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Court ditches bulk of Riley lawsuit

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

In a long-awaited ruling, a U.S. District Court judge has thrown out the bulk of a lawsuit charging a host of Bethlehem town officials with racial discrimination.

But according to a court official, the \$3.75 million lawsuit, brought by a former resident who sought to operate a franchise business from her home in Slingerlands, remains in force against the town and its zoning board of appeals.

And the judge left standing a selective-enforcement complaint against town Building Inspector John Flanigan, from whom Riley is seeking \$11 million in damages.

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy's March 30 summary judgment struck down claims by Carole Riley, formerly of 1545 New Scotland Road, that

Supervisor Sheila Fuller, four members of the town zoning board and its chairman, Michael Hodom, and the board's then-counsel, Dixon Welt, discriminated against her in enforcing the town's zoning ordinances because she was black.

"Right from the beginning, I felt the case didn't have any merit," said Fuller, one of the named defendants, after learning of the ruling.

Sheila Fuller

Also dismissed were most of the complaints against Flanigan. The court, however, ruled that

Riley, who once operated Horizon Collective, franchisee of more than 40 Pizza Hut restaurants, from her home, "has assembled facts adequate to raise a plausible inference that Flanigan selectively enforced the zoning code against her because of her race." Flanigan declined to comment on the pending action.

Riley's complaint against the town and the zoning board — that they "had a policy, custom, procedure, and usage of encouraging, tolerating, permitting and ratifying illegally discriminatory conduct" that violated her constitutional rights — remains in effect as well, according to Adam Wells, the law clerk who assisted McAvoy in drafting the ruling.

Wells said the court dismissed the complaint against the individual defendants but not the two government bodies because "the defendant's attorney didn't make a motion to dismiss those complaints. That's the way the court read

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Town officials breathe sigh of relief

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

There is relief on the part of Bethlehem town officials that the racial-discrimination suit brought against them by former Slingerlands resident Carole Riley is largely over — but little satisfaction in the outcome.

"This is a very sad time for our community," said Supervisor Sheila Fuller a day after learning of the dismissal of the charges by a federal judge. "A false accusation of racism is a very, very serious charge. It just left me with a very sick feeling that someone would resort to that attack. If there's one thing the town of Bethlehem is not, it's racially motivated."

Zoning board chairman Michael Hodom, like Fuller a defendant in the case, vehemently agreed with that view. "There was never any racial bias by the board, none whatsoever," he said. "We treat everyone that comes before the board on the same basis. Throughout the whole process, we felt the decision the judge ultimately made was going to be what it turned out to be."

But he did harbor doubts. "I had concerns," he said. "One never knows. We're a very litigious society."

In addition to the damages sought against all of the defendants Riley had sought an additional \$1.5

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Peter Rabbit visits with Laura Amato, 9, and Missy Amato, 4, at the annual Easter Parade in Voorheesville.
Elaine McLain

Lab School lottery not the ticket for some

By MAUREEN FREEMAN

After having endured the growing pains inherent in getting a new program up and running, the Lab School at Bethlehem Central High School is now feeling some backlash from its success.

This year, 78 eighth-graders at the middle school applied to be part of the Lab School when they enter high school next year, virtually guaranteeing that all 30 freshmen openings would be filled.

The problem stems from a temporary rule that some applicants have called unfair, preferential treatment for a few, while Lab School leaders have said it is only fair to the families who worked so hard to get the alternative school off the ground.

A two-year rule allows siblings of current Lab School students to automatically secure a spot in the program if they apply. The rule was meant to recognize the important role Lab School families have had in its success.

"Without those families, there wouldn't be the Lab School there is

today," said school Superintendent Les Loomis.

To accommodate the crush of eighth-graders hoping to secure spots in the program, administrators have increased the number of spaces available to incoming freshmen from 30 to 57. That would raise next year's Lab School enrollment to about 120 students.

Ellen Kelly-Lind, chairwoman of the

Lab School parent group, said siblings would account for seven of the 57 spaces allotted to freshmen.

Discontent among the parents of some applicants was directed not only to the rule itself but in the last-minute manner in which they learned of it. Some parents said they were under the impression that all selections for next year's openings

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Groups plan bevy of activities for Break Free from TV Week

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Kicking off with a public forum Thursday on the use and abuse of TV, Bethlehem Networks Project is promoting Break Free from TV Week for the second straight year.

Networks has organized a series of events at Bethlehem schools throughout the week of April 11 to 16, designed to encourage families to engage in an alternative activity rather than switch on

the television.

"Our goal is to get people to think about alternatives and spend time with their families and neighbors, not just to walk in, turn on and tune out," said Debbie Kopp, a Hamagrael Elementary School parent who is coordinating the TV-free effort. "It's just one week, but it gets people to think about other things."

A panel discussion Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Educational

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Kids Column

BCMS student has high aspirations in life

I care about communication at school a lot. I think it is important to communicate well in both social and academic areas. I care about how I react to others — whom I choose to be friends with.

I make sure to make a good impression when I first meet others. I try to be myself as much as

possible, though, I also know not to care about what others think of me. I just try to be what I am and to be myself as much as pos-



sible.

I know I must first respect myself before anyone else can.

I also care about academic standards. I usually set goals for myself — 95 to 100 percent. I know that may be high, but I really want to go to a good college (I'd prefer Oxford) and also to be successful.

Right now I want to be a photo-journalist. I find it very interesting because I like to write and take pictures. I also think I want to

work in communications because all my friends say I talk a lot, and I always say what's on my mind.

I am also independent, even though it doesn't seem like it, because I enjoy chatting in the halls at school with friends. I really like to express myself whether it's through writing a paper, wearing an outrageous outfit or running down the hall screaming.

Lindey Adewunmi

Lindey is a sixth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School

Slingerlands students to perform musical

The fifth-grade choir at Slingerlands Elementary School will perform "Rock: Celebrate the History of Rock and Roll," on Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m.

From the invention of the wheel to the death and rebirth of disco, the fifth-graders tell the story of rock and roll through music. The performance, directed by Julia Smith-Blonk, will feature 65 fifth-graders.

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by Nick Valenze, P.T.



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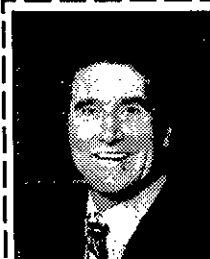


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Your OPINION

Question

What do you think about the conflict in Kosovo?

I support it. I think we have to do what we can do for humanitarian relief. It's Hitler all over again.

*Dr. Michael Fuhrman
Delmar*



Bombing is bad. It's too bad there isn't something else they could do.

*Casey Heim
Delmar*

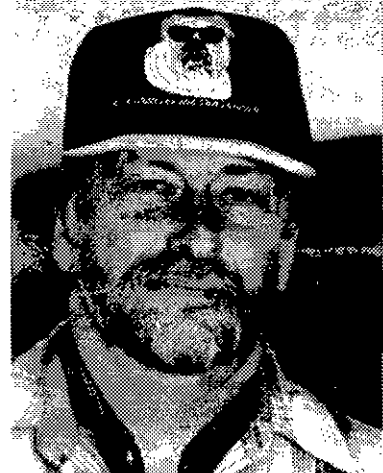
The U.S. should help the Albanians regain their territory with whatever means necessary.

*Jason Scott
Delmar*



I think we followed the correct course. It would be difficult to justify watching genocide happen and not do anything about it.

*Ernie Carhner
Elsmere*



I have very mixed emotions on the conflict. I wish it never had to come to this, but I think it's an unfortunate necessary evil.

*Gabrielle Remo
Delmar*



This historic house and many others on Route 32 would be spared.

Debbie Eberle

Historic homes would be spared

By Joseph A. Phillips

Planners from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) detailed their proposal for an extensive overhaul of a 4-mile stretch of Route 32, south and west of Feura Bush, before a public meeting last week that drew more than 80 concerned neighbors.

The \$9 million project to widen shoulders, straighten some curves and make other safety improvements along the New Scotland roadway is targeted for launch in 2001 and completion in 2003, according to project manager Mark White of DOT's Region 1 Design Group. But White said, "There is a good likelihood this project is going to slip another year or two" behind that schedule owing to budgetary constraints faced by the agency.

The proposal White and his colleagues outlined met with little opposition from the crowd gathered in the cafeteria of Clarksville Elementary School on March 30. One man questioned the impact some proposed traffic signals would have on the rural character of that stretch of road, and others challenged a proposal to close off one thoroughfare that feeds into Route 32 near Feura Bush and channelling the resulting traffic into another nearby.

And there was at least one interesting wrinkle in the construction blueprint unveiled at the meeting: a plan to move a structure that may have some historical interest and to convert it into a facility to be maintained by the New Scotland Historical Association.

In its initial planning, DOT conducted a search for historically important buildings along Route 32 that might lie in the path of the construction crews. The area is part of the Onesquethaw Valley Historic District, and contains many farmhouses and other structures, some of which may date back to the 18th century, White said. The project map displayed at the meeting denoted three sites already eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and another 11 potentially eligible.

But White said only one, a former schoolhouse near Lagrange Lane now used as a sum-

mer cottage, would face any impact from the construction. Two others would be shielded behind retaining walls along shoulders of the road.

The stretch of Route 32 near Lagrange is the target of one of the more extensive overhauls being proposed, as DOT plans to straighten out the section's S-curve, widen the road and install a turning lane and a signal at the Lagrange intersection. The cur-

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Bob Parmentier

rent owners of the property on which the Little Red Schoolhouse now stands propose to sell the property to DOT, which will move the structure closer to the intersection of Lagrange to make way for the proposed road rebuilding.

DOT officials propose to make a gift of the property to the town for the historical group's use as an interpretive center or storage site. Bob Parmentier, president of the group, was present at the meeting, and said afterward that the association's board had not yet formerly considered the offer, but would do so within the coming two weeks.

"I think it's a wonderful idea as far as preserving the building," he said. "Otherwise, it's another historic building lost." As for DOT's overall outline of its plans, he said, "Some of these houses go back to the 1700s. I'm pleased that they're not being threatened."

In addition to the Lagrange intersection, DOT proposes to install a turning lane and signal at the intersection of Route 301 at Meads Corners. That drew objections from resident Larry Barkman, whose property abuts the intersection. Barkman argued that a perpetually flashing signal would disrupt the area's rural character, and added, "It took you 15 years to put in a stop sign (at that location), and now you're gonna

put in a flashing light? I think it should be reconsidered." White promised to do so.

DOT also proposes to convert the northernmost intersection of Onesquethaw Creek Road, just outside of Feura Bush, into a cul-de-sac, and divert traffic that currently uses that intersection onto nearby Rowe Road. They would also add a turning lane on Route 32 onto Rowe Road.

But Rowe Road resident Kempton Smith, and several others also, questioned that plan. "I really don't see any valid reason why you need to block off Onesquethaw Creek Road," Smith said, suggesting the increased Rowe Road traffic could pose a safety risk.

Though noting the proposed change was being contemplated on safety grounds, White pledged that DOT would consider alternatives.

New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly, who was present at the meeting, later said he was basically pleased with the proposal. "People see the merits of it," he said. "Though there were a couple of questions. But something has to be done to make that stretch or road safer. A few people (at the meeting) didn't think widening the shoulders was a good idea, but it's a good safety feature."

He noted the hazards of the routes 32 and 301 intersection, pointing out two fatalities in recent years at that location due to the poor view. He said he supported a traffic light at that location.

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GE gears up for EMS event

The fourth annual EMS Day program is set for Saturday, May 22, at GE Plastics in Selkirk.

EMS team challenges will take place throughout the day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and teams are invited to bring their ambulances for show but are not required to have them for competition.

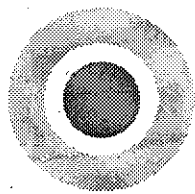
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Q: "What are heartworms?"

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grate through the dog's body until they reach the heart. In the heart they grow to up to 8 inches long and can live for 10 years.

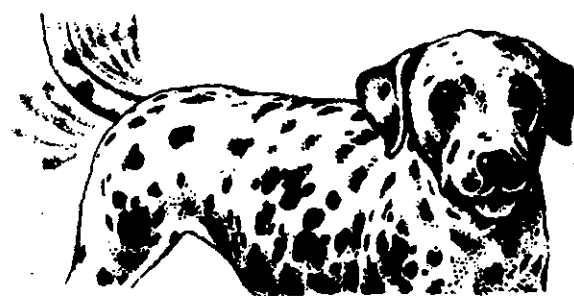
Q: "How can I tell if my dog has heartworm?"

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Matters of Opinion

Keep an eye off it

Many local school districts are planning to observe Break Free from TV Week beginning April 11, with events designed to engage kids in other activities. Bravo and good luck.

Television apparently occupies far too much of kids' and adults' time. Even preschool age children fall prey to the lure of the tube, and with programs billed as educational, parents likely want their kids to be on the cutting edge and up on the latest episodes of "Arthur" or "Barney."

Most 2-year-olds readily identify Arthur toys, and that's because they recognize the character from their fledgling TV viewing habits. Older kids continue with TV trends for their age group, and as adults we automatically switch on the TV to help us mellow out in our leisure time. Now, with Internet cable access, there be even more of an excuse to spend additional time in front of our TVs.

Where's the harm, you might say. Louise Grieco, a communications specialist for Bethlehem Public Library, thinks the numbers speak for themselves. Americans rent 6 million videos every day, but are only checking out 3 million library items, and therein lies the harm. This indicates that we simply are not reading as much as we're watching, and when we aren't reading as much, we aren't thinking as much.

TV is not a stimulant for the creative imagination, it's more likely to tell us how, or what, to think about a character or a story or a moral dilemma. With books, however, we do that ourselves, we make our own decisions, rather than have the electronic wonder of the 20th century do it for us.

Why not keep track of just how much TV you and your family are watching? Chances are that like this week's Point of View writer Leona Kassoff, you'll find you're spending more time than you realize in front of the TV. And you might find, spending less time is relatively painless and well worth the effort.

Just imagine making TV a non-issue in your family. Talking about where to go or what to do is far more appealing than what to watch or what not to watch.

We know that old habits die hard, but it might be worth some time and thought to examine TV viewing and its pervasive influence on our lives. Is it making us smarter, improving the art of our conversations, increasing our vocabularies, inspiring us, helping us become better parents or allowing us to get better at our jobs or in our studies?

We'd bet the mortgage that most of us would respond in the negative. TV, after all, isn't called the boob tube for nothing.

Let's hope Break Free from TV Week will help us all become more aware of what's really lurking in the corner of our living room.

If you decide to test the no-TV waters, let us know how you fared after a week without the tube.

Editorial

Make no TV a family affair

By Leona Kassoff

The author is the mother of two and has been co-chair of Hamagrael Elementary School's Break Free from TV week for the past two years.

In the new movie, "EDTV," a man allows a camera crew to follow him 24 hours a day — his every move broadcast to the American public as entertainment. Everyone in the country is glued to the television set, watching in rapt fascination, as if his life is more interesting and important than theirs.

In real life, if a camera crew followed the average American around, he or she could be found spending almost four hours a day watching television. And "Sein-

Point of View

deep under the hypnotic spell of Nickelodeon. Older kids believe that life is like "Dawson's Creek." MTV has helped raise a generation of children who don't think it's possible to have music without video. Fifty four percent of 4- to 6-year-olds, when asked to choose between watching TV and spending time with their fathers, preferred TV.

Last year, in preparation for Break Free from TV Week, I took a close look at how we, as a family, used television. I was shocked at just how much time the TV was on

kids to tell the difference between fictional violence and reality. I've had people I hardly know stop me in the supermarket to complain about the burden placed on them by Break Free from TV Week. I've even been called a fascist.

I'm not calling for a boycott of television. There's a lot to be learned from many TV programs. I also believe it's all right to watch a show for its pure entertainment value, even if it has no redeeming social value. I don't think anyone has the right to tell other adults what to watch, but there has to be a balance.

To what other activity do we devote four hours a day? What better people we could be, and

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feld" isn't even on anymore!

I admit that I enjoy relaxing in front of the TV, use television to keep myself informed about current events and, at times, have used TV to occupy my little ones while I pay bills, make a phone call or finish up dinner. But can it really be healthy for our children to spend a mostly sedentary 20 hours a week watching whatever is on, all the while being bombarded by commercials imploring them to buy cereal, toys, diet products and personal hygiene items?

According to data compiled by TV-Free America, 10 or more hours of television viewing a week has been shown to have a detrimental effect on a child's academic achievement. The easy to come by, passive stimulation of television lets kids fall into lazy habits and gives them unrealistic expectations of the real world.

We've all seen young children

in our house. It had become a habit. A 30-minute show would turn into an hour and a half of TV viewing as one show blended into the next. The news, clicked on for just the headlines, would become background noise for our dinner and evening activities.

We decided, as a family, to turn the TV off entirely for one week — except for some carefully negotiated Knicks games. We discovered, to our surprise, that it was much easier than we expected to do without TV. It was great not to have to deal with the daily begging and negotiating over which shows to watch on a given day.

We even discovered fun things to do together in our neighborhood and rediscovered favorite toys, books and music. Break Free from TV week also coincides with the start of spring, so it's even easier to leave the TV behind and head outdoors to find basketballs, bicycles, sidewalk chalk and other signs of the season.

Today, television continues to occupy a space in our lives, but I can honestly say that we watch much less TV than we did just a year ago. The habit was broken. And we are less inclined to just turn it on, are more conscious of its presence when it is on and are more apt to consider alternative activities before looking for the remote.

Since becoming involved with this issue, I've been surprised at the passionate feelings people attach to their TV viewing habits.

After giving a committee report at a PTA meeting last year, I was yelled at by an unhappy parent who didn't feel we had any right to question her family's use of television. I've had friends debate censorship and the ability of

what a better world we could make, by putting that time toward other endeavors.

I also believe that we, as parents, have an obligation to help nurture and develop our children's intellect and character. Encourage them to exercise, get fresh air, use their minds and imaginations — and limit their television viewing time. When they do watch TV, we should watch with them, discuss the shows and ask questions. It takes a certain amount of parental effort in the short term to say "No" to TV and provide ideas for alternate activities, but from my experience, the television habit is quickly broken.

I encourage everyone to attend the "TV or Not TV" debate tomorrow, April 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

Jennifer Kupinse, WMHT's educational services manager; Mark McGuire, the Times Union's television and radio columnist; and Abby Kovacic from the Child Care Coordinating Council will present three different views of television. It should be a lively and informative evening.

A Community Walk for Pedestrian Safety on April 11 at 1 p.m. will kick off Break Free from TV week and it concludes with a family entertainment evening featuring the Zucchini Brothers on April 16 at 7 p.m. at the middle school. Check your children's school calendars for additional events.

Take the next few days to observe the role television plays in the life of your family. You might be surprised.

I hope you'll be inspired to join me April 11 to 16 in breaking the TV habit. As the bumper sticker says, "Turn Off the TV and Turn On Life."

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Your Opinion Matters

State Archives show report data off base

Editor, The Spotlight:

The State Archives show that the entire land area known as Schermerhorn Island was at one time the west branch of the Hudson River. In 1820, the west branch of the river was the same width as the east branch is today. In 1820, there were three islands separating the east and west branches of the Hudson and three islands in the west branch itself.

From 1837 to 1888, the entire west branch of the river was filled in with more than 2 million cubic yards of spoils dredged from the east branch of the river. Dikes were built along the east sides of the three center islands to prevent the spoils from being washed back into the river. The elevation of the dikes was increased at least three times since 1837 when the first dike was built. All six islands are now included in the Schermerhorn Island land area.

Reports by the superintendents of public works for the state of New York show that the depth of the water at mean low tide was only 4 and one-half feet in 1819. However, after dredging the depth in the east branch was increased to 10 feet by 1886. In 1932, the United States increased the depth of channel to 27 feet allowing the Port of Albany to expand to receive ocean-going ships.

