distributors. She was a member of the Soroptomists Society in Albany and the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Albany and now in Ft. Myers Florida. Ellen moved to Florida in 1984 and resided on Sanibel Island. In line with her life long interest in Conservation, she was a volunteer at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and is a Life Member there. Ellen is survived by three children; Janet M. Erikson (Jerry) from Chicago, IL; Jo Ellen Marshall from Washago, Canada; and R. Douglas Marshall (Midge) from Slingerlands, NY; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. There will be a private family memorial service in Albany, NY at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, P.O. Box 839, Sanibel, FL 33957. Harvey-Engelhardt-Metz Funeral Home, 1600 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL in charge of arrangements.

Walking

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the school board would have to approve a separate proposition to allow the vote.

The district had indicated that transportation statistics would be presented to the board at the Feb. 24 meeting, but they were not available. Loomis promised that the figures would be supplied on March 3.

Other audience members came forward to plead that certain items be included in the school budget. Middle school Principal Stephen Lobban said the school was in desperate need of additional custodial staff. He was echoed by Ted Smith, co-president of the middle school PTA.

Clarksville Principal Joe Schaefer asked the board to consider giving the school a clerical assistant for two hours a day. "Schools have become more complex and we need to maintain documentation on all the new programs," Schaefer said. Maureen Geis, co-president of the high school's parent-teacher group, asked for an additional lunch aide at the high school cafeteria.

The board then moved on to

look at each of the schools' Priority 2 requests. It tentatively agreed to spend \$59,000 in facility improvements — which include everything from new window blinds and painting storage sheds, to replacing boiler stacks and improving roof drainage.

The board also voted to replace three operations and maintenance vehicles at an estimated cost of approximately \$70,000, if purchased at the state contract price. Board member Pam Williams asked if it was possible to buy used vehicles and Bruce Houghton, supervisor of buildings and grounds, promised to look into the idea.

Finally the board looked at replacing some buses. Transportation Supervisor Nancy Wescott said the district's 84 buses are aging, adding that the private consulting firm Transportation Advisory Services had recommended that the district accelerate its bus replacement plan to lower the average age of its buses.

The board gave a provisional OK to replace seven buses, but decided to wait on a proposal to add four more buses to the fleet.

With only a 3.84 percent in-

crease to the 1999-2000 fundamental operating budget (about \$1.65 million), the board and district administrators agree that it will be a tight budget year.

The majority of the \$1.65 million will go to increases in salary, fringe benefits, debt service, allocations for supplies and materials, and higher student enrollment and energy costs, Loomis said.

The next budget meeting will be held March 3 at 8 p.m. at district offices on Adams Place in Delmar and will cover special education, BOCES and athletics. The board will also revisit the school walking limits issue.

Voorheesville sets school meeting

Parents with children entering kindergarten next fall at Voorheesville Elementary School are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m.

To enroll, children must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1.

To confirm that a child is slated for enrollment, parents can call JoAnn Donohue at the elementary school at 765-2382, ext. 514.

Report

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could conceivably be installed in the aquifer, supplementing the existing water supply from the horizontal infiltration gallery that supplies the plant.

Following O'Brien & Gere's recommendation, the town board voted 4 to 1 for the public works department to explore the regulatory steps necessary to turn the test well into a production source.

The lone dissenter on the vote was board member Susan Burns.

"I believe there are other options," Burns said, "and further investigation is the option I would choose." But, challenged by Supervisor Sheila Fuller to name those other options, Burns declined: "I'm not an engineer," she said. "I wouldn't know."

The vote followed a nearly two-hour executive session of the board. Behind closed doors it discussed what Supervisor Sheila Fuller said later were "strategies for litigation" of the town's lawsuit against J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, engineers in charge of designing the Clapper Road facility, and Rust Environmental Services, Fraser's geotechnical subcontractor on the project.

Earlier in the meeting, Guy Swenson of O'Brien & Gere presented a synopsis of the inch-and-a-half-thick report of technical data. He said the objective of drilling the test supply well and several observation wells, and of the series of tests launched last July and continuing up to the present, was to evaluate the aquifer, its potential yield and ground water quality, and the "hydraulic interaction between the aquifer and the Hudson River."

The test results showed that the water available in the test well met state Department of Health

(DOH) standards for potable water, except for concentrations of iron and manganese easily treatable by the existing water treatment system.

But Swenson said that the water in the test well is somewhat harder than the water produced in the infiltration gallery. If mixed with the existing water supply in the quantities available from the single test well, it would pose no problem for the treatment system — but a larger quantity from more wells might.

Such information could be the key to the lawsuit, which seeks \$14 million in damages from Fraser and Rust because of the system's failure to produce the 6 million gallons of water a day originally projected by the two firms. Current daily yields hover between 1.4 and 1.6 million. The shortfalls have forced the town to purchase water from the city of Albany at times of peak demand.

At the presentation before the board, Sherwood Davies and Bill Kelleher, frequent Secor critics, both challenged O'Brien & Gere's analysis. Kelleher questioned whether drawdown levels in the well were adequate for long-term pumping. Davies challenged the firm's use of DOH standards to evaluate water quality rather than the more stringent state Department of Environmental Conservation water-quality targets, and questioned whether O'Brien & Gere had adequately evaluated PCB levels in the water samples.

"This is scare tactics, scare tactics and more scare tactics, and I'm tired of it," responded Secor to Davies' remarks.

Yet to come is a test report related to the dredging performed near the aquifer in December, which Swenson said needs additional testing to be performed after spring runoff in the river.

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Michael Verhagen and Karen Benton

Benton, Verhagen to wed

Karen Benton, daughter of Jim Benton of Massachusetts and Debbie Keezer of Maine, and Michael Verhagen, son of Peter and Mary Verhagen of Clarksville, are engaged to be married.

The bride to be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

She works at Ames Department Store in Glenmont.

