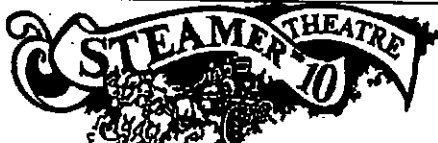


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## BC school board race looks like real contest

By MAUREEN FREEMAN

Candidacy petitions submitted by last Friday's deadline for spots on two local boards indicate hotly contested elections this year.

Five candidates, including two incumbents, will vie for three seats on the Bethlehem school board in next month's election.

The terms of current school board members, Happy Scherer, James Schwab and Pamela Williams, are due to expire at the end of June. Both Scherer and Schwab are seeking re-election. Terms are for three years.

Four other people picked up petitions at school district office in recent weeks but did not submit them by Friday.

A lottery drawing was to be held yesterday morning to determine how the five candidates' names will appear on the ballot.

The candidates are: Scherer (incumbent) of Douglas Road, Delmar; Schwab (incumbent) of West Bayberry Road, Glenmont; Robin Storey, of Parkwyn Drive, Delmar; Warren Stoker of Hunter Road, Delmar; and Robert Wing of Westchester Drive South, Delmar.

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## Munnelly files lawsuit to stay fall election

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Insisting on his right to a full four-year term in office, Bethlehem town justice Kenneth Munnelly filed suit last week in state Supreme Court to halt an election to fill his office this fall.

Munnelly obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi on April 14 challenging town clerk Kathleen Newkirk's certification in January to the Albany County Board of Elections that Munnelly's judicial seat would be up for re-election this year. Teresi ordered Newkirk, state Attorney