Dikes were built by the U.S. and the state to retain the spoils. The 1890 superintendent of public works summary report was critical of the poor shape of the U.S. built dikes because they were

only single piled dikes compared to the double piled dikes constructed by the state. In 1884, 1885 and 1887, river navigation was stopped completely because of spoils washed back into the river. The state dredged the sand bars that were the problem. In 1916, the U.S. replaced all dikes with double piled dikes.

The description used by Fraser and Rust that this is a natural flood plain is completely wrong. Also the description of a gravel sand aquifer is completely wrong, and the description as a glacial deposit is wrong. There was plenty of evidence from over 30 borings and the poor water quality that Schermerhorn Island land was not natural but was made and polluted by man.

I also found another reference to support my claim that this was a burial site for raw sewage sludge.

In 1892, the public works superintendent said: I have several times been obliged to dredge the Albany basin, it being the receptacle of great quantities of deposits issuing from the sewers of the city of Albany, and causing much detriment to canal boats compelled to load or unload while lying in the basin. This trouble can be eliminated by constructing alone the west side of the basin an intercepting sewer capable of conveying these deposits to the river. The current of water in the basin is not of sufficient force to carry the sediment to that point.

William J. Kelleher
Delmar

Letters policy

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

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

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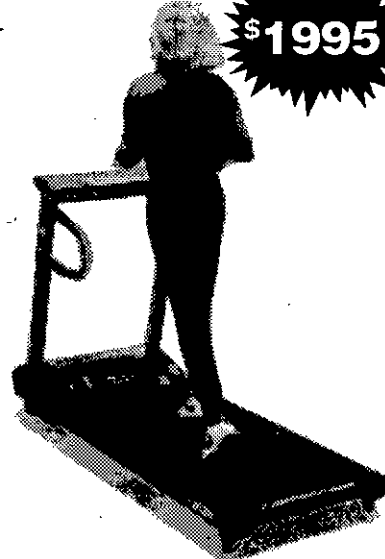
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Matters of Opinion

Board should ditch buses for track

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading the letters that have been written in the past month or so, I have come to the conclusion that the school board, as well as the town as a whole, needs to think carefully about how we spend our money.

I am a student at Bethlehem Central High School, and I live about a mile from it. Like the ma-

jority of students who are not eligible to be bused to school, I have been able to find rides with older students or parent car pools. There are, however, times when I do have to walk home from school. The 15 minute walk is a slight inconvenience, but a mile of exercise does much more good for a teen-ager than harm. Now with new sidewalks and crosswalks in the vicinity of the high school,

safety is not much of a problem.

I think the proposed money to be spent on new buses, would be put to much better use on a new track and tennis courts. This spring, the varsity track team could not have had any meets at home, because other teams thought that the track was too unsafe to compete on. A new track and tennis courts would not only be used by varsity teams but by many members of the community. If we put our money into these facilities, it would benefit everyone, not just a few students who don't want to walk to school.

Alex Voetsch
Delmar

Networks is grateful for new grant funding

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Networks Project recently received a grant from OASIS (Office of Substance Abuse Services).

This funding will make it possible for us to continue the many services we offer to the community including Bethlehem Community Partnership with BOU, family education and promoting positive alternative activities such as Feestelijk Bethlehem, Break

Free from TV Week and the volunteer opportunities brochure.

Thank you very much to the many community members who supported the project during the past months. I am extremely grateful for the offers of help we received. I appreciate the phone calls and letters on behalf of Networks. Community interest and concern helped to keep the project going.

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Bethlehem Networks Project coordinator

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Extension to conduct workshops on systems

A pair of workshops on on-site wastewater treatment systems will be offered in April at Rice Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

The workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday, April 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

The free workshops are for town planners, professional designers and installers, builders,

and code enforcers, but homeowners are invited to attend.

Topics will include site selection and evaluation, soils, septic system designs, alternative systems and new products.

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New columnist to cover Voorheesville news

I am the new correspondent for the Voorheesville area. My husband, John, and I have lived in Voorheesville for more than 11 years. We have four wonderful children and a menagerie of animals.

Over the years, I have been involved in numerous community activities. Enjoying Voorheesville as I do, I am excited to have this opportunity to keep you informed of community events.

Feel free to call me regarding any upcoming Voorheesville events, and I will do my best to see that the activity is listed in the column.

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



Indian Ladder to host baby animal week

Indian Ladder on Altamont Road will have a variety of animals on hand through April 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pony rides will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$2 per ride.

Horse-drawn wagon rides will

also be offered on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person.

Indian Ladder is opening a petting zoo. Admission is \$1 per person. The zoo will be open through October 31.

Library slates discussion on college planning

Parents of children in grades seven through 10 are invited to join panel members in discussing how to plan for a college search today, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the public library on School Road.

Discussion will address minimum educational requirements, testing, financial aid and types of educational institutions. A question-and-answer period will follow.

To sign up call the reference desk at 765-2791.

Middle level program to be reviewed April 8

Parents of students in grades three and four are invited to attend an informal meeting on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 in the large gym at the elementary school.

Administrators will address the new building project's effect on the middle level.

Early dismissal on April 9

Students in the elementary school will be dismissed early for a staff development day.

Dismissal will be at 11:50 a.m. Children in the afternoon kindergarten will follow their regular schedule.

Roller-skating set at elementary school

PTA sponsored roller-skating will be held at the elementary

school on Friday, April 9, from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the school. Participants are asked to bring their lunch and a drink.

Parents are reminded to sign children out in the cafeteria.

Scout dinner dance set for April 9

The annual Girl Scout father-daughter dinner dance will be held on Friday, April 9, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Colonie Country Club.

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts should register with their Scout leaders.

Methodist Church to serve ziti dinner

Homemade baked ziti will be served on Saturday, April 10, at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5 to 11. Children under 5 eat for free. Advanced tickets are on sale at the church. Walk-ins are welcome while supplies last.

Proceeds will benefit the Methodist Youth Fellowship trip to Youth '99.

Mountainview Church to hold banquet

Mountainview Church invites women and girls of the community to a country banquet on Saturday, April 10, at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested.

Sandy Barron from Camp Pinnacle will be the featured speaker. Accordionists Chris Ford and Dorothy Palmer will supply the music. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

For information, call the church at 765-3390 or 765-4939.

Adult reading club wraps up winter season

The library-sponsored winter adult reading club will host its last meeting April 10 at 11 a.m. at the library. There will be an overview of the books read from Jan. 1 to March 31 and refreshments will be served.

Library to celebrate National Poetry Month

Members of the Every Other Thursday Night Poets and Lifestories club will read from their work on Saturday, April 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the public

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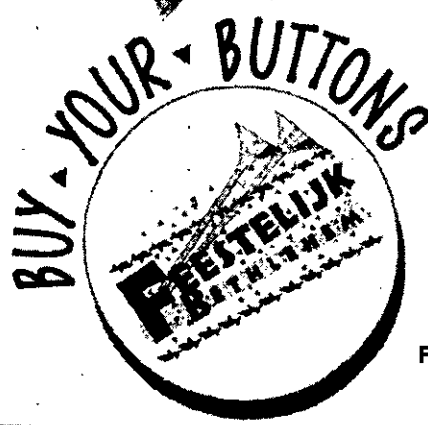
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Oratorical contest April 13

Robert Andrews oratorical contest will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

School to practice emergency plan

Voorheesville Central School district will carry out a practice go home plan.

The practice drill will be implemented no more than 15 minutes before normal dismissal time. The drill will be conducted on April 16. Both the elementary school and the high school will participate.

Memorial concert to honor Alfred LeVie

Albany Pro Musica will perform a free choral concert on Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany. The concert is part of the church's 350th anniversary celebration.

Shirley LeVie is sponsoring the concert in memory of her husband Alfred.

Library offers guidance program

Independent college counselor Jill Rifkin will present a program entitled "It's A Match! How to Select A College That's Right For You" on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

The program is for high school students and their parents.

Rifkin heads College Options in Delmar. To register, call 439-9314.

College planning session slated tonight

Voorheesville Public Library



are encouraged to stop by from 1 to 4 p.m. for some entertainment by local writers. There will be great refreshments, music and an unusual poetic sculpture installation by Brian Kennedy.

On Saturday, April 10, there will be a wrap up party and awards for the Winter Adult Reading Club. The 25 adults who participated kept reading lists and wrote book reviews to share with others at the party. Join the party for coffee and book talk.

Safe-netting will be addressed at the April 12 workshop for kids and their parents to introduce them to the Internet. Fun sites and informational sites will be vis-

ited and safety tips dispensed. Sign up is necessary. Call 765-2791 to register.

Kathy Switzer is the photographer whose great pictures you might have seen on greeting cards at SuperValu. The library is lucky to have snagged her for a special exhibit of the work she produced during a recent trip to Ireland. See these great photos in the

kitchen gallery this month.

Chris Apostle came late in life to a serious commitment to art, but has more than made up for the late start with an impressive body of work and accomplishment. His show at the library is a 50-year retrospective on the evolution of a style in portraits.

Barbara Vink

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TV viewing numbers real eye-openers

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erage American watches a solid two months worth of TV per year; and second of particular interest to libraries — Americans rent 6 million videos every day, while checking out only 3 million library items.

Stats like these have prompted Bethlehem School District to take on some consciousness raising. The seed for Bethlehem's Break Free from TV Week was a suggestion two years ago by the Community Partnership's Media Task

Force to expand an idea practiced for several years at Hamagrael Elementary School. Since then, support has been garnered from schools, parents, teachers, PTAs and local enterprises to put together a week of community-wide events designed to pull folks away from the tube.

Activities begin with a Community Walk for Safety on Sunday, April 11, at 1 p.m., rain or shine, at town hall. The walk is sponsored by Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety and Bethlehem Community Partnership.

A varied selection of TV substitutes fill up the week, including library programs, book fairs, a game night, a family swim, an essay contest and a dance. To wrap things up, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has underwritten a

performance by the Zucchini Brothers on Friday April 16, at 7 p.m.

A complete packet of information and a schedule of events will be sent home with school children on Friday, April 9.

The library's youth services department contributes to the week's offerings with "Poetry Cafe," an open mike poetry reading in a coffeehouse setting on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Anyone from grade five through adult may read a favorite poem, or just sit and listen.

Original poems are welcome. "3-D Do My Eyes Deceive Me?" brings another dimension to the week with a lively talk and slide show on stereo photography — complete with the free 3-D glasses — at the library on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

The presenter is Delmar resident John Hotchin, a retired physician and scientific hobbyist with a wry British wit. Call the library at 439-9314 to register for both programs.

Breaking free from TV doesn't mean putting the tube out on the curb for the trash hauler, but it does mean making intelligent viewing choices, viewing actively and critically and promoting parental participation and supervision.

It also means exploring alternatives to TV that foster a sense of community, within and among families. The town has taken on the challenge and the library is most happy to be a part of this effort.

Louise Grieco

Wellness center sets seminar

Delmar Wellness Center at 323 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will present a free Healthy Living Seminar entitled "Seasonal Immune Changes and Oriental Medicine" on Monday, April 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For information, call 439-5077 or 438-5669.

Library association sets dinner meeting

The Hudson Mohawk Library Association will hold its annual spring dinner on Friday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Herb Garden Restaurant on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

William Danko, associate professor of business at the University at Albany and co-author of *The Millionaire Next Door*, will give a talk on his study of affluence in America.

A book-signing will follow the dinner.

The program begins with a 5:30 p.m. social hour with cash bar, followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. with Danko's presentation set for 8.

The buffet dinner cost \$21 per person, including gratuities. Reservations can be made by contacting Phyllis Ochs at Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton Ave., Schenectady, 12305 or by calling 388-4500. Reservations must be received by April 9.

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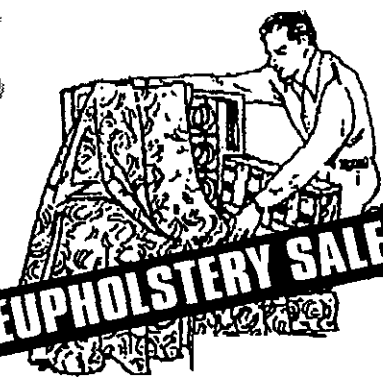
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V'ville board adopts new budget for '99-2000

By Katherine McCarthy

The Voorheesville school board adopted its budget for the 1999-2000 school year at its meeting Monday night. The \$13,729,313 package represents an increase of 3.05 percent over last year's budget.

According to school Superintendent Alan McCartney, this will mean a tax increase of between 1.5 and 3 percent or less. "Because of the STAR proposal," McCartney said, "any home assessed under \$319,000 will see no tax increase or a decrease with this budget."

School board President John Cole pointed out that the board could not take credit for this decrease. "No, that's the governor," McCartney said.

Like school districts throughout the state, Voorheesville voters decide on the district's budget on May 18.

The school board also scheduled a special meeting on Monday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. to adopt the proposition for the building project vote to be held on June 20.

The building addition plans, which, in their current form have fallen from initial estimates of \$20 million to \$13 million, are currently with the state Education Department. The plans must pass

a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and an archaeological study. The May 3 meeting will only be held if the plans have passed these tests by that date.

The building plan will add enough space to the high school to bring sixth graders from the elementary school to create a cohesive middle level program. Administrators continue to stress that the high school facility is overcrowded with its current number of students. The board has begun land condemnation proceedings to take 20 acres of land from neighbor John J. O'Connell in order to have adequate space for classrooms and to create new playing fields following the expansion.

The board would like district residents to vote on the project by July, as the district will receive another 10 percent in state aid if it does so, bringing to 71.8 percent the total aid available from the state for the project.

School board members Thomas Thorpe and C. James Coffin are up for re-election this year. Both have submitted petitions, as has Holly Debes. Anyone else interested in running must submit a petition by April 15.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

RCS students to perform

RCS students will present a small ensembles concert and art exhibition Wednesday, April 14, at 6 p.m. at the high school.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Elementary schools set kindergarten registration

Screening for next year's kindergartners continues through April 15.

Students who will attend P.B. Coeymans Elementary School will be screened through April 9; those who will attend A.W. Becker Elementary School will be screened April 12 to 15.

Youth soccer club to meet at middle school

The next meeting of the RCS Youth Soccer Club will be held on Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

Community members are welcome to attend.

Schools slate parent-teacher meetings

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High school to host quilt show

RCS Senior High School will host a regional quilt show on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11.

The show will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call 434-8073.

Historical association to hear talk on Fort Orange

Paul Huey of the state Bureau of Historic Sites will present a lecture on the "Rediscovery of Fort Orange" on Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Historical Association at the corner of Clapper Road and River Road (route 144) in Selkirk.

The program is free and open to the public.

P.B. Coeymans PTOs will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

The P.B. Coeymans PTO will hold nomination of officers for the next school year.

RCS Senior High School PTSA will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Church to serve chicken 'n' biscuit supper

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church at 65 Willowbrook Ave. will host a chicken 'n' biscuit supper on Friday, April 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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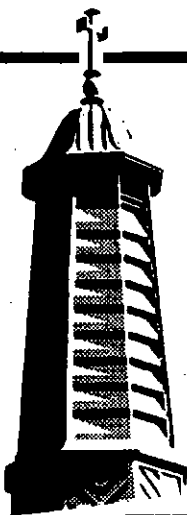
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11th annual Delmar Dash scheduled for Sunday

By Joseph A. Phillips

With the two defending champions expected to return to lead an anticipated field of more than

400 runners, the Delmar Dash is set for its 11th annual running on Sunday, April 11.

The annual 5-mile Grand Prix

race sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club will start and finish at the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere avenues in Delmar, and will involve both age-group and wheelchair competition for men and women. It attracts amateur runners of all levels to its field, said Hank Steadman, one of the co-directors of the race.

"The majority of the field comes from the town of Bethlehem," Steadman said. "But the premier runners don't necessarily. They're from all over the Northeast."

Tom Dalton of Schenectady, the 1998 men's titleist, is expected to return to defend his laurels, making it 11 straight races in which he has participated. He has been the winner in six of the previous 10 years and holds the

course record of 24:33, set in the initial running in 1989.

Also returning is three-time champion Amy Herold of Clifton Park. She holds the women's record of 28:42 set two years ago, two more top-three finishes to go with her three victories. Her first title came in 1993.

Steadman thinks Herold could face a challenge to both title and course record this year from her Clifton Park neighbor Heather Cox. The current SUNY student was a high-school star at Shenendehowa and has posted times close to Herold's mark in other road races.

There will be age-group races for 15 and under, a high school (16-19) division, a senior (60 and over) field, and decade age-groups for all ages in between.

Bethlehem favorites include Vanessa Denning of Delmar in the women's 30-39 and Dale Keenan of Selkirk, a national-caliber 40-49 age-group runner.

In the wheelchair division, Steadman said, 19-year-old April

Coughlin of Kingston is considered the class of the wheeled field.

Advanced registration closed last Friday with about 300 entries received so far, he said. Additional runners can register on race morning at 8 a.m. at Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave. The first 350 applicants will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt with the race logo.

The race itself is set to begin at 9 a.m. at the CVS lot on the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues. The race follows a course through residential streets. The finish is in the parking lot of Boston Market.

"Since we run through neighborhood streets, anywhere along the course is equally good as a vantage point," said Steadman. "But if you're at the start, you're also at the finish. And to watch the runners go under the railroad bridge (at Elsmere near the start) is pretty dramatic."

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The forum is sponsored by the Albany County League of Women voters.

Dr. John Balint, director of SUNY's Center for Medical Ethics Education and Research, will be among the panelists for the discussion, designed to address concerns about how decisions are made on health care issues by medical providers.

Also participating will be Dr. Bruce Nash, associate executive medical director of Kaiser

Artwork on display

Artwork by more than 100 Bethlehem Central High School seniors are on display in a special "Heart and Soul" exhibition at the high school through April 16.

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A question-and-answer period will follow the free forum. For information, call Courtney Burke at 432-9752.

Teacher workshop scheduled at 5 Rivers

A Project WET workshop for teachers will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

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Sports

BCHS baseball hopes new faces carry on success

By Len Tarricone

With his roster listing only three returning everyday starters, and only six players with varsity experience, fifth-year Bethlehem Central High School baseball coach Jesse Braverman is not exactly entering the 1999 season with a loaded gun.

But with the holdover strength he does have, combined with the addition of some promising newcomers, there just might be enough ammo in the chamber to fire off a winning season and another trip to the post-season for one of the area's quality programs.

The Eagles captured three Section II championships early this decade, and more recently have distinguished themselves as the only one of the 10 Suburban Council schools to qualify for postseason play each of the past three years. But given the current group's lack of seasoning, and the departure of some key performers, extending the streak to four presents a huge challenge.

"We lost some good ballplayers, including all of our starters up the middle," said Braverman, referring to his catcher, second baseman,



Pat Hughes takes a cut during a recent practice.

Elaine McLain

short competitive, though, and we'll have to see how things turn out in the close games. We're look-

ing forward to it. The key for us will be how well we play the field."

Anchoring the club will be Bethlehem's man for all seasons, co-captain Pat Hughes. The Eagles' star quarterback by fall and starting point guard by winter, the senior surfaces this spring as the ace of Braverman's staff, and comes off a 7-2 season in which he struck out 84 batters in 69 innings while compiling a 2.63 ERA. Hughes, who is developing a split-finger fastball to add to his repertoire this year, will be the team's starting first baseman when he is not on the hill.

The only other returning moundman who has faced varsity batters is senior Ryan Venter, who posted a 2-2 mark last year with a 3.88 ERA. The highlight of his 1988 season was a 6-2 victory over Section II champion and state runner-up Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. Venter will play right field when not pitching.