The future groom is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is employed by Butler Services of Albany.

The couple plans a June wedding.

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, William James Green, to Karen and Earl Green of Delmar, Jan. 20.

Boy, Aidan Joseph Lynch, to Carol and Thomas Lynch of Delmar, Jan. 23.

Boy, Luke Torrence Mara, to Kathryn and Scott Mara of Delmar, Jan. 24.

Boy, Joshua Thomas Bruce Owen, to Monica and Keith Owen of Delmar, Jan. 26.

Girl, Katherine Ann Sidford, to Janet and James Sidford of Delmar, Feb. 2.

Boy, Zachary Reid William Gibeau, to Tracy and Marc Gibeau of Voorheesville, Feb. 8.

Boy, Matthew Ryan Morris, to Kelly and William Morris of Slingerlands, Feb. 12.

Out of town

Girl, Emma Louise Homan, to Katherine and John Homan of Richmond, Va., Jan. 21. Maternal grandparents are Leon and Barbara Talmage of Delmar.

Dean's List

Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales — Jennifer Dawson of Glenmont.

Clarkson University — Kenneth Halvorsen of Glenmont.

Colgate University — Christopher Hemstead of Selkirk and Christopher Clarke of Voorheesville.

College of the Holy Cross — Matthew Nuttall of Delmar and Nicole DiStefano of Coeymans Hollow.

Daemen College — Christopher Danchetz of Delmar and Daniel Gecewicz of Selkirk.

Duke University — Amy Venter of Delmar.

Emory University — Michael DelGiacco of Delmar.

Illinois State University — Elizabeth Marvin of Delmar.

Russell Sage College — Erin Pomakoy of Selkirk.

St. Mary's College of Maryland — Jessica Romano of Glenmont.

University of Vermont — Leo Grady and Karena Zornow, both of Delmar, Rita Demo of Slingerlands and Jessica Reed of Voorheesville.



Virginia and Kyle Crandall

Nestlen, Crandall marry

Virginia Stanton Nestlen, daughter of Richard and Judy Nestlen of Feura Bush, and Kyle Robert Crandall, son of Jerry and Pamela Crandall of Lyons, Wayne County, were married June 13.

The Revs. Warren Winterhoff and David Seely performed the ceremony at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar. A reception followed at the Ramada Inn in Albany.

The maid of honor was Virginia Fink. Bridesmaids were Sarah Nestlen, sister of the bride, Shelley Crandall, sister of the groom, Alison Jansen and Lisa Franklin.

The best man was Brett Crandall, brother of the groom. Ushers were Richard Nestlen, brother of the bride, John Hempel, Bram Lillard and Scott Ashley.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and SUNY Geneseo. She works for NEAD, a community liaison group in Rochester.

The groom is also a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. He is an elementary special education teacher at Rochester City School No. 2.

After a wedding trip to Marco Island, Fla., the couple lives in Rochester.

Community



Corner

Auxiliary to serve Friday fish fries

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1's auxiliary will continue its series of Friday Nite Fish Fries on Friday, March 5, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Maple Avenue.

The menu includes fried fish, French fries, cole slaw and a beverage. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Additional fish fry nights are set for March 19 and April 2.

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Quilter's Studio offers classes for all levels

By Donna J. Bell

For many, the notion of an old-fashioned quilting bee stirs up feelings of nostalgia for a time when communities of women came together to share not only quilting — but advice, news, stories and fellowship.

If you think those days are long past, you haven't visited The Quilter's Studio in Clarksville. Established by longtime Clarksville resident Bonnie Turner, the Quilter's Studio offers all the above and more.

Despite its name, the studio is not just for quilters but holds classes that teach students to create almost any handcrafted item imaginable.

Jewelry design, tole painting, basket-weaving, knitting, embroidery, photography, rubber-stamping and of course, quilting, are just some of the skills you can learn from experienced instructors.

"There is something for everyone — from people with no experience to those who have been involved in crafts for years," said

Turner. An active member of the community, mother of four and co-president of Clarksville Elementary School's PTA, Turner has taught quilting for more than 12 years.

She moved into a studio in the Clarksville post office building at 1967 Delaware Turnpike two years ago.

Turner is a member of the local QUILT, etc. Guild, a nationally affiliated group that provides information for quilters and performs charitable services for the community.

She has studied with several world-renowned crafts authorities. In fact, all of the instructors are experts in their craft.

Sue Black, who teaches tole painting, is a member of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters. Some of Black's hand-painted ornaments have been displayed at the Smithsonian and the White House.

Another instructor, Delmar resident Joan Herzog, creates beaded jewelry and eclectic beaded-scarves that she sells

through her own business, Cactus Tree Crafts.

While these women have taken years to perfect their skills, Black says that most of the classes are geared for people of all experience levels.

"Ninety percent of the people who take my beginner tole painting class have never painted before," said Black. "They are surprised that they can complete some projects in as little as three hours."

"Nothing is mass production," said Turner of the crafts students create at classes. Turner encourages her students to sign and date their crafts so that each piece can become a piece of their family history for future generations.

Last year Turner created a "memory quilt" for her mother, Carol Kuhl. The quilt was composed of pieces of Kuhl's deceased mother's dresses and was hand-appliqued with photographs of her life that Turner had copied onto fabric.

"I cried when I first saw it," Kuhl said as she wiped away a

tear. "Sometimes, it still catches me."

Michelle Lamouree, who jokingly referred to herself as a "professional craft student," has enjoyed the various classes she has taken so much that she talked her mother into coming. Lamouree said she gives most of her items away as gifts.

"There is nothing more personal than making something to give to someone else," Lamouree said, adding that she keeps coming back for the "warm fuzzies." "They feed you and they always say whatever you make is beautiful."

"Women need to be together and make beautiful things," said Turner said of the studio's success. "It's a time to bond."

Herzog agreed saying it was wonderful to be with a group of people who enjoying doing the same things. It was a sentiment shared by all the women.