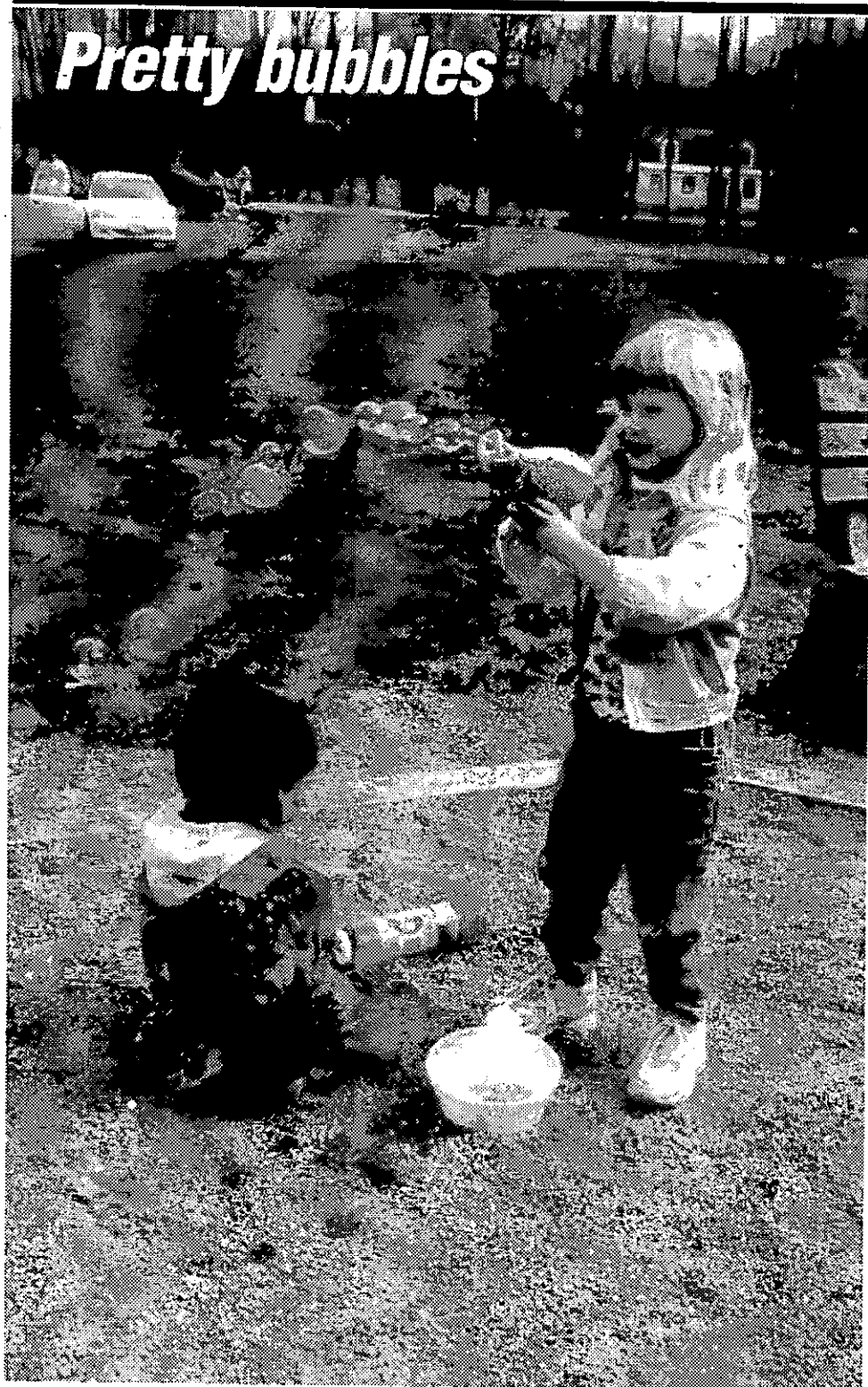
Munnelly

General Eliot Spitzer, and county election commissioners Michael Moneschalchi and George Scaringe to show cause why that certification should not be voided, "declaring that the term of office of Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth J. Munnelly is four years."

The order was served upon the respondents on Friday, April 16. The court further ordered that their responses to it, if any, be filed with the court by Wednesday, April 21. That gives Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, who will represent Newkirk in the action, and the other respondents only three days to prepare such a response.

Kaplowitz said on Monday that town officials weren't surprised by the Article 78 filing, and that a response is in the works. "I think we'll win the case, but I've been around too long to predict

□ MUNNELLY/page 38



Dayle Carhart, 3, has a grand time blowing bubbles at North Bethlehem Town Park, while Alex Jacques looks on.

Elaine McLain

## District takes steps to get on 'track'

By MAUREEN FREEMAN

With general consensus on the need for a new running track at Bethlehem Central High School, district officials last week took a step toward initiating a new plan to address the issue.

For years, discussions among groups involved in studying the matter have led to the conclusion that the track needs upgrading, but disagreements have arisen over funding and urgency of the project.

Two years ago, members of the Cross Country, Track and Field Boosters Club submitted a report to the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association (BCAA) urging that the track be replaced. The current track requires annual repair to touch up crumbling surface

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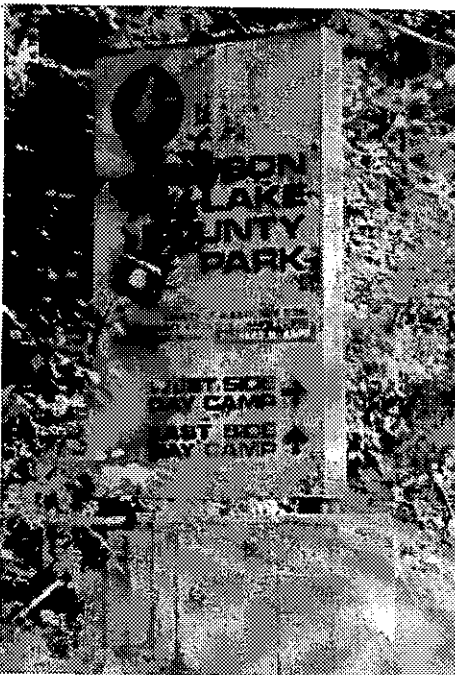
## Lawson Lake headaches resurface

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 13 at Lawson Lake Park, on the New Scotland-Coeymans town line, to herald improvements at the facility, including a new eight-car parking lot and a footpath to a canoe-launch area.

But the ceremony itself, organized by the staff of county Legislature Majority Leader Charles Houghtaling, featured a Democrats-only lineup of Houghtaling, fellow legislator Alexander Gordon and County Executive Mike Breslin — and omitted Republican legislator Peter Clouse, in whose district most of the park lies.

"I wasn't invited," said Clouse later. "More importantly, a number of my constituents, who were really responsible for seeing Lawson Lake opened to the public, even on a limited basis, weren't invited. I felt it was important those folks were able to be



The sign at the entrance to Lawson Lake.

there." A last hour telephone blitz the morning of the event brought out almost two dozen uninvited witnesses, including Clouse and members of the Coeymans Local Affairs Committee, a legislative watchdog group, and of the Alcove Preservation League, a nearby neighborhood organization.