The rest of the staff consists of first-year varsity players, including senior Steve Kidera, a right-hander whom Braverman said possesses "excellent control with good change of speeds," junior

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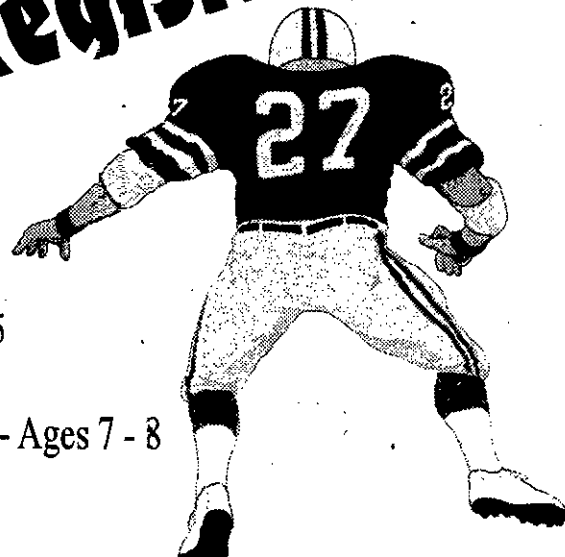
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lefty **Brian Rowan** ("good movement on pitches, good off-speed stuff"), sophomore **Josh Burnett** ("great fastball, developing change") and sophomore **Avi Rasowsky**, a promising prospect who will compete in the Maccabi Games this summer in Mexico City and who Braverman said has "good movement on his fastball, and a collegiate-level changeup right now."

The Eagles' other co-captain is senior shortstop and cleanup hitter **Calvin Brown**. He was the starting third baseman last year.

"Brown is bigger and stronger this year, and we're counting on him for offense and defense," said Braverman.

Brown's double play partner will most often be junior **Ryan Sweeney**, who began last season on the varsity but went back to JV in order to play every day. In addition to playing second base, Sweeney may also be called on to pitch some in 1999.

Sweeney, whom Braverman called, "a very important part of our team, a very good hitter and a tough out who can hit with power," will be backed up at second by senior and first-year varsity player **Jared Alston**.

The corners will be manned by Hughes at first and hard-hitting junior **Chris Sherin**, who is up from the JV, at third.

When Hughes pitches, **Tim Whang**, a junior with a good eye at the plate and good speed on the

bases, will man first base, and the sure-handed Burnett will see time at both the hot corner and at second when not on the mound.

The outfield grass will most often be roamed by Venter in right, **Greg DeMarco** in left and **Jon Burroughs** in center. DeMarco is a senior, and he will return both to his spot in the field and the No. 3 slot in the Eagles' batting order. Burroughs is also a senior, has speed and power, and earns a starting assignment this season after having appeared in most of Bethlehem's games a year ago.

Evan McQuide and **Brian Hahn** are seniors who played JV last year and who will see some time as outfield backups, as will junior **Dan Cocozza**, who is a quick, strong-armed fielder with good power at the plate.

The catching duties will be handled primarily by senior **Rick Long**, last year's varsity backup who gains the starting nod for Braverman this year. He will oc-

asionally be relieved by **Alan Lewis**, who, like Rasowsky, is a sophomore who is bypassing JV to jump directly to the varsity.

In assessing his team, Braverman feels the pitching staff has the ability to be successful, that the defense is an area in which the jury is still out and the offense has the potential to make a significant impact.

"I think we'll be a good-hitting team this year, and possibly can raise our team average 20 points over the .249 we hit last year," he said. "We lost some outstanding hitters, but from top to bottom, I think we'll be stronger this year."

A key will be how well his young players perform.

"We are thrusting some guys right in there, and giving them a chance to get their feet wet right away," said Braverman.

The Eagles will open their league season at home against Niskayuna High School April 12 at 4 p.m.

Dolphins swim at zone meet

Delmar Dolphins swimmers **Teresa Rosetti**, **Courtney Arduini** and **Larry Gloeckler** recently competed in an Eastern Zone championship meet at the Gloucester Institute of Technology in Sewall, N.J.

Rosetti finished fifth in the 13- and 14-year-old 200-yard butterfly and also swam the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Arduini swam personal bests in the 13- and 14-year-old 400-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke. Gloeckler scored personal bests in the 10- and under 200-yard IM, 100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

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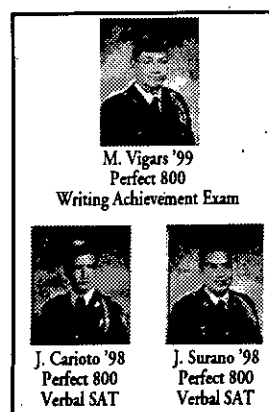


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BCHS lacrosse starts 2-0

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem Central High School boys varsity lacrosse team is off to a great start after winning its first two games.

Against Scotia March 30, newcomer Steve Brockley was the leading scorer with six goals and two assists in a 15-5 win. Trevor McNiven and Cory Reid each contributed three goals, and McNiven had three assists. Brendan Dalton had two goals and four assists, and Anthony Trimarchi scored a goal. Billy Noonan, Rick Root and Mike Corrigan each had an assist.

"We were pleased to win," said Coach Keith Gunner. "That opening game showed us we had potential. It also showed us some of our weaknesses so we could begin to improve on them."

Brockley scored four goals and had two assists in a 12-3 win over Amsterdam April 1. Reid had three goals and two assists, and McNiven had three goals and one assist. Dalton had two goals and two assists, and Heenan and Matt Holmes each added an assist.



The Capital Youth Hockey Squirts "A" team included, from left, (front) Brian Bessette, Al Zampier, Matt Swezey, Aaron Kennedy, John Sullivan, Adam Elbrecht, Mike Borisenok, (middle) Kevin O'Connell, (back) Coach Pete Hursa, Coach Walt Borisenok, Drew Hursa, Justin Pallos, Jason Stahl, Corey John and Coach Sean Bruno.

Local Squirts win state championship

Mike Borisenok scored a hat trick and and Brian Bessette made 18 saves as the Capital Youth

Hockey Squirts "A" team won the state title with a 6-1 victory over Cheektowaga March 28 at the Albany County Hockey Training Facility.

Justin Pallos added a pair of goals, and John Sullivan also scored. The defense, led by Drew Hursa, Matt Swezey, Aaron

Kennedy and Al Zampier, kept the Warriors at bay.

In the semifinals, Capital got two goals from Jason Stahl and one from Corey John in a 3-1 win over the Bud Bakewell Bruins. Bessette was solid in goal, just as Adam Elbrecht had been in a pair of wins earlier in the tourney.

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Obituaries

Free

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William T. Donovan

William T. Donovan, 82, a retired brigadier general, died Sunday, March 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He served in the 39th combat engineer battalion during World War II and was the recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was a signal officer in the Army National Guard until his retirement. He worked for New York Telephone Co. and was a member of the phone company Pioneers. He was a member of the German-American Club, the Saratoga Sailing Club and a former member of the Nathaniel Blanchard Adams Post 1040 in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Clarissa Green Donovan; three sons, William R. Donovan of New Windsor, Edward S. Donovan of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and Paul J. Donovan of Montpelier, Vt.; a sister, Mary Donovan of Albany; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Northeastern New York, 23 Computer Drive East, Colonie 12205.

Lilyan Oblas

Lilyan Dorlester Oblas, 86, of Child's Nursing Home in Albany and a former Delmar resident, died Wednesday, March 31, at the nursing home.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Delmar and West Palm Beach, Fla., before moving back to the area.

Mrs. Oblas was a member of the Cresthaven Theater group.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith and former secretary of Pioneer Women and Hadassah.

She was the widow of Irving Oblas.

Survivors include two daughters, Rema Goldstein of Albany and Carla Oblas of Marshfield, Mass.; and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Temple Israel in

Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to Child's Nursing Home Recreation Department, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12209.

Stephen B. Burnett

Stephen B. Burnett, 51, of Geneva, Ontario County, died Thursday, March 18, at his home.

Born in Poughkeepsie, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mr. Burnett worked for Agway in DeWitt for more than 25 years and was employed at Griffith Oil Co. as vice president of sales and marketing at the time of his death. He served on the board of directors of Junior Achievement.

Survivors include his wife, Francine Ward Burnett; his parents, Elaine C. and William F. Burnett of Voorheesville; a daughter, Megan Henson of Fayetteville; a son, Brooks Burnett of Fayetteville; a brother, William B. Burnett of Alexandria, Va.; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Regan of New York City; and a grandchild.

Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to the Stephen B. Burnett Scholarship Fund, c/o Junior Achievement of CNY, PO Box 162 Liverpool 13088.

Olive Snyder

Olive Snyder, 89, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar died Wednesday, March 31, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., she moved to the Capital Region in the 1940s.

She was the widow of Edwin Snyder.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Pomakoy of Selkirk and Janet Pomakoy of Albany; four sons, Edwin L. Snyder of Albany, Robert Snyder of White, Ga., William Snyder of Latham and Richard Snyder of Acworth, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Hans Funeral Home.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Services Center, home of school district offices at 90 Adams Place in Delmar, will be entitled "TV or Not TV?" Sandy Damhof, pastor of Delmar Reformed Church, will moderate a panel that will include Abby Kovacik of the Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council; Jennifer Kupinse, educational services manager for public television station WMHT; and Mark McGuire, TV/radio columnist of the Albany Times Union. It will be followed by a question-and-answer session on the role of television.

The Break Free from TV committee has also recommended family participation in Sunday's Community Walk for Pedestrian Safety, which steps off at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall for several short walking routes through town, to promote appropriate safety practices by pedestrians.

Otherwise, Break Free from TV Week activities are centered at the district's schools. Kopp said the idea for the week-long observance originated four years ago among parents at Hamagrael, and the school continues to take a leading role in the wider event as the site of a book fair Monday and Tuesday, April 12 and 13, from 4 to 8 p.m., and as host of a family board game night on Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Clarksville Elementary School will also offer a supervised board game evening Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., to coincide with a PTA meeting at the school. And board games will be part of an event Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Slingerlands Elementary School, which will also include a book swap and a make-your-own-sundaes.

Rounding out the week's events, Bethlehem Public Library will sponsor a Poetry Cafe on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.; the middle school auditorium is the site of the Clarksville Lip Sync show Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m.;

family swim night takes place at the middle school pool on Thursday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and a family dance with caller Paul Rosenberg is set for Elsmere Elementary School, also on Thursday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The week of activities wraps up Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m. with a family concert by the Zucchini Brothers at the middle school auditorium. For information, call Bethlehem Networks at 439-7740.

Participating children are encouraged to set specific goals for other activities to replace their TV viewing, and to write essays about their experiences. (Essays submitted to *The Spotlight* by Wednesday, April 28, will be considered for publication.)

"We've gotten away from actually saying 'No TV.' We don't want to turn off people completely," said Kopp. "Instead, we want them to focus on what they watch, how much they watch, how they watch it—and what they could be doing instead."

Though the committee didn't

keep a head count of participants last year, Kopp said, "I think there was pretty good participation. People appreciate the atmosphere of family spirit and closeness that we promote."

Library to host talk by authors


Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will host the authors of *From Rocky To Pataki: Character and Caricatures in New York Politics* for a special program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

Hy Rosen was the *Times Union's* political cartoonist for nearly half a century, and journalist Peter Slocum has covered the environment and politics for *The Record*, the Associated Press and the New York Daily News.

Together, they will discuss New York's political notables of the past 40 years in a program to kick off National Library Week.

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Lawsuit

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their motion. They may have implicitly tried to raise that inference, but they did not explicitly do so." But Daley's August motion asked the court to "dismiss plaintiff's complaint in its entirety."

Daley said he will seek clarification on that point from the court. "It's our feeling that the ruling dismissed claims against the town and board of appeals and all the individuals with the exception of the one claim against Mr. Flanigan," he said.

"Ninety-five percent of this case is gone," Daley said. "We're somewhat disappointed the case wasn't dismissed in its entirety against all defendants, but we're very confident as the case proceeds that the remainder of the case will be dismissed with respect to Mr. Flanigan's actions as well." Daley will continue to represent Flanigan on the town's behalf.

Riley's lawsuit stemmed from a cease-and-desist order by Flanigan in early 1997 barring her from operating a home office for Horizon, co-owned by Riley and her housemate Kelli Givens. Riley subsequently applied for a zoning use-variance to permit the business office, but was denied one by the zoning board following a pair of public hearings on the matter.

In her suit, filed in December of 1997, Riley maintained that the board's actions were "suggestive of a racially evil motive," that Flanigan exhibited a "racial animus" and a "racially biased atti-

tude" toward her; that all of the defendants were well aware of his "general hostility, racial sentiments, and motivations."

But in his ruling, McAvoy found no evidence presented by the plaintiff that the defendants had discriminated against her, either personally or in their professional capacities. He criticized Riley's "antipathy to specificity" in her charges, and said they "offered no evidence... that the (zoning board of appeals) members (personally) treated plaintiff differently than other similarly situated use-variance applicants," or in any way denied her due process. Nor had any of the other defendants actively participated individually in Flanigan's enforcement action, he found.

"These motions (for summary judgment) are only granted when it's just so clear and so obvious that the plaintiff doesn't have a case," Daley said. "And that's what happened here." Efforts to reach Riley and her attorney, Peter Pryor, were unsuccessful.

As to the personal charge remaining against Flanigan, the judge noted evidence presented by Riley to the zoning board of the number of businesses in Bethlehem operated by whites that have similar home offices in residential neighborhoods. McAvoy also cited Flanigan's "variable statements" before the zoning board and in court affidavits about why he had initially investigated Riley. He therefore allowed the matter to proceed to further court action.

"Whatever perceived inconsis-

tency there may be will be clarified as the case proceeds," Daley said. "There may be a perceived inconsistency, but there is no actual inconsistency. It will be shown that Mr. Flanigan has done absolutely nothing wrong." Both Hodom and Fuller also expressed confidence that Flanigan will ultimately be exonerated.

According to Angela Topa in the court clerk's office, a status conference on the remaining claims is scheduled this week in Albany before federal Magistrate Ralph Smith, who will set deadlines for discovery, additional motions and trial dates.

Meanwhile, Riley's parallel \$10 million suit in state Supreme Court, filed in March of last year against Coldwell Banker Properties and several of its agents in Bethlehem, continues to await placement on the court docket. Riley accused the agents of misrepresenting the home's zoning status. Riley changed attorneys on that case just last month.

Heldeberg Workshop sets vacation program

The Heldeberg Workshop will offer outdoor adventure classes for students in grades four and up during spring break, April 19 to 23. Each session will run from 9 a.m. to noon on the workshop's land on Picard Road in New Scotland. Students can select sessions including Science Encounters, Bird Safari, Blacksmithing, or Outdoor Cooking. For information, call 765-2777.

Relief

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million each in punitive damages from both Hodom and Fuller, and "nominal" damages against each of the members of the zoning board and its attorney. Building Inspector John Flanigan, whose zoning ordinances provoked the lawsuit in the first place, still faces a demand for up to \$11 million in punitive damages should he be found to have acted in a discriminatory manner.

"For the zoning board members, this has been very, very difficult for them," said Fuller. "For Mr. Flanigan, this is his job. I'm sure they've all had sleepless nights."

And the case was personal: Not only were all defendants sued over allegedly discriminatory actions in their official capacities, but in their personal actions as well. Two of the zoning board members secured separate counsel to defend them on these personal charges; and several others have consulted with attorneys in the matter. "Did I personally seek legal counsel?" Fuller said. "I did."

The town's liability insurance covered the cost of the services of

attorney Thomas Daley, who defended the town and its officials. However, Fuller said, "The taxpayers ultimately bear the cost of this when there's a frivolous lawsuit." She declined to estimate the final legal bill or discuss whether the town would seek to recover the cost of its defense from Riley.

Apart from its financial cost, the lawsuit has been a distraction for all concerned. "It's something that's been on everyone's mind," Fuller said. "No matter where I've gone in public for the last year, someone always asked me, 'what's happening with the Riley thing?'"

Daley hopes the dismissal will discourage those who disagree with decisions by the town's governing bodies from taking up such a civil-damage suit in the future.

"They need to understand that their legal remedy is to pursue an Article 78 proceeding," he said, referring to the legal tactic challenging whether a public body has acted in accordance with state laws governing local municipalities.

"For anyone to undertake a civil rights action against individuals within town government — the court is saying it just doesn't work that way."

Lottery

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would be made in an open lottery.

"I'm sorry this came as such a surprise," said school board President Happy Scherer. "I think that's truly unfortunate."

Nevertheless, Patricia McEwan, parent of an eighth-grade Lab School hopeful, was one of the parents who took issue with the rule itself. "I'm appalled that preference is given to siblings," she told the school board. "(The Lab School) is such a wonderful concept; I think there should be open admissions."

McEwan added that she was deliberately making her comments before the lottery took place, to express her position regardless of whether her own child would make the cut.

Lab School siblings in next year's eighth-grade class would be the last to be able to take ad-

vantage of the rule before it expires. No estimates have been made regarding the percentage of freshman openings they could claim.

"We don't know if this is a problem or a gift, that there are so many people in the Lab School," said Kelly-Lind.

BCHS class of '99 seeks T-shirt designs

Seniors at Bethlehem Central High School are invited to submit designs for a class of '99 T-shirt.

Designs must be submitted by April 15 to BCBS teacher Andy Masino, and the winning designer will receive a \$25 prize. Seniors will receive a T-shirt with the winning design when they purchase a ticket to the Graduation Celebration.

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Elementary school guidance counselors MaryAlice Svare and Gwen Guillet will discuss student readiness to be on their own, and police officers Jim Corbett and Bruce Oliver will help parents and students deal with safety issues.

The Home and On Your Own training is set for Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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Bellacqua, Hynes marry

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The Rev. Paul Ryan performed the ceremony at St. Gregory's Church in Dorchester. A reception followed at Lombardo's in Canton, Mass.

The matron of honor was Laura Harris. Bridesmaids were Kristen Ragone, Deanna Schoenborn and

St. Thomas students to publish poems

Poems written by fourth-graders at St. Thomas School in Delmar are to be published in the forthcoming *Anthology Of Poetry By Young Americans*.

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Girl, Natalie Grace Cook, to Grace and Christopher Cook of Delmar, Feb. 14.

Boy, Dylan James Ritchie, to Melissa Close and Adam Ritchie of Slingerlands, Feb. 16.

Out of town
Triplets, Jesse Patrick Mann, Kaitlin Aluise Mann and Megan Anne Mann, to Jesse and Jackie Mann of Silver Spring, Md., Dec. 7. Maternal grandparents are Blaise and Glen Ann Aluise of Delmar.

Boy, Hayden Nathan Bird, to Terri and Nathan Bird of Clarksburg, Mass., March 24. Maternal grandparents are Elmer and Judi Douglas of Glenmont.

Dean's List

Boston University — Salvatore Rappoccio of Glenmont.

University of Notre Dame — Kristin Person of Voorheesville.

University of Rochester — Sarah MacDowell of Delmar.

Man joins local firm
Coldwell Banker Prime Properties has hired D. Scott Momrow of Glenmont as a new associate.

Momrow is a graduate of Albany Academy, Siena College and the University at Albany. He can be reached at 865-4830.



Laura Propp and Michael Postell

Propp, Postell to wed

Laura Propp, daughter of Lawrence and Mancia Propp of Delmar, and Michael C. Postell, son of James and Martha Postell of Lithonia, Ga., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Boston Univeristy. She is a

physical therapist at Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga.

The future groom is a graduate of Gwinnett Technical Institute. He is a customer service and sales associate for Vromed Medical Supplies in Norcross, Ga.

The couple plans an April 10 wedding.

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Sherri Strichman and Mary Frances Miller rehearse *The Queen of the Night* aria.