"I used to come home and sit in front of the tube every night," said Kuhl. One reason she keeps coming back are the friendships she has developed with other students. "I go to work because I have to, but I come to the classes because I want to," Kuhl.

Classes at the studio range in price from a \$5 "Make it and Take it" to \$68 for a class that may run several sessions.

The price depends on the intricacy of the class and the type of materials used. The average cost for a class runs about \$6 to \$7 an hour and classes are offered for both adults and children.

The Quilter's Studio will be holding an open house for people to come by and see examples of crafts offered in the upcoming spring schedule of classes.

Everyone is invited to drop by Thursday, March 4, from noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. For information, or to sign up for the studio's mailing list, call Turner at 68-8091.

New owner moving to 4 Corners

By Joseph A. Phillips

A prime retail location at Delmar's Four Corners is changing hands, but not entirely changing its stripes.

The owners of The Ocean Deck Seafood Market at 389 Kenwood Ave. declared bankruptcy in January, but a new owner expects to re-open by the end of the under a new name: The Sea View.

The adjacent, connected storefront that served as a deli under the old management will emerge as an upscale bakery and what new owner Ann Stewart described as a "white-glove catering service," to be called Mrs. Stewart's Fine Gourmet.

Ocean Deck owners Bruce and Dana Hess of Feura Bush filed for Chapter 7 protection of their business in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Albany on Jan. 6.

Tom Marino, proprietor of Le Shoppe at Four Corners and owner of the building housing Ocean Deck, said he was taken by surprise by the bankruptcy. "First of the year, they decided, that was it," he said.

Efforts to reach Hess were unsuccessful.

"This is a great little corner," Stewart said. "I'm really very enthusiastic. I think this is a great location. The town is wonderful," she said she envisioned an upscale, service-oriented business.

"Obviously people will come here assuming it's still a fish market, but it will be different than it was," she said. "The service aspect will definitely change. Service is No. 1 here. Anyone who works here who doesn't smile, doesn't work here."

Stewart is in the process of renovating the storefront into an upscale fish market with carry-out service and dine-in capacity for up to 16.

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FOR the Irish in us

By Dev Tobin

Early March is a dreary leonine time of year, but, with St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17, the long winter/spring month is brightened considerably by the annual proliferation of Irish entertainment.

Besides homegrown groups like Hair of the Dog and the McKrells, who will be playing virtually nonstop this month at various local establishments, the Capital District will host three groups from the Ould Sod, as well as the world premiere of an Irish-theme play.

First up are the Wolfe Tones, bringing their traditional ballads and songs to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center Thursday, March 4, at 8 p.m., preceded by Troy's Tara Hall Pipe Band at 7:30.

The concert is a fund-raiser for Father Jim Hayes' Doors of Hope, which supports needy families in Northern Ireland, and the James Connolly Celtic Cultural Association, which hopes to build an Irish cultural center in the Capital District.

This year marks the 24th that the Wolfe Tones have performed in the Albany area, according to Bill Drew of the Connolly group.

"They're a traditional instrumental/vocal group that has a tremendous following in the Irish-American community," Drew said.

Tickets are \$20 for reserved table seats and \$15 for general theater seats. For information, call 235-6556.

An Irish cabaret is a little of this and a little of that — performances by a variety of entertainers, from comedians to singers, from musicians to step-dancers. Two of the best cabaret shows in Ireland — Doyle's and Jury's — will be gracing local stages this March.

Doyle's Traditional Irish Cabaret, a mainstay at Dublin's Burlington Hotel for more than 20 years, is crossing the pond for the first time and landing at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on March 6 at 8 p.m.

The show will benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, whose chairman, Joe Dolan of Albany noted that Doyle's will be the largest cast Irish cabaret (26 performers) ever to play the Capital District.

Dolan said the cabaret form replicates homespun entertainment that would take place at crossroads or in church halls or pubs, featuring song, dance, music, comedy, story-telling and play-acting, "all the Irish entertainment cultures."

Emcee Noel Ginnity "is the star of the show, one of the best Irish comedians and story-tellers," Dolan said.

Also appearing are balladeers Celtic Force, tenor Paul Hennessy, soprano Anarine McAllister, Gaelic singer Ray Kennedy, uilleann piper Tommy Keane, violinist Sandra Mason, and the Mae Crean Irish dancers.

Tickets are \$20, \$18 for museum members. For information, call 432-6598.



A sampling of the Irish entertainment in the area this month includes, top, Doyle's Irish Cabaret, featuring a cast of more than two dozen performers offering song, dance and humor at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Saturday, above, playwright Judy Sheehan's prize-winning play "Alice in Ireland" will be performed by Siena College students under the direction of Terry Rabine, and, right, Anarine McAllister, a soloist with Doyle's Irish Cabaret.

Jury's Irish Cabaret, associated with the famous Irish hotel chain, will play the Palace Theatre in Albany on the Day Itself, March 17, at 8 p.m.

Tenor Tony Kenny, an 18-year veteran of Jury's, headlines the show, which also features soprano Niamh Murray, comedian Joe Cuddy, pianist Jim Doherty, accordionist Dermot O'Brien, instrumental ensemble Claddagh and Jury's Irish Dancers.

Tickets are \$29.50. For information, call 465-4663.

All that is Irish this month is not song and dance. For example, Siena College presents a world premiere of "Alice in Ireland" by Judy Sheehan on March 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. in the Foy Campus Center.

The play, winner of the college's 1998 International Playwrights Competition, is "Lewis Carroll meets The Philadelphia Story," Sheehan said. "It's emotional; it's fun; in places, it's very silly; but it has a lot of heart."

Sheehan, who also wrote the hit play "Tony 'N' Tina's Wedding," has been working with the students actors on the production.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. For information, call 783-2527.