As Breslin and company donned hard hats and wielded shovels for the cameras, the community activists who fought for years to open the park watched from the periphery, uninvited — and fumed.

"Now Breslin's trying to take credit for (Lawson Lake) being open," said Chris Cleary, former president of the Alcove group. "And it's still not open like it should be. It was never open, (the Democrats) didn't want it open, and they did their damndest to see that it never did open ... We put five long years into opening a little park here, and Charlie Houghtaling fought us the whole way. He

□ LAKE/page 48

# Bethlehem police probe vandalism incidents

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem police are investigating a rash of vandalism that occurred in and around the Kenholm Gardens development in Delmar in the pre-dawn hours of Saturday, April 10.

On the first temperate weekend of the spring, more than a dozen incidents of damage to vehicles and property in the residential neighborhood occurred some time between 11 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday, according to reports filed with Bethlehem police.

Residents along Brookview, Oakwood, and Berwick roads, Dumbarton Drive and Maywood Avenue reported mailboxes twisted off posts on their front lawns, smashed lampposts, and damage to parked vehicles including scratches, smashed windows, and broken headlights and tail-lights.

One resident found a 2-by-4 thrown through a shed window on her property; another reported a garden bench stolen, which later turned up along Oakwood Road.

The criminal mischief com-

plaints have been turned over to detectives with the Bethlehem police department, who are treating the incidents as related, according to Sgt. Joseph Sleurs.

No arrests have yet been made in the vandalism cases.

## Court case adjudicated

A Delmar woman charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) in the town of Bethlehem pleaded guilty in Town Court on April 6 to a lesser count of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

Kristy L. Riedhammer, 28, of 15 Gardner Terrace in Delmar, offered the plea following her arrest March 14. She was fined \$300 and assessed an additional \$30 state-mandated surcharge. Riedhammer also had her license suspended for 90 days.

Bethlehem Town Court also mandated her participation in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim impact panel.

# Police report DWI arrests

By Joseph A. Phillips

Four arrests have been made on recent weekends by Bethlehem police involving charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

One arrest followed a vehicle accident on Sunday, April 11. At about 6:30 a.m., Officer Christopher Hughes responded to a report of a vehicle off the road on Krumkill near Schoolhouse Road, where he found one with heavy front-end damage, a shattered front windshield and its airbags deployed. He also found Robert Joseph LaMountain, 21, of Gunderland Center, injured and going door to door in the area seeking assistance.

LaMountain told Hughes that the vehicle had been carjacked from the parking lot of the Ramada Inn on Western Avenue in Albany by an armed assailant, forcing him to drive until the accident, when his alleged assailant fled.

Sgt. Robert Berben was summoned to the scene to assist, as were Albany County paramedics and a Gunderland EMS unit, which transported LaMountain to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Officer Wayne LaChappelle was summoned to conduct a K-9 search for the alleged assailant, but no track was found. Detective Joseph Mastriano was dispatched to the motel to investigate LaMountain's story, and according to the police report, found the owner of the vehicle, an acquaintance of LaMountain, who claimed he did not have permission to drive the vehicle.

LaMountain was treated at Albany Med and blood tests were taken. Following his release he was charged with DWI and possession of a stolen vehicle. Arraigned before Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth Munnely and released on \$3,500 bail, LaMountain was ordered to appear in Town Court on May 4.

Two earlier DWI arrests occurred the same weekend. At about 9:15 p.m. on Friday, April 9, Officer Hughes, operating a radar unit in the vicinity of the Niagara Mohawk plant on River Road in Glenmont, observed a south-bound vehicle allegedly operating at excessive speed and crossing into the northbound lane. He pursued the vehicle, which he reported clocking at nearly 100 mph, and pulled it over near the Glenmont Job Corps.

Sgt. James Kerr was summoned to assist in the administration of field sobriety tests, and Hughes subsequently arrested Daniel Peter Brate, Jr., 50, of West Shady Grove Trailer Park, Selkirk. Brate was ticketed for DWI and for speeding, and ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on May 4.

The following Saturday morning, April 10, at about 2:30 a.m.,

Officer James Rexford, while on patrol on New Scotland Road, observed a westbound vehicle with a headlight out and pulled the vehicle over in the Price Chopper lot.