Mozart's Magic Flute makes music for Opera Excelsior

By Joseph A. Phillips

Schenectady County-based Opera Excelsior is an arts organization unlike any other in the region. It is not to be confused with the similarly-named Schenectady Light Opera Company, which produces Broadway musicals; Opera Excelsior concentrates on grand opera and oratorio, though the group does present the occasional fundraising revue, like last year's rendition of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living In Paris."

Another difference is while its musical-theater counterpart has a home of its own, Opera Excelsior lives a gypsy existence, rehearsing in private homes and church halls and performing wherever there is a stage available. This weekend, that stage is at Schenectady County Community College, where the group will perform an English-language version of Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

But the opera company is non-professional and community-based — and therein lies the similarity with its theatrical cousin. For instance, its lead tenor designed and built the set.

"Yes, it's true, John Lopez did the set," said Nancy Wozny, the group's publicist. "He's a very versatile young man." Though a professionally-trained singer, Lopez earns his daily bread as a wrestling coach at Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School, and evenings not spent in rehearsal for his role as Tamino have been occupied wrestling with lumber and nails.

Throughout the company, daytime jobs support a night-time passion for the opera, and company members double-dip in other roles in getting the opera off the ground.

Sherri Strichman, who must nightly produce a sizzling high F for one of her arias as Queen of the Night, said: "My main challenge is to keep my voice together and in shape when I'm talking all day. It would be a little easier to sing at night if I had a desk job. Instead, I'm singing by day, and singing by night."

For by day, Strichman teaches music

at Pinewoods Elementary School in the suburban Mohonasen School District. She won't have to actually rip tickets herself on performance night, but she knows who will do the ripping — for the Queen of the Night is also the monarch of the house staff, having recruited and organized the box office personnel for the show. She also prepared the programs.

Wozny has a self-interest in promoting the show, for in two of the three performances she'll be one of the trio of women backing up the Queen. Corine Salon, one of two Papagenas for the production, spent hours on the phone recruiting the all-volunteer orchestra, a first for the group for this production. Other company members have built costumes and hung lights.

Sewing costumes is not how one usually pictures an opera *diva*. But this is a democratic company. Most of the women's roles are double-cast, with different performers alternating in singing chorus or playing a lead role. "Our director, Kathleen Scott, decided to double-cast in order to give more people a chance to sing in the production," said Andrea Turner, another classically-trained singer and a Guelderland resident who is one of two performers singing the role of Tamino's love interest, Pamina.

Fittingly, they'll be performing one of opera's most egalitarian works. Mozart scandalized the Viennese court of his day by writing "Die Zauberflöte" not in the favored Italian of the time but in good, vernacular German, and seeing the work performed in common music halls for ordinary folks.

Its text is not the lofty, "grand operatic" theme often associated with German opera. It's a tale of simple good and evil, and of romance. The Queen recruits the prince Tamino, to liberate her daughter Pamina from the clutches of the ostensibly wicked Sarastro (played here by Aram Mann, a bass). Shown her picture, Tamino instantly falls in love with Pamina and sets off to the rescue.

But all is not as it seems: Sarastro belongs to a noble order of priests, and is protecting Pamina from the real villain — her evil mom the Queen. Tamino must

prove his worthiness for Pamina's hand through a series of trials. Aided by his comic sidekick Papageno (Peter Subers), who is himself courting the equally goofy Papagena (Salon and Carol Jurs), he succeeds, and good triumphs over evil.

The tale of "The Magic Flute" is even easier to follow in the English translation to be sung by Opera Excelsior. "It has very, very comic scenes that will reach a wide audience," said Turner. "I think it's really fun for children and for anyone not familiar with opera generally. But it also has noble scenes full of high ideals, primarily serious."

Strichman concurs, "This is a pretty accessible opera, with many different types of characters, different mixes of voice types, and a lot of musical variety — quartets, solos, choruses, love songs, comic duets, high drama. It really has a little something for everyone."

When not singing with Excelsior, many of the performers seek any opportunity to sing that they can find, with church choirs and local choral societies, oratorio ensembles and even as chorus members with the professional Glimmerglass Opera and Lake George Opera Festival in the summers. But here, as Strichman noted, "We're all volunteers," about 40-odd singers and musicians pitching in.

"This is my first involvement with the company," said

Turner, who aspires to a professional singing career. "I think it's really neat in a small metropolitan community for there to be a group devoted to opera just for the love of it."

Performances of the "The Magic Flute" will take place April 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carl B. Taylor Auditorium at Schenectady County Community College, just off I-890 in Schenectady. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for children and students, and can be reserved by calling 448-5422.



Peter Subers and Jean Foss rehearse a scene from "The Magic Flute".

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

H.M.S. PINAFORE
classic operetta performed by New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 24, 8 p.m., \$29.50-\$32.50. Information, 346-6204.

MUSIC

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Springtime in New York concert, featuring works by Schumann, Creston, Becker and Lees, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 9, 8 p.m., \$14-\$33. Information, 273-0038.

LARRY CORYELL
jazz/rock/fusion guitarist, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, April 10, 7 and 9 p.m., \$21. Information, 381-1111.

LES VIOLONS DU ROY
Quebec orchestra plays works by Handel and Bach, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 11, 4 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

BIG BILL MORGANFIELD
Northeast Blues Society concert also features Ernie Williams and the Wildcats, Ben Murray and Siobhan Quinn, and the Willie Pierce Blues Band, State Street Presbyterian Church, 821 State St., Schenectady, April 11, 3 p.m., \$15. Information, 347-1751.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
with pianist Wei-jen Yuan and the Boston Brass, performing works by Chopin, Rossini and Gershwin, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 15, 8 p.m., \$15, \$7 for students. Information, 346-6204.

MILT JACKSON AND ELLIS MARSALIS
with the Stefan Harris Sextet, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 16, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

LOU AND PETER BERRYMAN
performing music and comedy, Old Songs concert at the Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, April 16, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

SALUTE TO FRANK SINATRA
with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra and Harry Connick Jr., Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 17, 8 p.m., \$24.50-\$29.50. Information, 346-6204.

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chamber music concert featuring works by Piazzolla and Mayorga, Hampton Plaza, Broadway and State Street, Albany, April 18, 5 p.m., \$15, children admitted free. Information, 436-5321.

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SPACE WEEK
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THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS
based on PBS children's science show, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 14, 7 p.m., \$22.50-\$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

PETER AND THE WOLF
performed by Hudson Vagabond Puppets, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 16, 7:30 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and children under 13. Information, 473-1061.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
Pop Art: Selections from the Museum of Modern Art, through May 2; 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.

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Sculptors Choose Sculptors, through April 16, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

ETCHINGS ON BIBLICAL THEMES
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Area FREEBIES

Thursday, April 8

■ The Yellow Jackets, University of Rochester a cappella group, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5679.

■ Former pro football player Carl Eller discusses the fight against drug abuse, Nott Memorial, Union College, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 388-6131.

Friday, April 9

■ "Odd Man Out," starring James Mason as an IRA officer, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

■ Ten-27, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

Saturday, April 10

■ Tim Harrison Trio, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

Tuesday, April 13

■ Environmental writer Bill McKibben discusses his latest work, "Maybe One," about population control, William K. Sanford Town Library, 626 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, 7:15 p.m.

• Poet Maxine Kumin reads from her work, Roger Bacon Hall Room 202, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2546.

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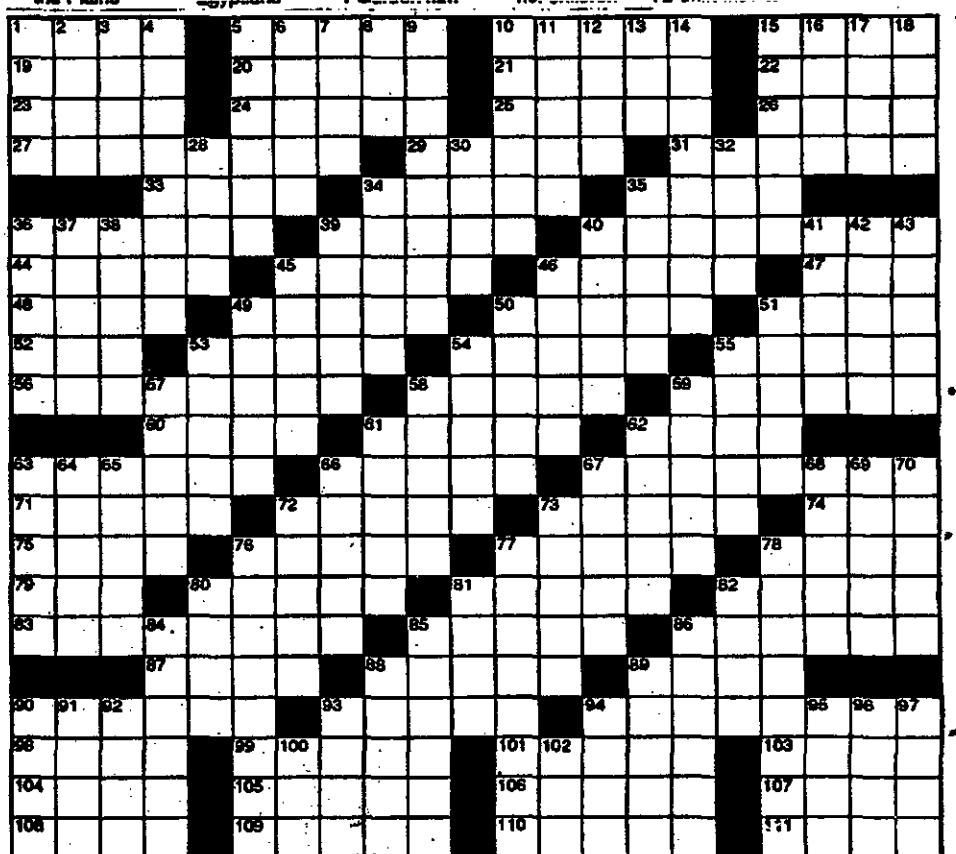


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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
Parks and Recreation Office,
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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB
Normanside Country Club,
Salsbury Road, Elmsmere, 6 p.m.
social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30
p.m. speaker. Information, 439-3791.

"READING READINESS"
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area teachers offering advice
for early education. Early
Learning Center, Slingerlands
Elementary School, 25 Union
Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free.
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evening prayer and Bible study,
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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.

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hearings on applications by Bell
Atlantic Mobile/Crown Castle
International, 81 Jolley Road,
Glenmont, 7:30 p.m.; Amerada
Hess, 1358 New Scotland Road,
Slingerlands, 7:45 p.m.; town
hall, 445 Delaware Ave.
Information, 439-4955.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elmsmere Elementary School, 247
Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELI-
CAL 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.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville
Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

V'VILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
College Preparation for
Families, Voorheesville Public
Library, 51 School Road,
Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Informa-
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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
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THURSDAY
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symptoms, First United Metho-
dist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.,
10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
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.

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware
Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information,
783-1864.

CHOOSING A COLLEGE
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You," program for high school
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independent college counsel-
or Jill Rifkin. Bethlehem Public
Library, 451 Delaware Ave.,
Delmar, 7 p.m. Free. Informa-
tion 439-9314.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the
Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7
p.m. Information, 439-7387.

SLINGERLANDS SCHOOL
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"Rock: Celebrate the History of
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Elementary School, 25 Union
Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. \$3.
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Elmsmere Chabad Center, 109
Elmsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Informa-
tion, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM MEM. VFW POST
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-9836.

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

FRIDAY
APRIL 9

BETHLEHEM

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
"Library Babies" Program for
children 15-21 mo., parents and
caregivers; 10 a.m. Preschool
films for ages 3-6, 10:30 a.m.
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Delaware Ave., Delmar.
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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 Elmsmere
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

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

SATURDAY
APRIL 10

BETHLEHEM

QUILTING SHOW
Quilters United In Learning
Together (QUILT) Show,
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High
School, Route 9W, Ravena, 10
a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 434-8073.

LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR TOTS
"The Nanas and the Papas",
program for children 3-6,
grandparents welcome; crafts,

stories, short film. Bethlehem
Public Library, 451 Delaware
Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.
Information 439-9314.

CHURCH SUPPER IN SO. BETH.
Chicken and biscuit supper,
South Bethlehem United
Methodist Church, 65
Willowbrook Avenue, 4-7 p.m.
Information, 767-9953.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Winter Adult Reading Club
Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
"ITEMS" Poems and Para-
graphs," readings in celebra-
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School Road, Voorheesville, 1
p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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SUNDAY
APRIL 11

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QUILTING SHOW
Quilters United In Learning
Together Show, Ravena-
Coeymans-Selkirk High School,
Route 9W, Ravena, 10 a.m.-4
p.m. Information, 434-8073.

BEVERWYCK OPEN HOUSE
The Terrace at Beverwyck,
assistive living facility; informa-
tional presentations and tours,
41 Beverwyck Lane, North
Bethlehem, 1-4 p.m. Informa-
tion, 459-4062.

WALK FOR SAFETY
Sponsored by Bethlehem
Citizens for Pedestrian Safety,
two walking routes beginning
at Bethlehem Town Hall,
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.
Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
"Rocky to Pataki" with Hy
Rosen and Peter Slocum,
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m.
Registration, 439-9314.

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N. S. DEMOCRATIC COMM.
Meeting to consider candi-
dates for this year's elections;
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American Legion Hall,
Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m.
Information, 765-4434.

MONDAY
APRIL 12

BETHLEHEM

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

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

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,

Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

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

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

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

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

TUESDAY
APRIL 13

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6
p.m.

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

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY
Glenmont Community Church,
Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in,
6:30 p.m. meeting. Information,
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Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15
p.m. information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W,
Information, 439-9988.

A.W. BECKER PTA
Becker Elementary School,
Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Informa-
tion, 767-2511.

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

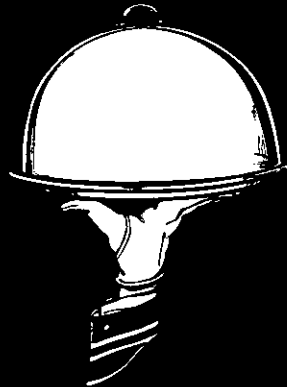
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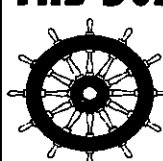
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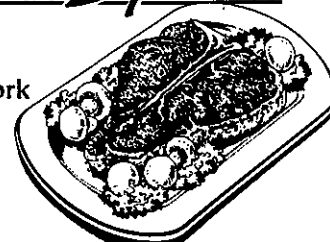
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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF VATICAL ENTERTAINMENT LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

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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
April 7, 1999

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF MICROWARE DISTRIBUTING LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF VISIONPLAY LLC

Under Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF COLUMBIA CARMAN HOLDINGS, LLC

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

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Columbia Carman Holdings, L.L.C." (the "Company").

SECOND: The Company's business and purpose shall consist solely of the following:

(i) To act as and exercise all of the authority of the manager of Colombia Carman Group, L.L.C., (the "LLC"), and to be a member of the LLC, which is engaged solely in the ownership, operation and management of a commercial real estate project known as Rite Aid Drugstore located at 3912 Carman Road, Town of Guilderland, New York (the "Mortgaged Premises"), pursuant to an in accordance with these Articles of Organization and the LLC's Operating Agreement; and

(ii) To engage in such other lawful activities permitted to companies by the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York as are necessary or incidental to the foregoing.

(iii) the Company shall be prohibited from incurring indebtedness of any kind except in its capacity as manager of the LLC.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon the Secretary of State is c/o JRN Development LLC, 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203, Attention: President.

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

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thereto. SIXTH: The Company shall have the following powers and limitations:

In the event of death, withdrawal, retirement, removal, insolvency, dissolution, liquidation, termination, resignation, incapacity, assignment for the benefit of creditors or adjudication of bankruptcy or incompetency of any Member, the Company shall continue, and shall not dissolve.

SEVENTH: The following provisions regulate the internal affairs of the Corporation:

1) A unanimous vote of all Members, is required to take on its own behalf or cause the Company to take the following actions:

(a) Causing the Company or the LLC to become insolvent;

(b) Commencing any case, proceeding or other action on behalf of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors;

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(f) seeking or consenting to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator, custodian or any similar official for the Company or the LLC or a substantial portion of the properties of the Company or the LLC;

(g) making any assignment for the benefit of the Company's or the LLC's creditors; or

(h) taking any action or causing the LLC to take any action in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

2) For so long that certain loan between Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., d/b/a Lehman Capital, a division of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and the LLC (the "Loan") is outstanding, the Company shall not:

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other than as set forth in Article SECOND;

(c) withdraw as a member of the LLC;

(d) dissolve, liquidate, merge, or sell the Company's assets, or cause the LLC to dissolve, liquidate, consolidate, merge, or sell the LLC's assets; or

(e) transfer its interest or a portion thereof in the LLC, except as expressly permitted in the Loan Agreement;

(f) permit any transfer of any direct or indirect ownership interest in the LLC such that the transferee own in the aggregate with the ownership interests of its affiliates and family members in the LLC, more than a 49% interest in the LLC, unless such transfer is conditioned upon delivery of an acceptable non-consolidation opinion to the holder of the Mortgage Loan and to any applicable rating agency concerning, as applicable, the LLC, the new transferee and/or their respective owners.

3) All property owned by the LLC shall be owned by the LLC as an entity and, insofar as permitted by applicable law, no Member shall have any ownership interests in any LLC property in its individual name or right, and each Member's Membership Interest shall be personal property for all purposes.

4) The Company shall, and the Company shall require the LLC to conduct its business and operation in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) not commingle its assets with those of any other entity and hold its assets in its own name;

(b) conduct its own business in its own name;

(c) maintain bank accounts, books, records, accounts and financial statements separate from any other entity;

(d) maintain its books, records, resolutions and agreements as official records and separate from any other entity;

(e) pay its own liabilities out of its own funds.

(f) maintain adequate capital in light of contemplated business operations;

(g) observe all limited liability or other organizational formalities;

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and maintain a sufficient number of employees in light of contemplated business operations;

(j) not guarantee or become obligated for the debts of any other entity or hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of others;

(k) not acquire obligations or securities of affiliates or shareholders;

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(m) allocate fairly and reasonably any overhead expenses that are shared with an affiliate, including paying for shared office space and services performed by any employee of an affiliate;

(n) use separate stationary, invoices, and checks bearing its own name;

(o) not pledge its assets for the benefit of any other entity;

(p) hold itself out as a separate entity and correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate identity;

(q) not identify itself or any of its affiliates as a division or part of the other; and

(r) file its tax returns separate from those of any other entity and not to file a consolidated federal income tax return with any other company.

As used herein, "affiliate" means any person controlling, under common control with or controlled by the person in question, and the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract otherwise.

(5) The members of the Company are to consider the interests of the Company's creditors and the LLC's creditors in connection with all company actions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

the undersigned has certified this Articles of Organization and does hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury this 24th day of February, 1999.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

4296 ALBANY STREET, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is:

4296 ALBANY STREET, LLC ("Company")

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 Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2049.

FOURTH: A) Purpose.

The nature of the business and of the purposes to be conducted and promoted by the Company, is to engage solely in the following activities:

1) To acquire that certain parcel of real property, together with all improvements located thereon, in the Town of Colonie, State of New York, commonly known as 4296 Albany Street (the "Premises").

2) To own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, operate, lease, mortgage, pledge and otherwise deal with the Premises, including, but not limited to, borrow \$3,050,000.00 (the "Loan Amount") from Principal Life Insurance Company (together successors and assigns, the "Lender"), to be evidenced by a secured promissory note, whereby the Company promises to pay Lender the Loan Amount together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon and all other obligations and liabilities due or to become due to Lender pursuant to the documents, instruments and agreements executed and delivered in connection with such loan (Collectively, the "Loan Documents") and all other amounts, sums and expenses paid or payable to Lender pursuant to all such documents (collectively, the "Indebtedness").