A premiere of another kind will take place Sunday, March 7, as the locally produced documentary "Hard Days Are Gone: The Irish in the Capital Region," debuts on WMHT, Channel 17, at 6:55 and 9:30 p.m.

A preview screening Saturday, March 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the College of Saint Rose also includes the opening of "The Irish Experience in Albany," a traveling exhibit put together by the Albany Institute of History and Art. For information, call 463-4478.

And, after all that, the area's major gathering of the green — the Albany St. Patrick's Day parade — will take place Saturday, March 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

The parade steps off from Central Avenue and Quail Street, moves down Central, Washington Avenue and State Street, taking a left on North Pearl Street, where the reviewing stand will be this year.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

THE MALE INTELLECT: AN OXYMORON

one-man comedy, Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St. Albany, through March 21, \$10-\$35. Information, 445-7469.

PYGMALION

Shaw play that inspired "My Fair Lady," New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Performing Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 11-27, \$17, \$14 seniors, \$8 children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

MACK AND MABEL

musical about silent movies, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., March 5 to 7 and 11 to 14, \$16, \$8 for children under 14. Information, 377-5101.

THE POPE AND THE WITCH

satire by Dario Fo, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., March 7, 14 and 21 at 3 p.m., March 13 and 20 at 4 p.m., \$12. Information, 462-1297.

ME AND MY GIRL

musical comedy by Gateway Theatre, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, March 5, 8 p.m., \$24, \$20 for seniors, \$14 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

ALICE IN IRELAND

by Alice Sheehan, Siena College theater group, Foy Campus Center Theater, Route 9, Loudonville, March 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, 8 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Information, 783-2527.

HIDE & SEEK and THE TEMP

Harlequin Players' production, Community United Methodist Church, Route 85, Slingerlands, March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., \$7. Information, 478-0405.

BEEHIVE

1960s girl-group musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 13, 8 p.m., \$29.50-\$34.50. Information, 346-6204.

MUSIC

THE WOLFE TONES

with Tara Hall Pipe Band, 24th annual benefit concert, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, March 4, 7 p.m., \$15-\$20. Information, 235-6556.

DOYLE'S TRADITIONAL IRISH CABARET

song, dance and comedy from Dublin's Burlington Hotel, to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 6, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

THE CANADIAN BRASS

classical music with a light touch, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 6, 8 p.m., \$29.50-\$36.50. Information, 346-6204.

HEATHER MACRAE

performing "Songs of My Father," The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 12, 8 p.m., \$18, \$16 for seniors and children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

all-Beethoven program, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, March 12, 8 p.m., \$15, \$7 students. Information, 372-3651.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

performing American orchestral music by Gillis, Ince, Harbison and Copland, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 13, 8 p.m., \$14-\$33. Information, 273-0038.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

featuring violinist Michael Emery performing the Violin Concerto of William Walton, also overture to Wagner's "Tannhauser" and Brahms' Symphony No. 4, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 14, 3 p.m., \$15, \$7 for college and high school students, younger children free when accompanied by adult. Information, 346-6204.

JURY'S IRISH CABARET

song, dance and comedy, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, March 17, 8 p.m., \$29.50. Information, 465-4663.

DANCE

THE RENAISSANCE BALLET

Russian dance troupe of teenage girls, Albany Academy for Girls, Academy Road, Albany, March 13, 7 p.m., sponsored by David's Tabernacle Christian Arts Ministry, \$15. Information, 459-3152.

FAMILY FUN

CIRQUE INGENIEUX

unique circus entertainment, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 12, 7 p.m., \$26.50-\$29.50. Information, 346-6204.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Pop Art: Selections from the Museum of Modern Art, through May 2. We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America's Civil Rights Era, through Feb. 28, stoneware and antique furniture exhibits; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

200 Years of Collecting, through May 30, Shining Objects from Our Past, silver from the Institute Collection, through May 30, The Iconography of George Washington, through May 30, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Recent Acquisitions, through March 15, Designer Crafts Council Members Show, through May 2, plus permanent exhibits, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

Mohawk-Hudson Regional Invitational, through Feb. 26, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

JOSEPH RAGGIO

paintings and drawings, Learning Resources Center Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College, through Feb. 25. Information, 266-8072.

ETCHINGS ON BIBLICAL THEMES

by Joan Bohlig, Visions Gallery, 40 N. Main St., Albany, March 5 to May 3, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 453-6600.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION

for all roles in March Opera Excelsior production of "The Magic Flute," by appointment only. Information, 372-7455.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-1603.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

openings for percussion, tuba and bassoon players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 356-4331.

AUDITION

for Capitol Hill Choral Society's April 25 performance, rehearsals begin Feb. 23. For appointment, call 465-3328.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for trumpet players, rehearsals on first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 384-1924.

AUDITION

for Capitol Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

CLASSES/LECTURES

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

Area FREEBIES

Friday, March 5

■ Guitarist Maria Zemantauski, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

Saturday, March 6

■ Folksinger Meg Hutchisson, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