After administering field sobriety tests, he arrested the driver, Reynold Allan Folger, 23, of 1470 New Scotland Road, and charged him with DWI. He was also ordered to appear in Bethlehem Court on May 4.

One additional DWI arrest occurred in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday, April 18. Officer Brian Hughes reported stopping a vehicle on Route 9W in Glenmont, shortly before 1 a.m., allegedly for crossing shoulder markings.

Hughes summoned officer Rexford to assist with field sobriety tests, and then arrested William Arthur Peat, Jr., 28, of 4351 Buckingham Drive, Schenectady. While inventorying his vehicle before towing, Hughes also reported finding a bag of marijuana on the dashboard. Peat was charged with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana, and ordered to appear in town court on May 18.

## Correction

The school tax rate levy that would accompany the proposed 1999-2000 Bethlehem school budget was incorrectly reported in the April 14 edition of *The Spotlight*.

The increase would be 4.35 percent for Bethlehem homeowners.

For New Scotland residents in the district, the increase would be 3.26 percent.

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# BC scores well on Report Card

By Maureen Freeman

Bethlehem schools for the most part continue the trend of high scores in the state's most recent Report Card.

The Report Card summarizes results of students' performance on standardized tests provided by the state Education Department for the 1997-1998 school year. Data presented in the report compare the Bethlehem Central Schools District to itself over the past three years as well as to similar schools and to public schools in the state.

"We don't see any shockers here," said Assistant Superintendent John McGuire about the district's Report Card. "This shows us we're doing the things we need to be doing."

Standardized tests in the lower and middle school levels, called Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP), test students for reading and math in third- and sixth-grades and for writing in fifth-grade. One hundred percent of Bethlehem students who took the fifth-grade writing test, and third- and sixth-grade math tests, scored above the state minimum level.

On third- and sixth-grade reading tests, 98 and 95 percent of students, respectively, scored above the state minimum. State-wide, 84 percent of third-graders and 83 percent of sixth-graders do the same.

The state's report describes a third-grade minimum reading level as the ability to read short stories with short words and sentences, such as *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*. Sixth-graders capable of reading the equivalent of *Black Beauty* and articles from children's magazines would meet that grade's minimum.

Next year's Report Card, however, will reflect results of a new

battery of tests, including a fourth-grade reading and writing test administered in January this year, which will better reflect the higher standards students are now expected to meet in those subjects.

At the high school level, the state report displays Regents test statistics in two different formats that often give seemingly contradictory conclusions. One table of test results shows the percentage of students passing the exams according to the number of students who took them.

Within that format, the high school shows percentages of students passing Regents exams all to be in the 90s, with the exception of Math Course III (82 percent of students who took the exam passed it) and Foreign Languages (100 percent passing). Other results include Math Course I, rising to 94 percent from the previous year's 90 percent, and Chemistry, which fell to 93 percent from the previous year's 98 percent.

But the state also lists percentages of students who pass Regents exams based on the Average Grade Enrollment (AGE) within a high school. The AGE is determined by dividing the school's total enrollment by the number of grade levels. Bethlehem Central High School's AGE for 1997-1998 was 350.

Using AGE figures, the Report Card shows different passing percentages for the same Regents exams. For example, though all BCHS students who took the Foreign Language Regents exam passed it, the AGE number of students passing the same test is at 58 percent. Similarly, all other Regents exams passed by at least 91 percent of the BC students who took them show, by comparison,

lower AGE percentages ranging from 56 percent (Chemistry) to 86 percent (Math Course I).

Using the AGE "skews the data," especially since the school had more students in ninth- and 10th-grades, said Superintendent Les Loomis. Those students would be less likely to take Regents exams than students in the higher grades, thus decreasing the AGE passing percentage.

In 1997-1998, BCHS had 392 ninth-graders and 316 seniors. When compared to similar schools' average passing rate using the AGE statistics, Bethlehem percentages are higher in Math Course I (BCHS rates 86 percent while similar schools average 64 percent), Biology (BCHS — 77 percent, similar schools — 71 percent) and Global Studies (BCHS — 81 percent, similar schools — 76 percent).