3) To exercise all powers enumerated in the Limited Liability Company Law of New York necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the business or purposes otherwise set forth herein.

4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3 above, for so long as any Indebtedness remains outstanding, the Company will continue to (i) be organized solely for the purpose of owning the Premises, (ii) not engage in any business unrelated to the ownership of the Premises, (iii) not have any assets other than those related to the Premises.

B. Certain Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, until the Indebtedness is paid in full, the Company: (i) will not materially amend its operating agreement or the Company's Articles of Organization without first obtaining approval of the Lender; (ii) will not engage in, seek or consent to any dissolution, winding up, liquidation, consolidation or merger, and, except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Loan Documents, will not engage in, seek or consent to any asset sale or transfer of partnership interests; (iii) without the unanimous consent of all of the Company's members, will not with respect to itself or applicable, to any other corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, or trust (each, an "Entity") in which it has a direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership interest (a) file a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization petition or otherwise institute insolvency proceedings or otherwise seek any relief under any laws relating to the relief from debts or the protection of debtors generally; (b) seek or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator, custodian or any similar official for such Entity or all or any portion of such Entity properties; (c) make any assignment for the benefit of such Entity's creditors; or (d) take any action that might cause such Entity to become insolvent; (iv) will have no indebtedness other than the Indebtedness and unsecured trade payables in the ordinary course of business relating to the ownership and operation of the Pre-

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mises which (1) do not exceed, at any time, a maximum amount of one percent (1%) of the Loan Amount and (2) are paid within thirty (30) days of the date incurred; (v) will not assume or guarantee or become obligated for the debts of any other person or Entity or hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of any other person or Entity, except for the Indebtedness; (vi) will not pledge its assets for the benefit of any other person or Entity; and (vii) will not make loans to any person or

C) Indemnification

The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the Limited Liability Company Law, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any indemnification of the Company's members shall be fully subordinated to any obligations respecting the Premises (including, without limitation, the mortgage which secures the Indebtedness) and such indemnification shall not constitute a claim against the Company in the event that cash flow in excess amounts necessary to pay holders of such obligations is insufficient to pay such obligations.

D) Separateness Covenants.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in order to preserve and ensure its separate and distinct Company identity, the Company, for so long as any Indebtedness remains outstanding (i) will not fail to correct any known misunderstanding regarding the separate identity of such Entity, (ii) will maintain its accounts, books, records separate from any other person or Entity, (iii) will maintain its books, records, resolutions and agreements as official records, (iv) will not commingle its funds or assets with those of any other person or Entity, (v) will hold its assets in its own name, (vi) will conduct its business in its name, (vii) will maintain its financial statements, accounting records and other Entity documents separate from any other person or Entity, (viii) will pay its own liabilities out of its own funds and assets, (ix) will observe all Company formalities, (x) will maintain an arms-length relationship with any other person or Entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Company or any person or Entity owning a material interest in the Company, either directly or indirectly (collectively, the "Affiliates"), (xi) will not acquire obligations or securities of its beneficial owners or members, (xii) will allocate fairly and reasonably shared expenses, including, without limitation, shared office space and uses separate stationary, invoices and checks, (xiii) will hold itself out and identify itself as a separate and distinct Entity under its own name and not as a division or part of any other person or Entity, (xiv) will not identify its members or any Affiliates as a division or part of it, (xv) will not enter into or be a party to, any transaction with its members or its Affiliates except in the ordinary course of its business and on terms which are intrinsically fair and are no less favorable to it than would be obtained in a comparable arms-length transaction with an unrelated third party, (xvi) will pay the salaries of its own employees from its own funds, and (xvii) will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business operation.

E. Dissolution

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent permissible under applicable federal and state tax law, the vote of a majority-in-interest of the remaining members is sufficient to continue the existence of the Company. If such vote is not obtained, for so long as the Indebtedness remains outstanding, the company shall not liquidate the premises without first obtaining approval of the Lender. The Lender may continue to exercise all of its rights under their existing security agreements, deed of trust or mortgage until the Indebtedness has been paid in full or otherwise completely discharged.

FIFTH: Voting.

Notwithstanding anything con-

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tained herein to the contrary, when acting on matters subject to the vote of the members, notwithstanding that the Company is not then insolvent, the members and the managing member shall take into account the interest of the Company's creditors, as well as those of the members.

SIXTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the 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 Company served upon him or her is:

387 State Street

Albany, New York 12210

ATTN.: Mr. William F. McLaughlin

SEVENTH: The effective date of the Articles of organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

EIGHTH: The Company is to be managed by its sole member, The McLaughlin Limited Partnership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 5th day of March, 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

April 7, 1999

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE TOY CHEST, LLC

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

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

FIRST: The name of the company is THE TOY CHEST, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The business of the Company is to engage in the sale of toys, leasing, owning and operating retail space and any and all things necessary, convenient or incidental to that purpose.

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

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

FIFTH: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

SIXTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State shall be The Toy Chest, LLC, c/o Waite Associates, P.C., 90 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

SEVENTH: The name and street address within the State of New York of the registered agent of the Company upon whom and at which process against the Company can be served is:

Waite & Associates, P.C.

90 North Pearl Street

Albany, NY 12207

EIGHTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

NINTH: None of the members of the Company, in their respective capacities as members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Company.

TENTH: A member, acting in his or her capacity as a manager of the Company, shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for damages that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, are found to have come about by reason of one or more

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act(s) or omission(s) of such manager and proximately resulting in a judgment or other final adjudication which establishes that: (a) such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (b) such manager personally gained, in fact, a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not otherwise legally entitled; or (c) with respect to a distribution which is the subject of Section 508 of the Limited Liability Company Law

of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with section 409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article "TENTH" shall eliminate or reduce its effect relative to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article "TENTH", would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision. This Article "TENTH" shall neither eliminate nor limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to its adoption.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed these Articles and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 2nd day of March, 1999.

s/THERESA L. EGAN, ESQ.

Waite & Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for CZAR Properties, LLC

90 North Pearl Street

Albany, New York 12207

(518) 463-4257

April 7, 1999

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VIDEO VALUES, LLC

UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Video Values, LLC.

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

THIRD: 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:

159 Delaware Avenue

No. 224

Delmar, New York 12054

FOURTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

David W. Meyers, Esq.

Meyers & Meyers

1734 Western Avenue

Albany, New York 12203

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is upon filing.

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

SEVENTH: All or specified members are not to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, as such, a statement that all or specified members are so liable is not provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 19th day of February, 1999 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ David W. Meyers, Esq.

Attorneys for Video Values, LLC

Meyers & Meyers

1734 Western Avenue

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Albany, New York 12203

(518) 464-9075

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VILLAGE CENTRE LLC

Under Section of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of limited liability company is: VILLAGE CENTRE 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:

23A Walker Way

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 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 4th day of March, 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

April 7, 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.

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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:

427 New Karner 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

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KEVIN CLEARY

GOVERNMENT

RELATIONS, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is KEVIN CLEARY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on December 4, 1998 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in 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 and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is Kevin Cleary Government Relations, LLC, 39 North Pearl Street, 4th Floor, Albany, New York 12207.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in the business of government relations, and any business purposes permitted by law.

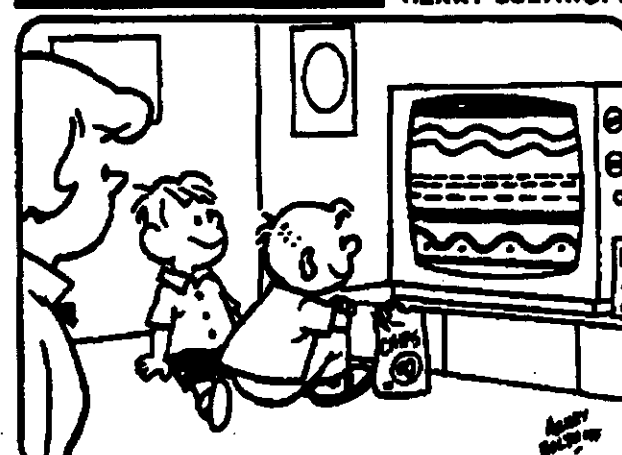
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 18, 1999, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 5th day of May, 1999 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1999 to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, James Schwab, and Pamela Williams and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1999, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Thomas Shen currently vacant, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 16, 1999.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years; all commencing July 1, 1999, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, James Schwab, and Pamela Williams;
3. Upon the appropriation of \$531,450 to purchase nine (9) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
5. For the election of one (1) trustee to the Board of trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, one for full term of five years commencing July 1, 1999, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Thomas Shen;
6. RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of Proposition 1 (the 1999-2000 annual school district budget) and approval of Proposition 2 (authorizing the purchase of school busses as part of its on-going fleet renewal program) both of which are being voted upon at this annual meeting, the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District is hereby authorized to: (a) provide transportation to and from the Middle School and the High School to all students who reside one-half mile or more from said schools commencing with the 1999-2000 school year at an approximate initial yearly cost of \$125,300, and to appropriate

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the necessary annual costs of same and levy the necessary tax therefor; and (b) to purchase the additional buses to accomplish same i.e. four (4) seventy-two (72) passenger buses at an approximate cost not to exceed \$265,500 and to levy taxes sufficient to pay the costs of same and collect same in installments in such years and amounts as determined by the Board of Education; and (c) in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized to be issued in an amount not exceed \$265,500 and a tax is voted to pay the interest on said bonds, provided however, that such bonds may be issued and combined with any and all bonds authorized and issued pursuant to Proposition 2 referred to above.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 18, 1999, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 18, 1999.

Steven O'Shea

School District Clerk

Dated: March 25, 1999

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MPG CONSTRUCTION, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of MPG CONSTRUCTION, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 18, 1999.

The Company is being formed to (1) engage in the real estate business as principal, agent, broker, and in any lawful capacity, and generally to take, lease, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own, use, hold, sell, convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, work, clear, improve, develop, divide, and otherwise handle, manage, operate, deal in, and dispose of real estate, real property, lands, multiple-dwelling structures, houses, buildings and other works and any interest or right therein; to take, lease, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own, use, hold, sell, convey, exchange, hire, lease, pledge, mortgage, and otherwise handle, and deal in and dispose of, in any lawful capacity, agent, broker, and in any lawful capacity, such personal property, chattels, real rights, easements, privileges, choses in action, notes, bonds, mortgages and securities as may lawfully be acquired, held, or disposed of; and to acquire, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, dispose of, and generally deal in and with, as principal, agent, broker, and in any lawful capacity, mortgages and other interests in real, personal, and mixed properties; to carry on a general construction, contracting, building, and realty management business as principal, agent, representative, contractor, subcontractor, and in any other lawful capacity;

(2) To carry on a general mercantile, industrial, investing, and trading business in all its branches; to devise, invent, manufacture, fabricate, assemble, install, service, maintain, alter, buy, sell import, license as licensor or licensee, lease or lessor or lessee, distribute, job, enter into, negotiate, execute, acquire, and assign contracts in respect of, acquire, receive, grant, and assign contracts in respect of, acquire, receive, grant, and assign licensing arrangements, options, franchises, and other rights in respect of, and generally deal in and with, at wholesale and retail, as principal, and as sales, business, special, or general agent, representative, broker, factor, merchant, distributor, jobber, advisor, and in any other lawful capacity, goods, wares, merchandise, commodities, and unimproved, improved, finished, processed, and other real, personal, and mixed property of any and all kinds, together with the components, resultants, and by-products thereof; to acquire by purchase or otherwise own,

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hold, lease, mortgage, sell, or otherwise dispose of, erect, construct, make alter, enlarge, improve, and to aid or subscribe toward the construction, acquisition, or improvement of any factories, shops, storehouses, buildings, and commercial and retail establishments of every character including all

equipment, fixtures, machinery, implements and supplies necessary, or incidental to, or connected with any of the purposes of business of the corporation; and generally to perform any and all acts connected therewith or arising therefrom or incidental thereto, and all acts proper or necessary for the purpose of the business;

(3) To apply for, register, obtain, purchase, lease, take licenses in respect of or otherwise acquire, and to hold, own, use, operate, develop, enjoy, turn to account, grant licenses and immunities in respect of, manufacture under, and to introduce, sell, assign, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of and in any manner deal with and contract with reference to:

- (a) inventions, devices, formulae, processes, and any improvements and modifications thereof;
- (b) letters patent, patent rights, patent processors, copyrights, designs, and similar rights, trade-marks, trade symbols, and other indications of origin and ownership granted by or recognized under the laws of the United States of America or of any state or subdivision thereof, or of any foreign country or subdivision thereof, and all rights connected therewith or appertaining thereunto;
- (c) franchises, licenses, grants, and concessions.

(4) To conduct any activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

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

The name of the LLC is Y2K Commerce, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 3, 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 14 Anne Drive, Schenectady, New York 12303.

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

The name of the LLC is Montalcino Associates, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 3, 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 3900 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12304.

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

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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.

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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 1999-2000.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a five year term to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of C. James Coffin and Thomas M. Thorpe, Jr.
2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for public purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Voorheesville Elementary School

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clayton A. Bouton High School

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education

Voorheesville Central School District

Voorheesville, New York 12186

Dated: March 31, 1999

Dorothea Pfeleiderer

District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT at said public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York held on May 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large

LEGAL NOTICE

Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district, the public Library budget for the year 1999-2000 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999. The polls will be open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 4 year term to fill the vacancy caused by the registration of the term of J. Fredericks Volkwein.
2. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of James Reilly.

3. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

LEGAL NOTICE

Voorheesville Elementary School
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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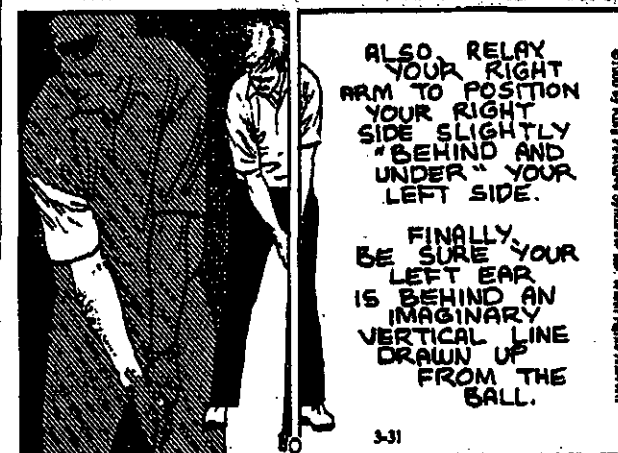
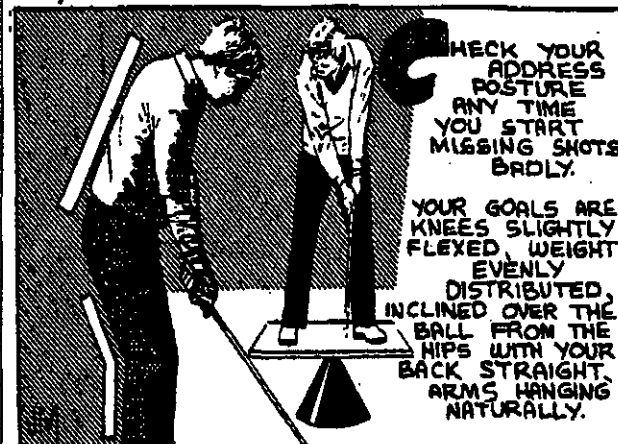
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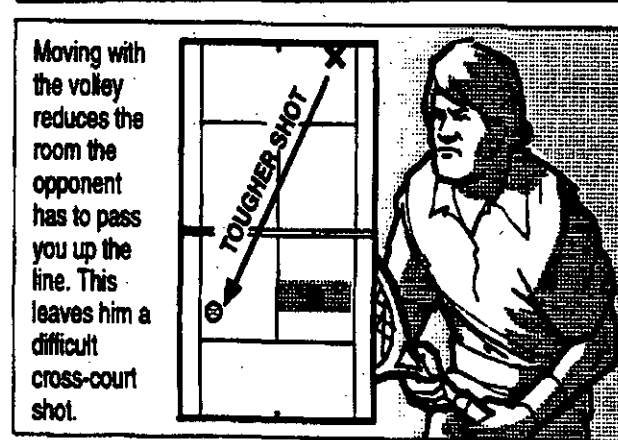
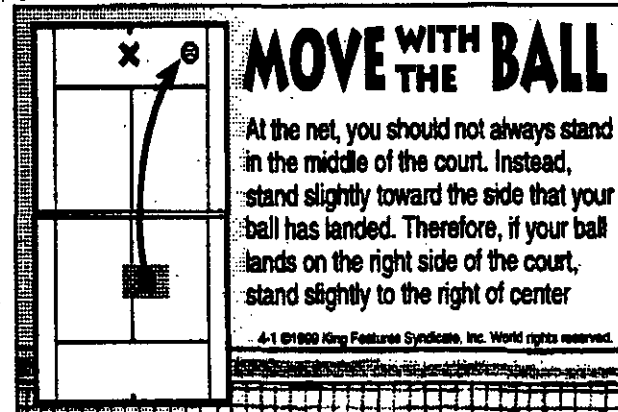
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April 7, 1999

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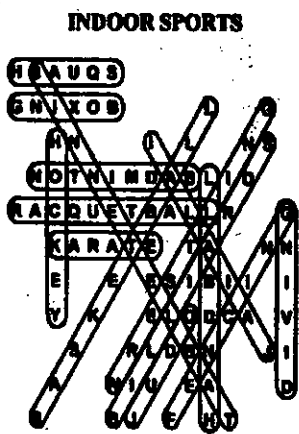
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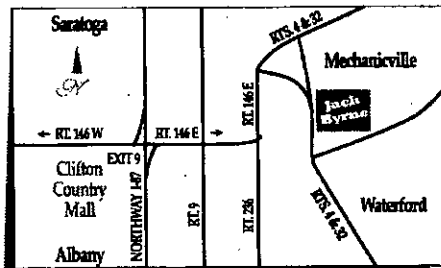
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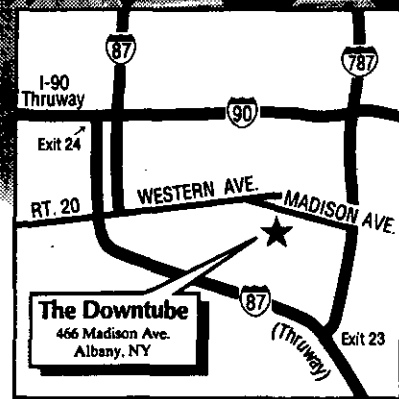
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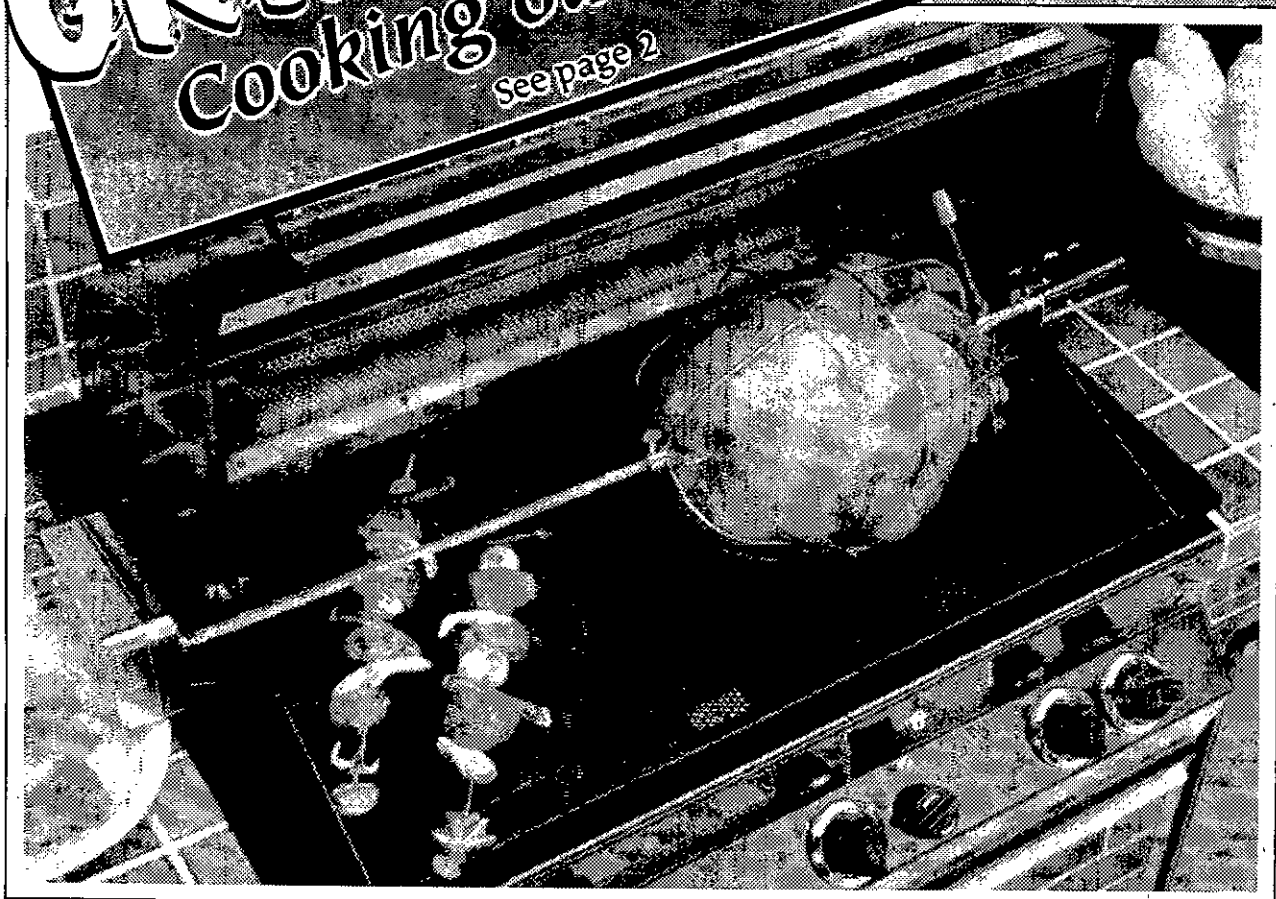
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Outdoor cooking goes high tech

By Leigh G. Kirtley

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, FIRE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GATHERING POINT, FOR warmth, for food or simply for companionship.