Tuesday, March 9

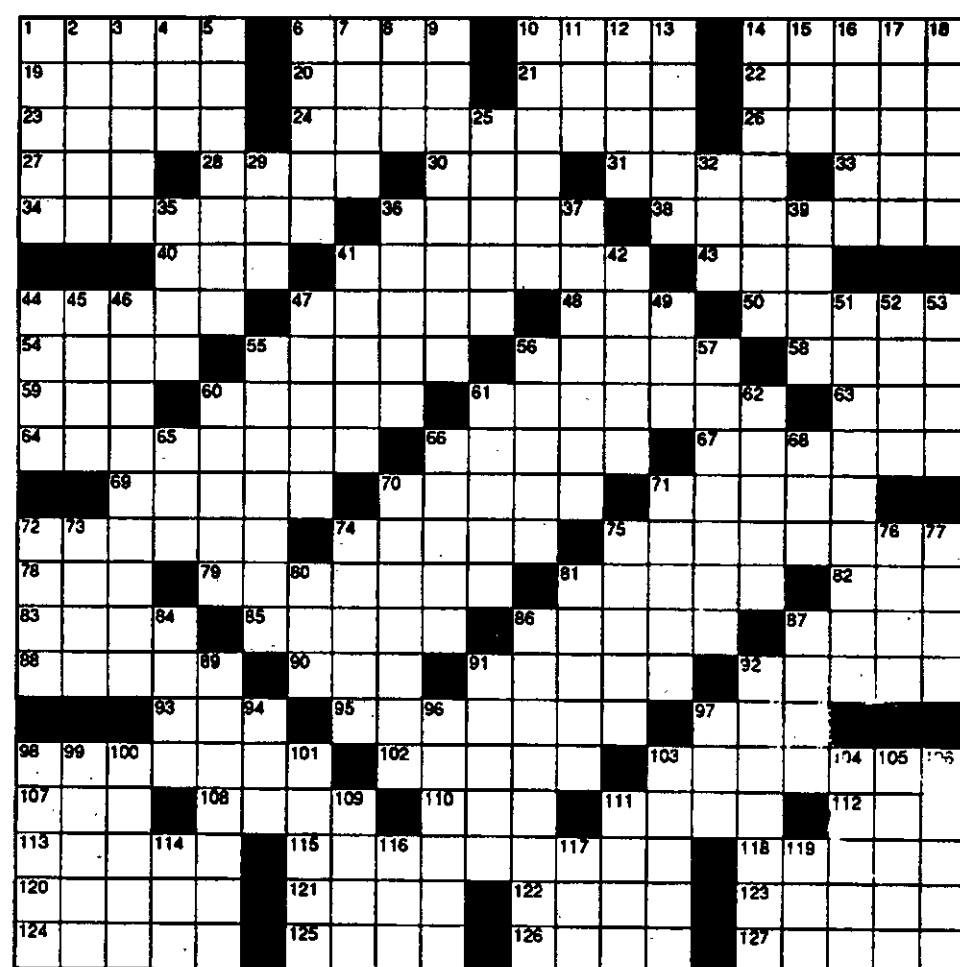
■ Organ concert by Avery Tunningley and Carl Hackert, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, noon.

Wednesday, March 10

■ Union College Jazz Ensemble, Reamer Campus Center, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 388-6201.

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MARCH 3**
BETHLEHEM
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Registration grades K-8, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, information 439-5573.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB

Normanside Country Club, Salsburg Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. social, dinner 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3791.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Communion service, 7:30 p.m. 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, information, 439-4328.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

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.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING

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

AL-ANON MEETING

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

**THURSDAY
MARCH 4**
BETHLEHEM
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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.

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town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

HOMEWORK HELP CENTER

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6 to 8 p.m. p.m. Information, 439-0503.

ACAD. OF THE HOLY NAMES

Open house for pre-K to grade 8, Middle and Lower School, 1065-1075 New Scotland Road, Albany, 7 p.m., info 438-7895.

FAMILIES FIRST

support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. information, 439-8280.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush Road, 7 to 8 p.m.

V'VILLE KINDERGARTEN

Informational meeting, for children entering kindergarten in fall 1999, 7:30 p.m., Voorheesville Elementary School, information 765-2382, ext. 514.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 5**
BETHLEHEM
PRE-SCHOOL FILMS

For children ages 3-6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Free. Information, 439-9314. Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, servings 4:30-7 p.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Sponsored by Ladies' Auxiliary.

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Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, servings 4:30-7 p.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Sponsored by Ladies' Auxiliary.

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.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Bethlehem Central High School Lower Gym, sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department, 8-11 p.m., \$1. Information, 439-4131.

NEW SCOTLAND
FRIDAY FISH FRY

Eat-in or take-out, New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., New Salem Road (85A), New Salem, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Information 765-2231.

YOUTH GROUP

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

**SATURDAY
MARCH 6**
BETHLEHEM
STAR-LAB AT FIVE RIVERS

Interpretive programs every 45 minutes, 9:30-11:45 a.m., Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. Information 475-0291.

SATURDAY STORYBREAK

For ages 3-6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

AL-ANON MEETING

The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE DINNER

Roast beef dinner, family style, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Becker's Corners, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children. Information 767-3342.

AA MEETING

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

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William J. Rice Jr. Extension Center, Voorheesville, 24 Martin Road, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration and information, 765-3500.

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Venison stew donation dinner, to benefit Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund and Generation-to-Generation Fund, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 6 p.m. Reservations, 767-9693.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 7**
BETHLEHEM
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.

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Articles or Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, Communications to Go, LLC, whose office is located in Albany County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on December 29, 1998. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: Communications to Go, LLC, c/o Jeffrey Aussicker, 28 Spice Mill Boulevard, Clifton Park, New York 12065. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC of New York State.

(March 3, 1999)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF VATICAN ENTERTAINMENT LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Vatican Entertainment LLC.

SECOND: The jurisdiction of organization of the limited liability company is the State of Delaware. The date of its organization is February 2, 1999.

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

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 this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process served against him or her is 3 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The address of the limited liability company required to be maintained in the State of Delaware is 9 East Lookerman Street, Dover, Delaware.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is in existence in the State of Delaware.

SEVENTH: The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company have been filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware who has an address of 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, Delaware 19901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 11th day of February, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Richard A. Langer, Attorney-in-Fact

(March 3, 1999)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF MICROWARE DISTRIBUTING LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Microwave Distributing LLC.

SECOND: The jurisdiction of organization of the limited liability company is the State of Delaware. The date of its organization is February 2, 1999.

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

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 this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process served against him or her is 3 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The address of the limited liability company required to be maintained in the State of Delaware is 9 Lookerman Street, Dover, Delaware.