Bethlehem's AGE-based passing percentages are lower than similar schools' averages in English (BCHS — 77 percent, similar schools — 82 percent), foreign language (BCHS — 58 percent, similar schools — 73 percent), Math Course III (BCHS — 61 percent, similar schools — 65 percent), Chemistry (BCHS — 56 percent, similar schools — 59 percent), and U.S. History/Government (BCHS — 73 percent, similar schools — 78 percent).

Similar schools are identified by the state through comparisons of their financial resources as indicated by their districts' ability to pay for programs, and the proportion of children receiving free lunches at the same grade levels.

Using AGE statistics, the state average percentages for passing students range from 33 percent in Chemistry to 62 percent in Math Course I.

## Mendick to run for second term

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem's receiver of taxes, Nancy Mendick, has announced her intention to seek a second four-year term in November.

She will seek the nomination of her Republican Party, and those of the Conservative and Independence parties as well, in her re-election bid. "I plan in June to start walking the streets and getting involved in public as much as possible," Mendick said.

Saying she has "always been a helping type of person," Mendick said her office has helped fulfill a desire for public service. "I've been so blessed in my life, I feel I want to give back to the community, and I mean that," she said.

Ken Hahn, her predecessor for almost a third of a century, under whom she served for nine years before her own election, was a tough act to follow, she said. Especially given the narrow parameters of her job: "All I do, basically, is follow New York State law," she said. But, she sees the manner in which that law is carried out as her biggest accomplishment in office. "I think people have come to see we do the extra steps to serve the public," she said.



Mendick

"My biggest accomplishment is that I brought computerization into the tax office," she said. "This has saved a lot of money on personnel and enhanced the services we offer for taxpayers." Noting the rise in postal costs related to the STAR program in the past two years, she is proud of a budget increase for her office of just 4.9 percent in four years' time. "My office provides more services within our budget at less than inflationary cost," she said. "That's pretty remarkable."

Her office's accounts-receivable have been fully computerized, reducing the wait at the ser-

vice window faced by the average walk-in taxpayer. Mendick pledges that further computerization will be an ongoing priority, and hopes to see bar-coding of water and tax bills to further reduce processing time.

Mendick advocated a recent change in local law permitting the town to accept payments for services like water that inadvertently omit penalty charges; past practice before the change was to return the partial payment and demand a new payment that included penalties. "Now we can accept a base amount and on the next bill, bill for the penalty amount," Mendick said. "People will enjoy that — not getting those stupid penalty letters."

Saturday hours for the tax office have been added during her term, and Mendick said she has also been personally pro-active in spreading the word about the recent STAR tax-abatement program, going door to door with applications and information. "In every 10th house, we were finding out people didn't understand the STAR program," she said.

Though her office fields complaints about school tax rates — over which the town has no direct control, being set by the independent school board — she feels that "overall, people are pleased with the services" her office provides.

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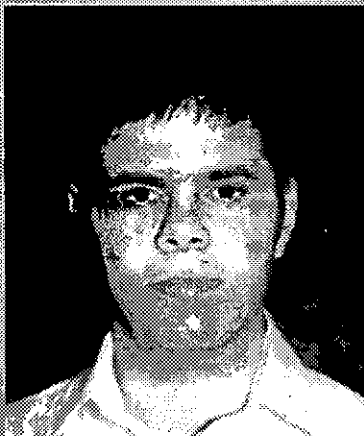
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*Richard Robelotto  
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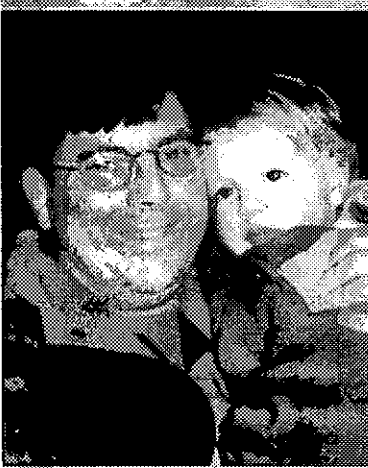
*I'm doing absolutely nothing because I really don't think anything will happen.*

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*I'm not doing much to prepare because I don't think it's going to be a big problem. I repair computers for a living, so I'm familiar with them and the biggest problem will be people panicking about the situation when there's no need to.*