Now that same fire has gone high tech. State-of-the-art grills out-perform most kitchens in terms of features and durability. Ranging in price from \$1000 to \$5000, these grills boast stainless steel construction with cast brass burners. The 36-inch by 18-inch cook surfaces are cast iron and come with lifetime warranties.

They distribute the heat more evenly than standard grills and flare-ups are a thing of the past, so no more standing by the fire with a spray bottle. Side burners are standard on all

models so you can prepare your sauce while the meat is grilling.

The sturdy construction allows you to cook year-round which means you can make a perfect Thanksgiving turkey every time. Options include radiant heat rotisseries, cast iron pans and little draws just below the cook top for adding wood chips to get that wood-smoked flavor.

With features like these, outdoor cooking has gone beyond burgers and chicken. You can make anything from blintzes to fajitas. You can even bake a casserole with the lid closed.

"There's a real movement in our area to do more outside," said Wayne Stritsman, owner of Best Fire on Central Avenue in Colonie. "People are spending a



Grilling outdoors has gone beyond just burgers and dogs.

lot more money on their decks and patios."

To complement your deck, you can build kitchen islands and counter tops around your grill. Fitted with mini refrigerators, the result is a complete outdoor kitchen which rivals

anything you may have inside.

The advantages to this set-up are that you don't have to keep running inside to check on dinner. Also, there's less clean up and the house won't smell like smoked fish for three days.

One more advantage, the

grills, even with islands built-up around them, are portable. You can take them with if you move, or you can rearrange your outdoor living space.

Stritsman said grills are safe but a professional should do the installation and can also hook up the gas to house for convenience. You could use standard propane tanks provided they are no more than five years old.

He cautioned that anything older needs to be refitted with an over-fill protection device.

"Over-filling a tank is the No. 1 safety hazard and you should never store a tank inside, not even in the garage," he said. Having enough space is an additional safety concern.

If you're placing the grill on a deck, it should be at least 10 square feet so the grill can sit at least 10 feet from the house. The new grills are beautiful, versatile and a definite investment. But the quality of outdoor living and food they provide are beyond compare.



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Dreaming of tomato pie, a heavenly summer treat

By Donna J. Bell

MY HUSBAND USED TO HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING MY love of \$9 a pound gourmet coffee. He'd point out that I could buy a three-pound can at the supermarket for \$3.

One day, after listening to this particular lecture for the umpteenth time I asked Roger to tell me the difference between homegrown and store-bought tomatoes. He gave me a puzzled look and said, "There is no comparison." "Exactly," I said. That ended the great "coffee" debate.

Other couples may share a love of great wine, or fine art — but for my husband and me, it's the vegetable garden. Each year, as the weather warms to barely above freezing, we peruse seed catalogs and draw rough sketches of our garden plot. We discuss whether Oregon Sugar Pod II peas are better than Sugar Snap peas, the merits of Early Girl tomatoes vs Persimmon and if we should attempt broccoli or lettuce this year.

When the nurseries finally stock their shelves with tiny tomato seedlings we rush to the market to scoop up a flat.

While our love of gardening is shared at about the same

intensity, our reasoning for gardening differs. I love the challenge of trying to out-guess the last frost date so to optimize the best harvest. I carefully research the right fertilizer, soil pH balance, and mulch. My goal is to grow bigger, heartier, earlier and more than the previous year. My husband's goal is to eat more than the previous year. In short, my joy is in the creation of the harvest. My husband's joy IS the harvest. A match made in gardener's heaven.

We both thrill to the first crop of the summer and know the rapture of pulling a brilliant green sugar pea pod off the vine, its crisp flesh so sweet that it is munched raw while the dirt of the garden is still on our shoes.

As the spring pea vines fade and wilt, the emergence of green beans and cucumbers fill our plates, and the eager wait for tomatoes begins.

As the first of the rock hard green tomatoes begins to show its initial pink blush, Roger begins a vigil of tomato "rounds," lifting the heavy green vines to search out the crop hiding just below the abundant leaves.

He is waiting for the first six tomatoes that will become his favorite summer dish — tomato

pie. His wait is never patient. Last year at the nursery, I came upon him, crouched down at the bottom row of plants, cupping a small seedling in his hands. With one finger he was stroking a tiny leaf and whispering, "Ah, tomato pie."

It's a summer ritual in our home to serve tomato pie on the first Sunday that the required half dozen tomatoes have ripened. Every Sunday after that, until the harvest is depleted, we delight in the delicacy.

There is nothing as delicious as hot, buttery biscuit pastry packed with chunks of acid-sweet home-grown tomatoes, a sprinkle of salt, fresh aromatic dewy basil plucked that morning, sharp New York cheddar cheese, and baked with a generous swath of mayo just under the top crust.

While our children have yet to acquire a taste for this specialty, our gardenless friends have literally begged for Sunday invitations to dinner.

And while that date is still five months into the future now that the weather is warming up, I am sure my husband will soon be dreaming of that perfect pint-size plant that will garner a cornucopia of tomato-pie-perfect treasures.

Tomato Pie

Crust

3 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 cup of butter
1 cup milk

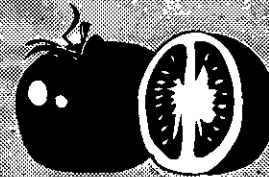
Filling

3 pounds (about 6 medium) ripe tomatoes that have been seeded, peeled and cut into big chunks
2 tablespoons of chopped fresh basil
3/4 teaspoon of salt
1/3 pound of grated sharp New York cheddar cheese
2/3 cup of mayonnaise

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees

Crust: Sift dry ingredients together and cut in butter until pieces are the size of small peas. Stir in milk and knead. Divide the dough and roll one portion to fit a 13" rectangular pan. Set the other part aside for the top crust.

Filling: Mix the tomatoes, basil, salt and half the cheese. Spoon into the pan. Spread with the may and sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top. Roll out the remaining dough and cover the top be sure to seal the edges. Bake until golden, about 25-30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.





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Get garden tips and help at the Cornell Cooperative Extension

By Debbie W. Eberle

THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT THE PLANTS IN MY GARDEN, THE LONGER the winter months here in the Northeast seem to be for me. Inevitably, though, as the days

grow longer and warmer and I'm out in my garden more, I always have questions. What type of fertilizer should this plant be given? Does the plant need sun or shade? How much sun, how much shade? Wouldn't

it be wonderful to have an expert gardener come and sit with me and give me tips about all the different plants in my garden?

While the experts at the Cornell Cooperative Extension don't come out to your home, they do offer a variety of help and hints to gardeners throughout the area.

Located on Martin Road in Voorheesville, the extension does its best to help you make your garden lush, beautiful and productive. The extension is an educational organization, funded mainly by Albany County and the state (through Cornell University). Employees, as well as trained volunteers, offer assistance to those who need it.

"We are also a source for all other sources." So even if your question is not plant related you still may want to give the extension a call and they can give you further direction," said Amy Howansky, a consumer horticulturist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

One of the services offered to residents of Albany County is their Master Gardener Hotline (765-3500).

On weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. there is always a master gardener on hand to answer any questions about indoor and outdoor plants as well as tree, shrub and pest identification among others.



Amy Howansky, a Cornell Cooperative Extension consumer horticulturist answers gardening questions for a caller. Debbie Eberle

Master gardeners are trained by their local county extension. After they complete an 8-week course, they volunteer their time to help other local gardeners.

While your particular question might be one that may not be immediately answerable, the staff will research the topic and get back to you with the answer in a timely manner. Master gardeners also have at their disposal over 2,000 fact sheets, on all sorts of pertinent topics, which are available to the public just for the asking.

The extension also welcomes walk-ins with a piece of a plant or the plant itself so they can easily identify the plant and answer your questions. A \$2 fee is charged for plant, insect or disease identification. You might also want to bring in a small amount of soil from your garden

or yard to be tested for its pH level. The fee for that service is also \$2.

Some of the additional services Cornell Cooperative Extension offers is a calendar of events, which would include all upcoming gardening events as well as some "Gardening Tips of the Month."

GroNews is a newsletter that contains gardening articles written by Extension educators as well as master gardeners. A subscription is \$7 per year or \$18 for three years.

Call Darleen at 765-3500 to sign up. So the next time you're out in your garden wondering about why a particular plant is not thriving, give the experts at Cornell Cooperative Extension a call they are friendly, educated and ready to help.



The Albany County extension center is located on Martin Road in Voorheesville. Debbie Eberle



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Add the soothing sounds of water to your backyard

Debbie W. Eberle

THERE IS SOMETHING SOOTHING, AS WELL AS FASCINATING, ABOUT water in your garden. Whether it's a gentle trickle, the bubbling noise from a fountain, or the reflection of life around a still pond, it draws us near and causes us to slow down, relax and enjoy.

It used to be that only the wealthy had water in their garden and it was usually in the form of an elaborate pond. Today, water gardening is a pleasure that can be afforded by all. In fact, the psychological benefits it provides far outweigh the cost.

The easiest and least expensive way to add water to your garden is simply to buy a bird bath. Available for \$29.95, it is a focal point in my garden. A nice feature about a bird bath is that it attracts birds to your yard who not only serenade you, but eat plenty of bugs as well. As far as maintenance — just turn on the hose and add more water. I added a low growing water plant for eye appeal which was a nice touch. In the winter-time just empty the bowl and invert. Simple as that.

If birdbaths aren't your thing, then any kind of tub, barrel, or

pot that is water tight will do the trick. You can leave it on top of the soil amongst your plants or partially submerge it. Add water plants, rocks, or even a few goldfish during the summer months. Fish take care of any mosquitoes the water might attract. Each year, experiment and try something new. See what fits in best with your garden style. If you want to spend a little more, you can bring your garden to life with the sound of moving water. Alison Swanson, fondly referred to as the 'garden guru' of Olson's Garden Shop located on Rt. 85 in New Scotland says that anyone can easily add water to their garden.

"For about \$30 you can buy a pump, use your own container and a bucket of stones," Swanson said. Olson's also has a complete package for \$129 that holds 40 gallons of water in a rigid, kidney shaped liner including a 170 gallon pump with filter and 2 fountain heads. You just need the desire and a day to install it yourself.

"Just remember that any electric supplied to your garden for water should be grounded," reminded Swanson. Olson's will offer a selection of water plants in their enlarged greenhouse

around the end of April.

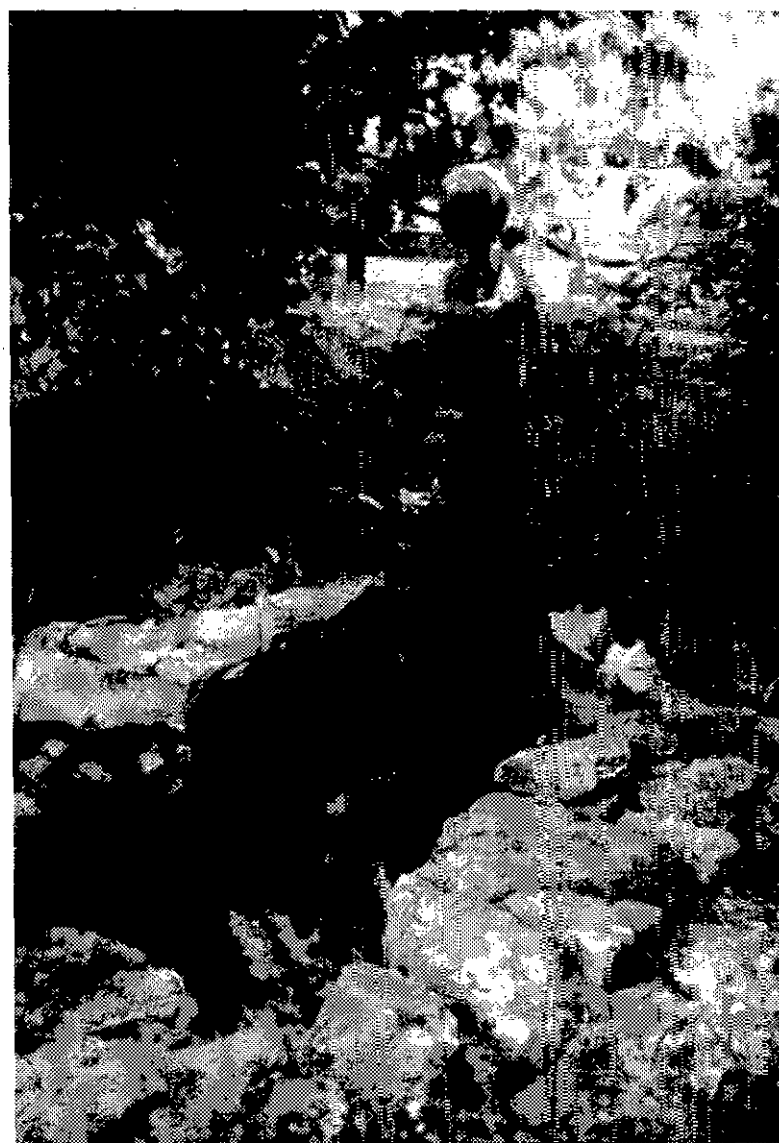
Ann Eberle, a Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardener since 1988, and a Voorheesville resident, installed her pond in 1993. It holds 130 gallons of water, is 24 inches deep and surrounded by limestone.

"I had been to the flower show and saw a beautiful display with an old pump and a galvanized pail. I just loved the way it looked" she said. Eberle finally discovered an 1860s water pump while traveling through Vermont with her husband, Don.

Eberle has a shelf in her pond to put plants that grow in shallower conditions. The plants she has includes a water lily, yellow flag iris, and water lettuce. Depending on the brightness of the sun and the mood of her goldfish, you may even catch a glimpse of them.

As for wintering her pond Eberle said, "I take my water lily inside. That's about it. Don drains the pond (in the spring), takes out all the dead leaves and refills it. Periodically (all through the year) we also clean off the screen on the water pump." One of the nicest things about Ann's pond is that you hear the water as it streams into the bucket, over the sides of it onto the stone, and finally as it spills out into her pond.

So this summer, why travel far away to relax by waters edge when you can add a little water and enjoy its benefits all summer.



The Eberle's water garden features an 1860's water pump and a galvanized pail they found in Vermont.
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 - Consider a set-back thermostat. It will give you control over when your heating or cooling systems are running.
- Other tips:**
- Participate in neighborhood recycling programs.
 - Avoid using gas-powered lawn and garden equipment during hot summer afternoons.
 - Try to combine errands and make less trips in your car.

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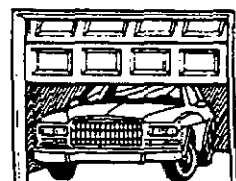
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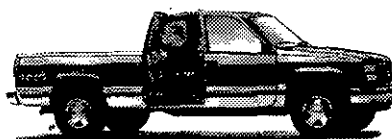


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Weed-free landscaping frees you for summer leisure

TRED OF UNSIGHTLY WEEDS GROWING AROUND YOUR HOME, under the deck and in your patio and flowerbeds? And how about water seeping through your basement walls? Wouldn't you rather be reading a novel in your favorite lawn chair than pulling weeds?

Proper landscaping can not only add beauty to your home and yard, it can prevent nuisance weeds and help prevent water seepage. The key to landscaping is to do it right the first time and you'll never have to do it again. Even if you are adding to or changing your existing landscaping you should follow these helpful tips for years of trouble-free maintenance.

First, design a plan and sketch it out on paper. Draw the dimensions of your home and indicate where plants, shrubs, trees and flowers will be planted. Also sketch on your plan where landscape edging will be used and draw this on your plan as well. By completing this exercise, you can determine

what materials to buy and how much rock, bark or wood chips to order.

Get the right tools before you start. Use heavy-duty gloves and a long-handled shovel for digging and moving soil and rock. Use a garden rake to smooth soil and landscape material. And, of course, you don't want to forget the wheelbarrow.

Next, prepare the area by removing all rock, weeds and any roots from the soil. To direct water away from your foundation, create a 1 1/2 inch slope away from your home. Slope it gently over about 4 feet.

Now you're ready for one of the most critical parts of the project: laying down a weed barrier. One choice is Film-Gard Ventilated Landscape Plastic Sheeting. This specially made landscape sheeting serves a number of functions. According to Terry VanValkenburg, marketing director of Carlisle Plastics, "It's ventilated with holes to let water flow through to the plants. It also blocks sunlight to minimize weed

growth, and lets the soil breathe by allowing air to circulate. This heavy duty, 4 mil, black plastic provides maximum strength and stretch."

This new sheeting offers the same benefits as landscape fabric but for a lot less money. It's so versatile it can be used around your home, under a deck, patio, walkway, fence and even in gardens. You can plant

your shrubs and evergreens before or after laying down the sheeting. If you do it after, use a scissors and cut a circle in the plastic large enough for your plant.

Then place the rock, bark or wood chips at the edge closest to the foundation, and work your way out. Smooth the decorative material about 2 to 3 inches deep to visually cover the

plastic.