SEVENTH: The articles of organization of the limited liability company have been filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware who has an address of 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, Delaware 19901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 11th day of February, 1999,

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by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Richard A. Langer, Attorney-in-Fact

(March 3, 1999)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF VISIONPLAY LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is VisionPlay LLC.

SECOND: The jurisdiction of organization of the limited liability company is the State of Delaware. The date of its organization is February 2, 1999.

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

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 this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him or her is 3 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The address of the limited liability company required to be maintained in the State of Delaware is 9 Lookerman Street, Dover, Delaware.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is in existence in the State of Delaware.

SEVENTH: The articles of organization of the limited liability company have been filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware who has an address of 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, Delaware 19901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 11th day of February, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

Richard A. Langer, Attorney-in-Fact

(March 3, 1999)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE MELLER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER SECTION 121-902 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the foreign limited partnership is The Meller Family Limited Partnership.

2. The fictitious name the Partnership will use in New York State is The K.R. Meller Family.

3. The Partnership was formed on December 8, 1998 under the laws of the State of Delaware.

4. The office of the Partnership will be located in the County of Albany, New York.

5. The Secretary of State is designated as its agent upon whom process against the Partnership may be served. The post office address within the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon the Secretary of State is: The K.R. Meller Family Limited Partnership, c/o Kathryn R. Meller, 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12208.

6. The address of the principal office of the Partnership is 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12208.

7. The name and business address of all general partners is Albany KRM CORP., 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12208.

8. The Partnership is in existence in Delaware at the time of filing of this certificate of existence.

9. The name and address of the named officer in Delaware where a copy of its certificate of

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limited partnership is filed is Secretary of State, Townsend Building, P.O. Box 898, Dover, Delaware 19903.

The undersigned general partner has executed this application for authority on February 4, 1999 and affirms under penalties of perjury the truth of all the foregoing statements contained herein.

ALBANY KRM CORP.

By: s/ Susan L. Mellen, Secretary General Partner

(March 3, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ROSETTI HOLDING COMPANIES LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: ROSETTI HOLDING COMPANIES 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, 2049.

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 this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 427 New Kerner Road Albany, New York 12205

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 one manager.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 17th day of February, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

s/E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact

(March 3, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HFF CLOSING COMPANY LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is HFF Closing Company 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, 2049.

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 secretary 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 members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to 25th day of January, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact

(March 3, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF NINE DRAGONS CITY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is: NINE DRAGONS CITY ASSOCIATES,

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LLC SECOND: The County within this State in which the principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located is Albany County.

THIRD: The limited Liability Company shall continue until the occurrence of an event set forth in the Operating Agreement which causes the termination of the Limited Liability Company.

FOURTH: The Limited Liability Company hereby designates the Secretary of State of New York as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The post office address of the limited liability company, to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon the Secretary of State, is: 120 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its managers.

SIXTH: The business purposes of this limited liability company are to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law; provided, however, that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without first obtaining the consent of such body.

SEVENTH: None of the Members of the Limited Liability Company are liable for payment of any debt, obligation or other liability of the Limited Liability Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 7th day of January, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made here are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ Raymond Xu Sole Organizer

(March 3, 1999)

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ALBANY

On this 7th day of January, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Nine, before me the undersigned, a Notary public in and for said state, personally appeared RAYMOND XU Personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person on behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

s/ Patrick J. LaPorta Notary Public, State of New York No. 4962675 Qualified in Schenectady County Commission expires Feb., 26, 2000.

(March 3, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF NW PARTNERS, L.P. UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "NW PARTNERS, L.P."

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.

3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

4. The names and business addresses of the general partners are:

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Schuyler Development Co., LLC c/o Schuyler Companies 582 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110

5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is January 1, 2098.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 20th day of January, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

CATSKILL PARTNERS, L.P. BY: SCHUYLER DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC

By: s/ Kenneth B. Segel, Member

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(March 3, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A DOMESTIC REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

of Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P. under Section 121-1500 (a) of the New York State Partnership Law

It is certified that:

1. The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P.

2. The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is:

Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P. 1484 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203

3. The partnership without limited partners practices the profession of Dentistry, each partner of which is a professional authorized by law and the New York State Education Department to render professional dental services within New York State. The partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a registered limited liability partnership pursuant to Section 121-1500 (a) of the Revised Limited Partnership Act.

4. The Department of State is hereby designated as an agent of the Partnership upon whom process against said Partnership 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 Partnership served upon the Secretary of State is:

Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P. 1484 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203

5. The Partnership without limited partners is filing this registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

6. The registration of the partnership without limited partners is to be effective at the time of filing.

7. All partners of the Partnership

are to be liable in their capacity as partners for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the registered limited liability partnership as authorized pursuant to Section 26(d) of the New York Partnership Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Limited Liability Partnership Registration of Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P. this 10th day of December 1998.

s/ Paul E. Troidle, D.D.S. Partner

s/ Janice M. Delehanty, D.D.S. Partner

(March 3, 1999)

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are to be liable in their capacity as partners for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the registered limited liability partnership as authorized pursuant to Section 26(d) of the New York Partnership Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Limited Liability Partnership Registration of Troidle & Delehanty, L.L.P. this 10th day of December 1998.

s/ Paul E. Troidle, D.D.S. Partner

s/ Janice M. Delehanty, D.D.S. Partner

(March 3, 1999)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 1998 for the Town of Bethlehem, is now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC/AEE

TOWN CLERK

DATE: February 24, 1999

(March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF FILING

The limited liability co., Woodstock '99, LLC ("LLC"), was formed for any lawful business purpose. LLC's articles of organization filed with sec. of state ("SOS") on 12/17/98. LLC's office located in Albany County. SOS designated as agent for services of process. SOS shall mail copy of process against LLC served on it to Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, 1 Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260, att.: Philip H. Gitten, Esq. (March 3, 1999)