Now your project is complete, and you're free to enjoy the pleasures of summer without weeds!

For information about Film Gard products visit their web site at www.carlisle-plastics.com, or look for the products in leading home center and hardware stores.

Is your home protected against electrical arcing in your wiring?

ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOME, THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE, MAY BE putting your family at risk.

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), the high temperature electrical discharges known as arcs are a leading cause of electrical fires in the home. The National Fire Protection Association attributes 40,000 fires and more than \$500 million in property losses annually to fires of electrical origin.

Aging electrical wires, loose connections, damage to components or the breakdown of insulation material protecting wiring can cause arcs. Even nailing a picture to a wall can punch a hole in electrical wires, causing arcs. The possibility of arcing grows as your electrical system ages and deteriorates.

In 1994 CPSC teamed up with Underwriters Laboratories and electrical equipment manufacturers like Square D to study ways to reduce the number of residential electrical fires and

make homes safer. Research concluded that low-level arcing creates a potential fire hazard inside the walls of the home and that this arcing was not being detected.

Most homes have a load center with circuit breakers to protect against electrical overloads or short circuits in the wiring. When there's a short circuit or overload, the circuit breaker detects it and stops the flow of electricity so wire insulation won't melt or catch fire.

However, arcing occurs at levels lower than conventional circuit breakers or fuses are designed to detect. This means that sporadic arcs can go undetected for extended periods. Over time, heat from arcs, which sometimes exceed 5,000 degrees Celsius, degrades wire insulation. Eventually the insulation or other nearby materials can catch fire.

Now a new technology called an arc fault circuit interrupter can provide added protection to your home from arcs. This new technology is so important that, starting in 2002, the National Electrical Code will require arc fault protection for the circuits

supplying receptacle outlets in the bedrooms of all new homes.

Square D, the leader in home electrical system protection, has introduced the Arc-D-tect™ Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter. This is the first major advance in home electrical system protection since the ground fault circuit interrupter was introduced in the late 1960's.

"Arc fault protection devices like Arc-D-tect are designed to supplement the existing circuit protection in your home," said Jim Pauley, a National Electrical Code expert with Square D. "It monitors the home's wiring system and in most cases disconnects the problem circuit from the power supply before conditions that can lead to fire occur."

Arc fault circuit interrupters fit into a home's existing load center and should be installed by a licensed electrician.

For information about arcs and arc fault protection, call your local electrician or contact Square D at 1-800-392-8781.

More than 40,000 fires a year may be prevented by a device that detects high temperature electrical discharges known as arcs.

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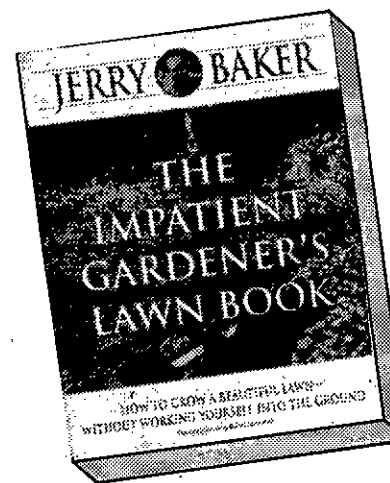
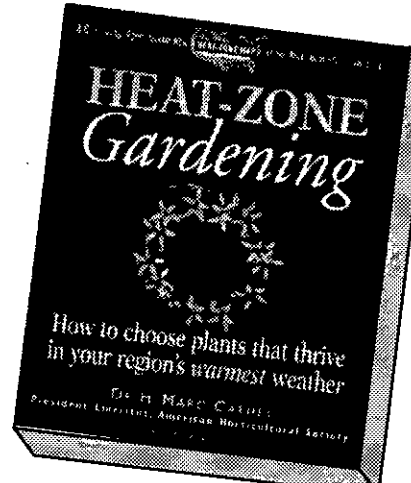
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Called the Village, it is a virtual town on the Internet where visitors can tour show houses, check out new products, get weather reports and chat with industry experts.

Here are a few ideas you'll

find in the HGTV Village:

Lasting Beauty

To dry fresh flowers, put them in a vase with an inch of water, in a cool dry place. As the water slowly evaporates the flowers will dry and stay lovely for months.

Weed Whacker

Weeds plaguing you? Try setting your mower's height higher. Longer grass is healthier, develops a better root system and stands up through

drought.

Don't Split Hairs

To keep wood from splitting from nails, blunt the nail's sharp tip.

The nail crushes the wood fibers instead of shearing and splitting it.

Quick Garlic Fix

To get rid of garlic odor left on your hands after cooking, rub a stainless steel teaspoon over your fingers with your hands under water.

Carefree Freezer

Hate the labor involved in hacking off ice chunks every time you defrost?

When your freezer's clean and defrosted, coat the surface that becomes icy with a nonstick cooking spray. Defrosting will be a lot easier next time.

For more household tips and the latest home and garden news, take a trip down the information superhighway and visit the HGTV Village at <http://www.hgtv.com>.



Millions of homeowners find helpful tips for the home and garden on the Internet superhighway.

Early planning will ensure a beautiful summer lawn

SPRING MEANS MORE THAN JUST WARMER TEMPERATURES, CHIRPING birds and blooming flowers. It also signifies the time to start planning a lush green lawn that your neighbors envy. The following tips can help ensure you spend more time enjoying the fruits of spring, not catching up on yard work:

Prepare your mower

Sharpen your lawn mower blades and service the engine before the onset of spring. Dull mower blades tear leaves, giving lawns a burnt appearance. A lawn mower that's in tip-top shape consumes less fuel and allows you to mow less often.

Dethatch and aerate your lawn

Dethatching involves removing excess, patchy grass from

the turf surface, while aerating is accomplished by piercing uniform holes in the soil and removing the core for composting.

These processes improve the movement of air, water and nutrients within the soil.

Remove debris

Rake debris such as leaves, sticks and dead grass from the lawn to help make the first mowing quicker and easier. Debris does not add nutrients to a lawn. Plus, it blocks sunlight and encourages turf disease.

Tackle bare spots

During the winter, turf can succumb to foraging animals and salt runoff from driveways and sidewalks. Reseed bare spots as needed and keep the areas moist, but not so wet that puddles form.

Mow less

For most turfgrass species, mow only when the grass height reaches 3 inches.

Never remove more than one-third of the leaf surface each time the lawn is mowed.

Slightly longer grass ensures both shade

and cool temperatures for the soil, making it more difficult for weeds to grow.

Fertilize

Once your lawn begins to grow, give it a jolt of energy with a fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Nitrogen gives grass its

healthy green color, phosphorus strengthens root development and potassium wards off turf diseases.

For Southern lawns, fertilize just after spring green-up.

For Northern turf, fertilize as the grass begins to grow and turn green.

Prevent weeds right now

Instead of fighting grassy weeds like crabgrass, goosegrass, foxtail, and barnyardgrass after the fact, stop them before they emerge with a weed prevention product containing a preemergence herbicide.



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Keep your garden colorful with seasonal layering

By Barbara Yax

IMAGINE COLOR IN YOUR GARDEN ALL YEAR ROUND. MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT'S impossible, especially here in the Northeast.

But, there are many species of flowers and shrubs that grow and bloom during almost every season. By choosing the right plants you can achieve a garden that will change and grow as the seasons change, giving you a spectacular show of color.

This is achieved through a process landscape designers call "layered gardening," "stage planting" or "sequential blooming."

Regardless of the term you use, the wonderful thing is that to achieve a garden of this type you don't need a green thumb to be successful.

"The principle is to have some kind of activity in the garden year round," said Brian Herrington, owner of Horticulture Unlimited Landscaping, "and the beauty is that you don't

need annual flowers to achieve it."

According to Herrington the most important part of landscaping a garden is the design, or what's called "the landscape process." Essentially this consists of some pretty basic steps:

♣ Think about your ideas and goals. Do you want a garden like your grandmother used to have? Or do you want one similar to an oriental garden you saw in a magazine?

♣ How much time do you have to tend your garden? Not a lot? Then you need to use low maintenance plants.

♣ What are your hobbies? Does your family like to play soccer in the back yard? Chances are you don't want the garden to interfere with this space.

Once you've answered these questions it's time to look at the ground itself.

"Soil type is important. If you have too much sand it won't



Bulbs add splashes of color to your spring garden.

Barbara Yax

hold water, if you have too much clay, it will hold too much water," said Rob Hood, owner of Forever Green Landscaping.

The object is to find a happy medium. So how do you determine what type of soil is in your garden?

"Put a shovel in the ground and see what you have," said Hood. If you still aren't sure, Hood recommends you call your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office.

Hood also says that you should take into consideration the pH of the soil (you can buy a test kit at any nursery or greenhouse) and compare that to the needs of your plants.

"You also need to look at the space you're filling and how big the plant will grow or spread

over time," he said.

Finally, look at the light and make sure a shade-loving or a sun-loving plant gets the light they need.

Depending on how ambitious you feel, you can either pick your plants at the nursery, or you can pick your seeds.

That's right, for those of you who want to start your garden from scratch, you could grow your own plants.

Dean Plummer of Price-Greenleaf nursery and greenhouse in Delmar says there are advantages to both methods.

"Starting a garden from seed is less expensive," he said. "It takes more time, but you really only need minimal skill, and of course, it's very rewarding."

On the other hand, choosing plants in a 1- to 2-gallon size container has benefits too.

"These plants are well established," said Plummer. "They will bloom faster and harder than seedlings."

He said that by using a mature plant, you can have a well-established garden in about one year, a nice feature for those of us who are impatient.

Perhaps the most essential and obvious part of planning a garden to last throughout the year is to make sure the plants you pick will bloom at different times, hence the use of the terms sequential, stage, or layered gardening.

"Look at the growing instructions on the plants or seed packs," said Plummer, adding

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that a greenhouse attendant can point out some plants that will not only bloom at different time, but that are appropriate for your garden.

Spring is here and it's not too late to begin planning your garden. If you want to do it yourself, your best bet is to put it on paper.

Another option is to buy a landscape design program for your computer, there are plenty of good and inexpensive programs on the market.

Or, if you use a landscape designer, many of them, including Herrington, use a computer program enabling them to scan in a picture of your home then

add shrubs, trees and flowers, giving you a preview of what your garden will look like before you do any planting.

Don't forget to keep a journal to track the successes (and failures) of your gardening ventures. It will make it all that much easier when you begin planning next year's garden.

Having color and beauty surrounding your landscape will be well worth the extra time and effort you put into planning a year-round garden.

It's a wonderful way to create a beautiful living environment and give you something to look forward to as the season change.



No time to start plants from seed? Try plants started in the nursery.

Barbara Yax

Property owners to be compensated under proposed lawsuit settlement

A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT concerning a siding product known as Cladwood.

The settlement would provide compensation to persons who have incurred property damage resulting from failure of Cladwood siding installed on their homes or buildings.

Cladwood siding is a composite wood siding product manufactured by Smurfit Newsprint Corporation.

It is made from wood fiber, wax, resins and a paper overlay, compressed to look like conventional lumber. Cladwood siding is primarily used in the construction of manufactured or mobile homes.

The settlement extends to persons who have owned, or will own, buildings which were sided with Cladwood prior to final approval of the settlement. Class members can make a claim if they currently own the property.

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to make a claim as part of a house sale.

Both current and former owners could make a claim if they made repairs to the siding before obtaining notice of the settlement.

The settlement will be considered for approval at a fairness hearing May 26.

Class members who wish to comment on the settlement must do so by May 3.

Class members who wish to opt-out of the settlement must notify the claims administrator

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"It's easier to incorporate a fence into your landscape if you start thinking about it at the beginning of a landscaping project," said Todd Edlin, president of Allied Fence in Atlanta, Ga., and member of the American Fence Association.

Edlin recommended checking zoning codes and neighborhood covenants before you start to determine any restrictions on the height or type of fence you can build.

"Good fences make good neighbors," wrote Robert Frost.



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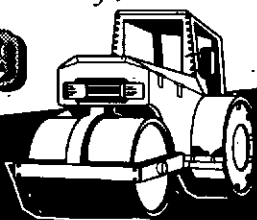
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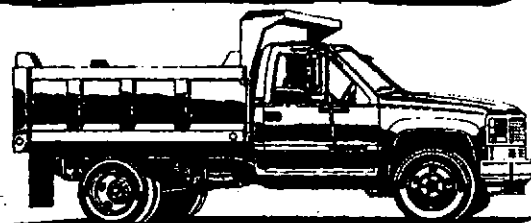
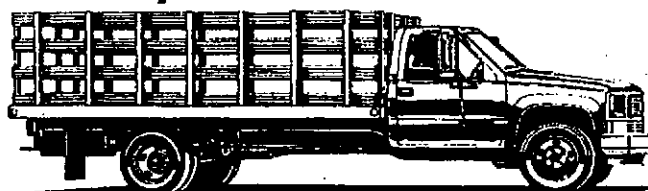


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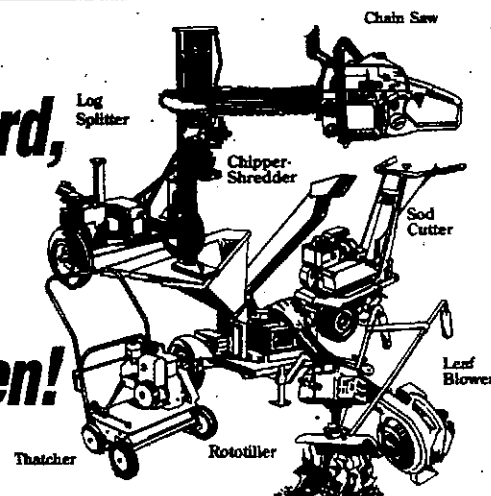
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Say goodbye to grime with spring cleaning tips

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Springtime has traditionally been seen as a sort of seasonal New Year. The cleaning products come out and the fresh scent of spring fills your home from basement to attic.

Cleaning can be fun and hard work at the same time. By taking advantage of the following spring cleaning tips, you can make the job easier and more efficient for your whole family.

Clean your windows, but not on a sunny day

After the weather warms, spring cleaners often rush to clean the dirt and grime that has built up on their windows over the winter. After all, it may have been a long time since you've last seen the green of your lawn and garden. However, you should avoid cleaning windows on a sunny day because they will dry too quickly and produce unattractive streaks.

Have patience

Removing dirt and grease from your woodwork, walls and floors is hard work for you and your cleaning product. So don't make the work any harder by scrubbing a surface before the compound has had a chance to work. "Not giving the compound time to loosen the grease or dirt is a common mistake of spring cleaners," said home-care expert Gerry Luepke.

Use a multi-purpose product

Speaking of cleaning agents, it's always crucial to have a multi-purpose cleaner on-hand for the varied cleaning tasks that inevitably arrive each spring.

"Multi-purpose cleaners are wonderful because they save you the trouble of buying specialty products for every household task," noted Luepke, who gives household advice

daily via a toll-free consumer information hotline. "With a quick trip to your local hardware or grocery store, you can purchase a cleaning product such as Professional Strength Soilax." Professional painters have used Soilax for years to clean walls before they paint because it requires no rinsing. It's also imperative for the walls to be clean in order to insure proper paint adhesion.

Soilax is also a good cleaner for removing dirt, scum and mildew from vinyl siding, deck and patio furniture and much more. Luepke suggested the following recipe:

- 1/3 cup powdered laundry detergent
- 2/3 cup Soilax
- 3 quarts water

Note: When mildew is a problem, add 1 quart 5 percent chlorine bleach

Combat kitchen odors

Two areas in your kitchen that are likely to house unwanted scents are the refrigerator and the garbage disposal. Keeping an open box of baking soda in your refrigerator is an invaluable and inexpensive way to keep it smelling as fresh as the rest of your newly cleaned home. To fight the stench of a

garbage disposal simply place an orange or lemon peel down the drain. The pleasant smell of fruit will linger.

Add sachets to drawers and closets

Have you ever opened a trunk or closet that has been locked away all winter? Odds

are you were greeted by a scent that made you want to give up cleaning. Placing sachets in your drawers and linen closets will keep them smelling sweet throughout the long winter.

If you have problems with musty odors, try placing cedar chips into the sachets. It's an

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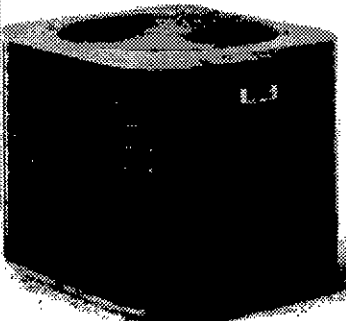
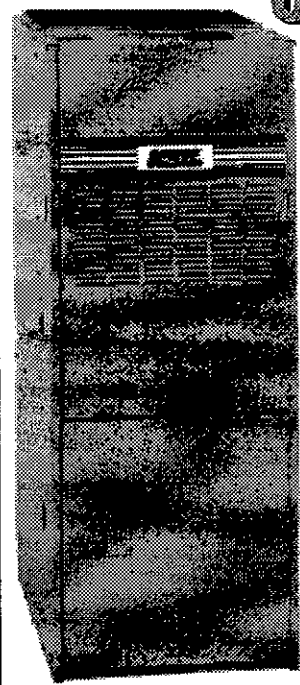
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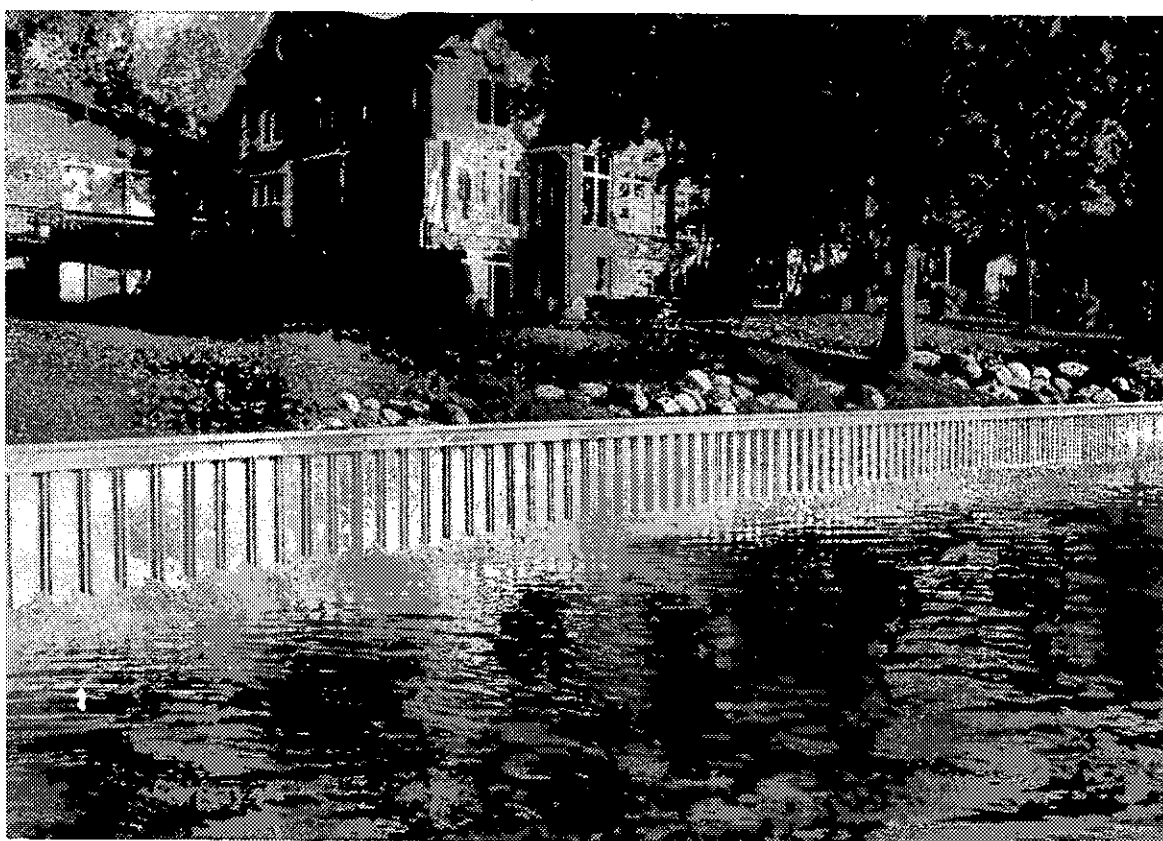
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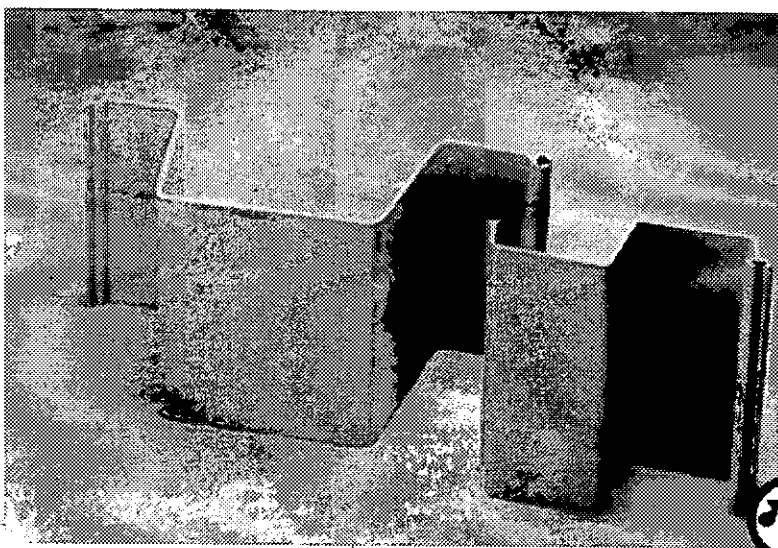
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Ask any real estate agent: typically 40 percent of the visual ("curb") appeal of a home comes from the roof.