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

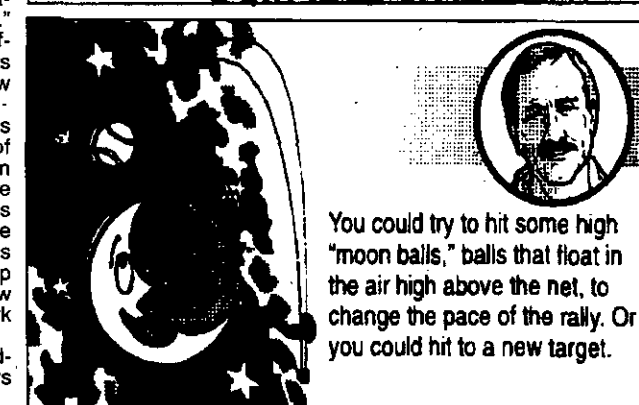
The name of the LLC is CATSKILL ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 10, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

(March 3, 1999)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE MCLAUGHLIN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

Notice is hereby given that the persons named below have formed a limited partnership for the transaction of business in the State of New York by filing a Certificate of Limited Partnership of which the substance is as follows:

1. The name of the limited partnership is The McLaughlin Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership").
2. The office of the Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany County.
3. The Certificate of limited Partnership of the McLaughlin Limited Partnership was filed on the 4th day of February, 1999.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served on him against the Limited Partnership is 389 State

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Street, Albany, New York 12210. 5. The name and the street address of the general partner is: Name William F. McLaughlin Address 389 State Street Albany, New York 12210 6. The latest date upon which the Limited Partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2049 unless sooner terminated at a prior time in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement. 7. The Certificate referred to above has been sworn to by the general partner. (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SOMMER FOUR, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law Sommer Four, LLC has been formed as a domestic limited liability company and states the following:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Sommer Four, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company with the Secretary of State is February 10, 1999.

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3. The county within the State of New York in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is c/o Donald Sommer, 2056 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. 5. The purpose of the business of the limited liability company is to provide engineering services and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under applicable law. (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Ekstein Consulting, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 1, 1999, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 25 Partridge Road, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for the which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (March 3, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is NW Partners, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 21, 1999. 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. (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 120-121 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the Limited Partnership is THE KING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

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2. The certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the Secretary of State on January 15, 1999. 3. The office of the Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served on him is: THE KING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 116 Wolf Road Albany, New York 12205 5. J. Eric King, whose address is 116 Wolf Road, Albany, New York, is to be the registered agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against the limited partnership may be served. 6. The names and the business or residence street address of each general partner is accessible from the Secretary of State. 7. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is January 1, 2028, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the limited partnership agreement. 8. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Kellington Arts, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 20, 1999, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 64 Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. (March 3, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is WESTERN CORNERS REALTY, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is

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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 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (March 3, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is KARNER CORNERS REALTY, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. 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 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, held on February 22, 1999, the following resolution, subject to the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law was passed: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selkirk Fire District sell the 1969 R-600 Mack Pumper, which apparatus has been appraised for an amount less than Fifty Thousand Dollars and which Selkirk Fire district declares no longer necessary for any of its uses or purposes. This resolution shall take effect 30 days after its adoption, provided a Permissive Referendum is not required pursuant to subdivision 4, Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law." Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York.

By: Frank A. With, Secretary Dated: February 22, 1999 (March 3, 1999)

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 802(b) OF THE NY LLC LAW

1. Name: TWEC.com LLC
2. Filing Date: 2/12/99
3. Organized in Delaware on 5/29/98.
4. County in which office is located: Albany
5. The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the foreign limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: Trans World, 38 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
6. The address of the office in the jurisdiction of the limited liability company is: Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle.
7. The name and address of the authorized officer in the jurisdiction of the limited liability company's formation where a copy of its articles of organization is filed is: State of Delaware, Division of Corporations, 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, Delaware 19901.
8. The purpose of TWEC.com LLC is to conduct any business permitted under the laws of the state of New York. (March 3, 1999)

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE Index No. 4364-97

LEGAL NOTICE

FLEET BANK, formerly known as Fleet Bank of Upstate New York, formerly known as Norstar Bank of Upstate NY,

Plaintiff, v. JOHN G. MYERS CO., INC., ROBERT N. IRISH, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by and through the Department of Tax and Finance, JOHN G. MYERS CO., INC., as tenant,

Defendants

Pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale in the above entitled foreclosure action dated February 4, 1998, and entered in the Albany County Clerk's Office, I, the Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 1999, in the front vestibule of the Albany County Courthouse, City of Albany, New York, the premises described as follows:

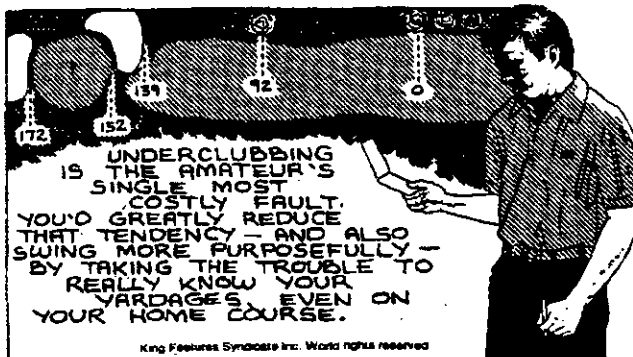
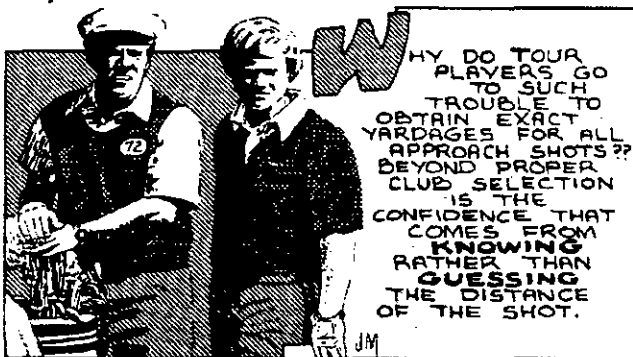
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Subject to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record affecting said premises. Together with fixtures attached to or used in connection with premises and appurtenant rights and interests. The premises are also known as 210 Delaware Avenue, Town of Bethlehem, New York. The premises is being sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment. Judgment amount: \$140,924.50, plus, but not limited to, legal interest.

Jeffrey S. Berkun- Referee HARRIS BEACH & WILCOX, LLP Dated: February 24, 1999 All that tract, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike at the northeast corner of the parcel of land conveyed by J. Edward Bender and wife to Edward J. Bedell and Sara X.S. Bedell, his wife, and running thence from said point of beginning along the northeast boundary line between said lands so conveyed and distance of two hundred fourteen (214) feet; thence at right angles to said last mentioned line fifty (50) feet to an iron bar thence parallel to the first mentioned line and in a northerly direction a distance of about two hundred five (205) feet to the center line of said Delaware Turnpike; thence easterly through the center of the Delaware Turnpike about fifty-one (51) feet to the point or place of beginning.

ALSO, ALL that certain other lot, piece or parcel of land adjoining the above described parcel on the west, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike at the northwest corner of the lot herein before described and running thence in a southerly direction along the westerly boundary line of said lot a distance of about two hundred five (205) feet to the southwest corner of said lot; thence on a straight line and in a northerly direction to a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike, which point is distant (5) feet westerly from the point of beginning; thence on an easterly course through the center of the said Delaware Turnpike five (5) feet to the point of beginning. HARRIS BEACH & WILCOX, LLP s/ Thomas E. Taylor, of Counsel ATT'N: FORECLOSURE DEPARTMENT Attorneys for plaintiff Office and P.O. Address One Park Place 300 S. State St. Syracuse, New York 13202 Telephone No. : 315-423-7100 (March 3, 1999)

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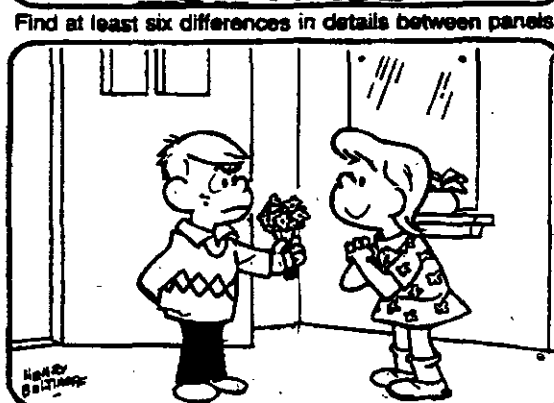
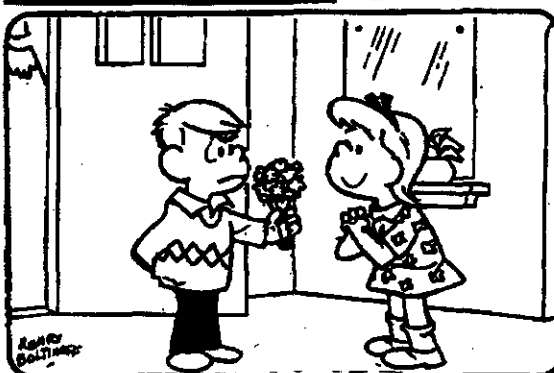
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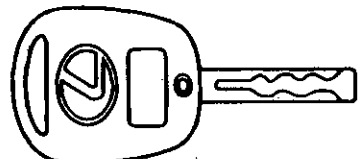
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Walsh

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The 42-year-old Walsh grew up in Greenwich and went to college and graduate school at Clarkson University in Potsdam. He worked as an engineer for Exxon in Floral Park, N.J., and was a project manager at Rockwell International in Denver.

"When I got out of grad school, I started to think about the priest-

hood," Walsh said. "God's call is a gentle tug. You can suppress it, but sooner or later, you have to give it a try. It's worked out really well for me."

After a year at Notre Dame, Walsh studied theology at Seton Hall University for four years, and was ordained in 1993. He has been at St. Thomas since then.

"I have a strong sense of peace, contentment and accomplish-

ment," Walsh said. "I feel good at the end of the day, and look forward to the next day. You can't put a price tag on that."

Walsh is often asked how he can be around so much death. "When you walk with someone and their family in a time of death, there's no greater sense of privilege than to know you can help someone in their hour of need. It's the greatest feeling, to know that you walked with somebody and touched their life," he said.

Walsh recognizes that there are obstacles to recruiting priests. "I know that a lot of people see the solution to the shortage of priests being the ordination of married men and women," he said. "That's a source of pain, frustration and anger to some. Perhaps in the future, we'll see that. I don't know what 10 to 20 years will bring. I know that we have a problem now with solutions available now."

He also believes that individualism has reduced the number of men entering the priesthood. "Our society elevates the individual good as the highest good," he said. "This can lead to a person who feels free from civic, family, and community responsibilities. My impression is that for our par-

ents and grandparents, who faced World Wars and the Depression, their needs came second or third in the face of their families or communities. So a lot of vocations came out of that time."

"The idea of a 60-year commitment is foreign to us. We want everything now, and a vocation is not conducive to that. A lot of what I do deals with the next life," he said.

In his recruitment sermon, Walsh asks people to encourage anyone they think might make a good priest. "I felt that gentle pull for seven or eight years," Walsh said. "All that time, different people, who didn't know each other, kept asking me if I would consider being a priest. That's the invitation thing."

Walsh has clear criteria for future priests. "We're looking for people from fifth-grade to 55 years old," he said. "Somebody who would be a good husband and a good parent, who has a love for our Lord, and who is gentle and understanding. Someone you'd feel comfortable going to confession with, somebody you'd want at your deathbed. Essentially, we're looking for people who are happy, healthy and well-adjusted."

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