To help, there is now a Web site where you can see how shingle colors and designs can affect the appearance of your

home.

Try www.gaf.com and click on the Smart Choice icon. You will find four options there: Key

Danger Signals; Weather Stopper System; Roof Selector; and Smart Choice Warranties.

The Key Danger Signals section helps you to spot roofing

problems before they turn into damaging leaks.

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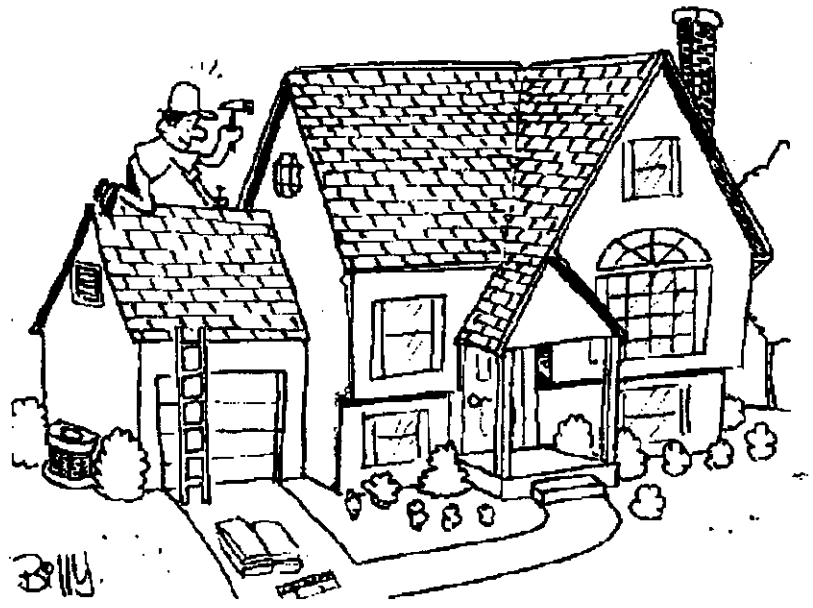
The Weather Stopper System section explains why a good roof job is more than just banging up some shingles.

It helps you understand the primary elements of a properly designed roofing system, which can provide comprehensive protection for your home.

For example, you'll see how a small investment in a leak barrier can help prevent problems in the most vulnerable areas of a roof.

The Roof Selector section provides an extremely wide selection of home styles so that you can find one that looks similar to yours.

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Real estate agents say that 40 percent of the curb appeal of your home comes from the roof.

home and trim, and after that view the same home with various roof shingle designs and colors to get a better sense of the curb appeal you want to create.

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Bare root roses offer spring promise

THE ARRIVAL OF BAREROOT ROSES AT YOUR FAVORITE GARDEN CENTER MARKS the beginning of the planting season. Although they don't look very promising, the leafless green sticks will burst into growth in spring if you set them out in late winter as soon as the ground can be worked. Plants must be set out while still dormant. One mistake gardeners make is to leave bare-root roses sitting around in their package until they sprout new stems and leaves. Don't do this. These plants do not have the soil they need to support new growth while still in their package. That is why they are called "bare-root."

For a good start, unwrap roses from their package and soak the roots overnight in a bucket of water before planting. Follow package instructions on how to set plants in the ground. Sometimes bare root roses are potted upon arriving at the garden center. In this case, beware that the potting soil will probably fall away from the roots in handling. That's okay.

For lots of bloom, most roses insist on six hours of direct sun each day. A few such as Care-free Beauty, Marie Pavie, Kathleen, Eutin, and Ballerina, will bloom in light shade. The spot where you plant should also have excellent drainage.

Standing water or soggy soil is a quick way to kill a rose. Also try for good air circulation, but not constant exposure to steady wind. Stagnant air leaves plants vulnerable to disease.

Roses like fertile, organic garden soil. Work a Rose Planting Mix into the bed before planting. Regular, deep watering is essential for lots of flowers. Water every 2 to 3 days at first and every 7 to 10 days during the growing season. Fertilizer is also crucial to keep the plants blooming from spring through fall. Use a product that feeds gradually for several months such as 15-5-13 that contains Polyon® timed-release fertilizer. When black spot, mildew, or other leaf diseases threaten, spray roses with good fungicide according to label

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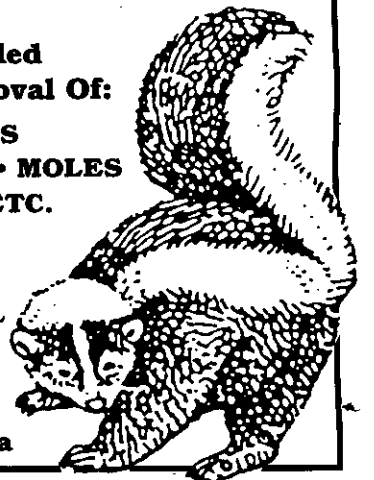
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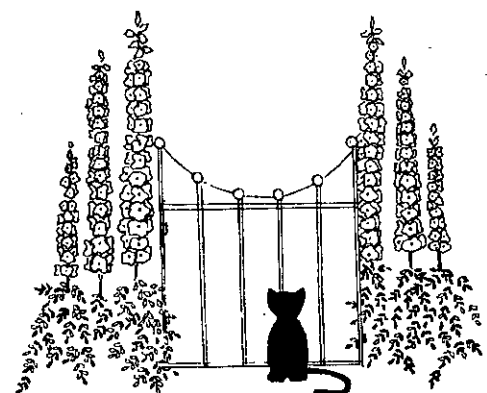
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Houseplants work to remove harmful toxins from indoor air

By Debbie W. Eberle

WITH THE SMELL OF SPRING WAFTING ABOUT, I TEND TO want to spend all my time outdoors.

I love the beauty of the flowers and the serenity my garden provides. The plants in my outdoor garden had always outnumbered those inside my home.

First, the kids were young and some houseplants are poisonous. Then our family grew as we added a puppy to the equation and, quite frankly, as much as I love plants, they just weren't worth all the trouble indoors. Or were they?

Recently, being faced with allergy and asthma concerns, I have made myself knowledgeable of indoor air quality. I read an article in "Country Living Gardener" magazine, entitled "10 Houseplants for Cleaner

Air." Impressed with the information, I subsequently purchased the book to which it referred, "How To Grow Fresh Air," by Dr. B.C. Wolverton.

Until reading his book, I had not realized just how positive an impact particular houseplants could have on the air my family breathes every day in our home.

Wolverton's book states that the EPA currently ranks indoor air pollution as one of the top five threats to public health.

Peter Iwanowicz, director of environmental health at the American Lung Association, confirmed that indoor air pollution can be dangerous.

"On average, 90 percent of our time is spent indoors and about 65 percent of that time is spent in our homes," Iwanowicz said.

He added that this pollution is often trapped indoors because of the fact that we made our houses so airtight in the past

years to conserve energy, not realizing the threat this can pose to our health.

According to Wolverton's research, formaldehyde is the most common toxin in indoor air.

Some common household items that emit formaldehyde include garbage bags, paper towels, facial tissues, fabrics, permanent-press clothing, carpet-backing, floor-covering and adhesives.

It is also released by gas stoves, found in tobacco smoke, and used in building materials such as plywood, particleboard and paneling. You get the picture.

In 1984, NASA published studies demonstrating the ability of plants to remove formaldehyde from sealed test chambers.

Wolverton's book lists which particular plants remove formaldehyde at the best rate per hour.

The Boston fern was at the top of the list, followed by florist's mum, Gerber daisy, dwarf date palm, Janet Craig, bamboo palm, Kimberley queen fern, rubber plant, English ivy, weeping fig and peace lily.

Ken Carnes, Cornell Cooperative Extension educator, agreed with Wolverton's findings.

"Of all the houseplants, the spiderplant is number one for reduction of carbon dioxide as



The Gerber daisy is not only beautiful, but it can also help eliminate harmful toxins from the air.

Debbie W. Eberle

well as replacement of oxygen to the air," Carnes said. "It also removes dust from the air."

Most plants remove toxins by one of two ways. Some plants move the toxins to the microbes in the soil surrounding the plant roots.

From here, the microbes

utilize the chemicals for energy. Other plants change the chemicals to a usable form by their own biological processes.

So, what can you do? Adopt a few houseplants. I've acquired more than a dozen and hope to get even more.

In "How To Grow Fresh Air," Wolverton lists 50 houseplants that will purify the air in your home. My plant additions were chosen from his list.

His book provides a color photograph of each plant, what lighting conditions it prefers, care and feeding instructions as well as a chart on which toxins it removes the best.

Because of all I've learned about houseplants and their value, I'm just as thrilled to tend to them all year long in my home as I am to get outdoors and plant my trowel unto the first signs of spring.

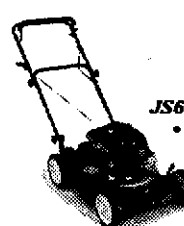
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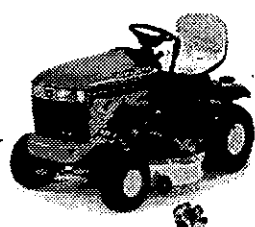
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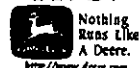
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Steel exterior doors provide safety and value

RECORD NUMBERS OF CONSUMERS ARE INVESTING MONEY in the housing market, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). New home construction reached its highest level in more than a decade in 1998, and the NAHB reports that expenditures for home remodeling projects are expected to exceed \$83 billion in 1999.

With so much emphasis being placed on the home, consumers are always looking for new materials to enhance their new homes and remodeling projects. Because of their many benefits, steel doors are being recognized as a smart choice for both new and existing homes. In fact, according to Premdor, one of North America's largest door manufacturers, approximately 70 percent of exterior residential doors are steel.

"Steel doors are great for

exterior use because they resist many of the problems that can occur with wood doors, like shrinking, sagging, warping and rotting. These problems are especially found in high moisture regions," said Mark Stephenson, executive director of the The Steel Alliance.

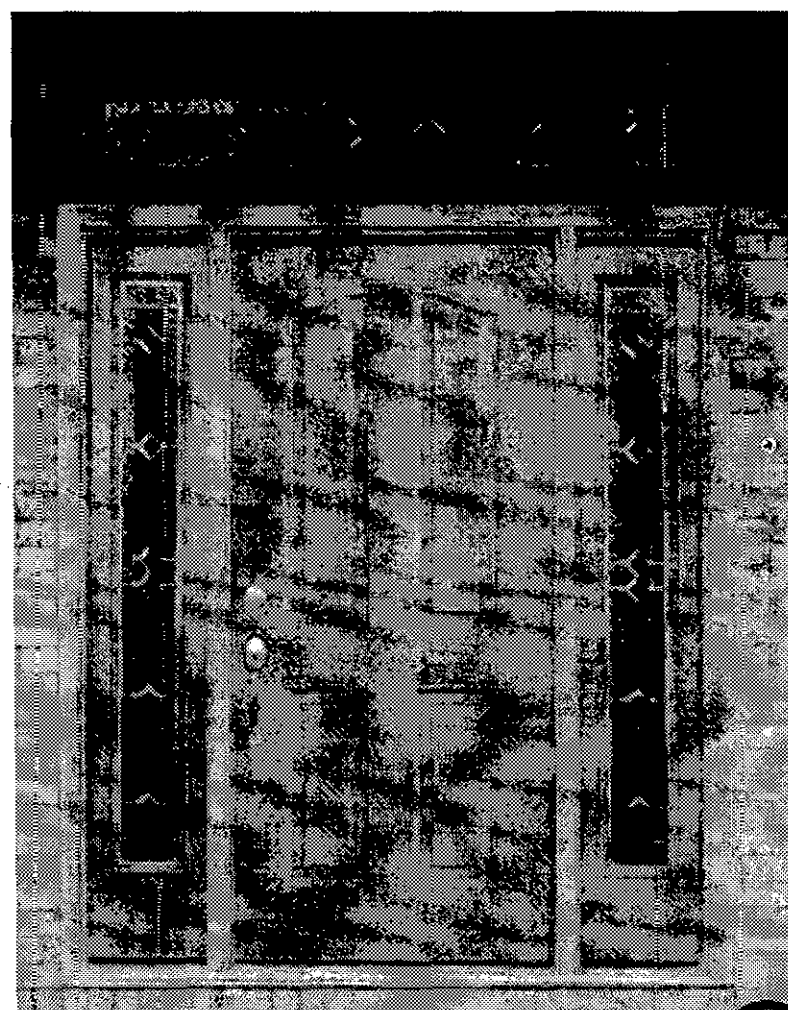
Insulated steel doors are also provide up to four times more energy efficient than wood doors. This is because the material's properties, combined with high-tech insulation systems, allow for minimal air infiltration and energy loss between the door's interior and exterior surfaces.

Insulated steel doors also have a proven track record for long-term wear. Many steel door manufacturers make available a polyurethane insulation that chemically bonds to the door's steel skin. This greatly enhances the door's rigidity and dependabil-

ity. Additionally, they are virtually maintenance free and enjoy the same aesthetic qualities as wood doors. In fact, many steel doors are available with wood grain texturing that gives them a natural, wood-like appearance.

Aside from being dependable, energy-efficient and attractive, steel doors are a top choice for consumers when it comes to safety and security. A steel door can provide up to 10 times more protection than a wood door against home intruders. This is important when you consider that two-thirds of all illegal entries are made through doors. Also, because steel is fireproof, steel doors can protect against the spread of fire.

Insulated steel doors are available through homebuilders or home and door retailers. For more information on steel doors and the benefits of steel products for consumers, visit The Steel Alliance Web site at www.thenewsteel.org.

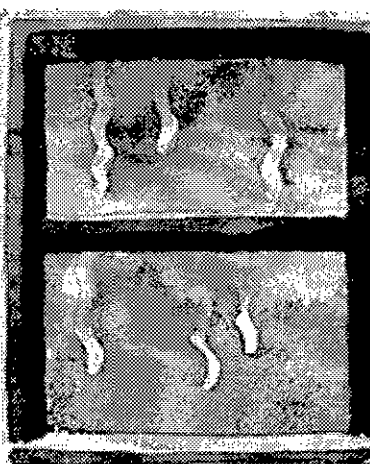


Steel doors are fireproof and good-looking.

Don't let foggy window syndrome damage your home

DOES A FILM OF CONDENSATION, OR WORSE, FROST, COAT THE inside of windows in your home on cold winter days? "Foggy window" syndrome is a warning that humidity levels inside are too high – a problem that can damage or even ruin wooden window frames and sills.

Foggy or frosty windows are common in homes with a central humidifier. The humidifier itself is an excellent idea. Without one, whenever your home's central heating system is running, the air inside can be baked to levels drier than the air in the Sahara Desert. Improving indoor humidity can help with problems such as dry skin, cracked nasal membranes and irritating static shocks. A central humidifier also can help protect your investment in your home and furnishings as finishes and woodwork begin to crack and shrink as they dry out. In fact, whole-house humidifiers are



Foggy windows can damage or even ruin wooden window frames.

recommended by the National Wood Flooring Association, and by manufacturers of wooden musical instruments such as pianos and guitars.

If you have inside window condensation, it's probably caused by your humidistat. This control tells your humidifier how much humidity to deliver, just as your thermostat tells your heating system what temperature to provide.

Until recently, humidistats were "dumb" devices, maintaining one relative humidity level regardless of the temperature outside or the "dewpoint" inside.

Homes do have an indoor dewpoint – it's the point at which moisture begins to condense from the air.

When the air comes in contact with something colder than its dewpoint (like a glass of

ice water, for example), you'll see moisture.

The same thing happens when the inside windowpane temperature becomes colder than the inside dewpoint. The excess humidity condenses or even freezes on the window.

A new product, Honeywell's Automatic Humidity Control, is the first device that delivers dewpoint control in a single,

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Gardening tips to cultivate

YOUR GARDEN WILL BE LOVELIER TO LOOK AT WHEN YOUR GARDEN PLANTS GET MORE AIR.

Simply put, garden plants look and feel better from the increased oxygen and moisture that they can absorb after the soil around them is cultivated.

"Soil that has been broken up not only takes in more air, it also takes in moisture that might otherwise run off; so it's important to

loosen the soil on a regular basis," says Web Thompson, a garden expert with the company that markets the Garden Claw tool. "Proper aeration and watering promotes deeper rooting and healthier plants and grass."

Thompson also feels that another benefit of cultivating with a tool like the Garden Claw is that you uproot young weeds before they get a strangle-hold on vital root systems in your garden.

"Cultivating with the Garden Claw tool, or tilling with a Garden Weasel product, also stimulates the microbes in the soil, creating a natural enzymatic action to help keep the dirt itself healthier," Thompson added.

When asked about the use of spring-time advertising to promote his company's garden tools, Thompson said, "Some people laugh a little when they see our TV commercials for Garden Claw or Garden Weasel, but let me assure you that despite some novelty in the names of the tools, the tools themselves are made to some of the highest manufacturing standards in the world, and the ads act as a notice to gardeners, who have been pent up all winter, that it's time to go out and enjoy their favorite hobby once again."

The Garden Claw requires only a simple half turn to loosen and aerate all kinds of soil, uproot weeds, or blend in fertilizers and peat moss.

The device can also serve as a compost mixer or hole digger.



A blooming good idea is to break up the soil in your garden so it can take in more air and moisture.

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You can contact the American Wood Preservers Institute at www.awpi.org.

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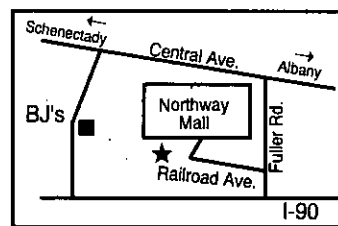
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