*Michael Scaringe  
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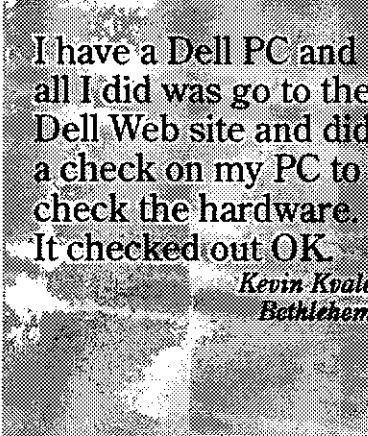
*Just making sure that wherever our funds are it's taken care of — making sure the bank is set.*

*Tim Green (and Logan)  
Delmar*



*I have a Dell PC and all I did was go to the Dell Web site and did a check on my PC to check the hardware. It checked out OK.*

*Kevin Kvale  
Bethlehem*



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# Not so silent spring cleaning reminders

By Katherine McCarthy

Well, it looks like spring is really here. Even in the Capital District, snow flurries at the end of April would be a freak occurrence. Yards are looking neat, as piles of brush and leftover autumn leaves

COMMENTARY:

**Mom's  
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wait curbside for town highway department workers to retrieve them.

Spring raking is so satisfying: unlike its autumnal counterpart, one good pass of the rake and you can move on to the next project, since the trees are busy sprouting and holding on to baby leaves, not littering them across home-owners' lawns.

Crocuses have come and gone, and daffodils are stretching their heavy heads to rays of sunshine, warming to the season but still beaming weak winter light. Tulips lucky enough to avoid the ravenous squirrels' appetites are opening to the season, and shrubs offer fistfuls of small green clusters to warm spring breezes.

It seems counterintuitive to turn indoors, but houses cry out to be rid of winter's clutter before storm windows can come down and screens go up to let in the sounds of cardinals chirping for mates and children riding bicycles.

It is too daunting, the inside of



Illustration by Chris McCarthy

my house after another Northeast winter. I try to channel the spirits of Martha Stewart and Heloise as I resist the temptation to return overdue library books instead of washing the curtains. If only my house could be really, really clean, I think, the rest of my life would be uncomplicated and magical. I would be automatically and forever thin, and desire only apples, never Oreo cookies, as

snacks. The children would never quarrel, always do their homework enthusiastically, and go to bed without being told. The Lotto ticket Chris bought last week would be the only winning ticket to a \$20 million jackpot.

Then we'd have servants, I tell myself, and begin looking for the article I saved from last year that described a simple and system-

atic spring cleanup routine. It's there on top of the microwave — under the spelling words, the math worksheet, the emergency phone list from school, the Pay-Per-View schedule, the metal piece of something I can't identify but looks important.

Never mind. I'm a smart girl, and the dust bunnies are just hopping all over this house.

A list. A list shows organizational skills, and will keep me on task and motivated. Creating a list, then crossing off items is as rewarding as spring raking; it's there, it's gone; I have a slight ache in my lower back and a good sense of accomplishment.

A list, though, is easier to make with a few Oreo cookies (never with an apple). And what good are Oreo cookies without a big glass of milk? Before I can sit at the kitchen table with pen, paper, cookies, and milk, I have to move this morning's paper. Oh, there's the business section I always mean to read; and look, a lovely goldfinch at the deck feeder, his bright yellow summer feathers replacing the darker winter ones, producing a funny mottled effect.

Ahem. The list. Clean kitchen. Clean dining room. Clean living room. Clean bedrooms. Clean playroom. Clean bathrooms. Does the list need to be more specific?

Kitchen. Clean top of fridge — yuck. Use Murphy's Oil Soap on cupboards. Sort through piles of paper on top of the microwave and stuck in the corner of the shelf. Wash front of fridge; removing magnets, art projects and report cards first. Clean glass doors to deck. Sweep floor. Mop

floor. Clean vertical blind that belongs in the dust bunny hall of fame. Vacuum walls? Hey, let's not go nuts here.

Dining room. Clear tops of table, hutch, china closet. Water plants on windowsills. Wash curtains. Wash windows. Wash woodwork. Dust tops of pictures. Stop for more Oreos, figuring the calories being burned give them the same nutritional value as apples.

Living Room. I'm totally into this list now. It looks great — like the perfect outline form I learned in eighth-grade. Roman numeral I. Small letter a). Smaller Roman numerals I, ii, iii. This truly is a thing of beauty, done in my best 1960s Palmer method handwriting. Or was it Baltimore Catechism handwriting? In my Catholic school, the two seemed almost to carry equal weight.

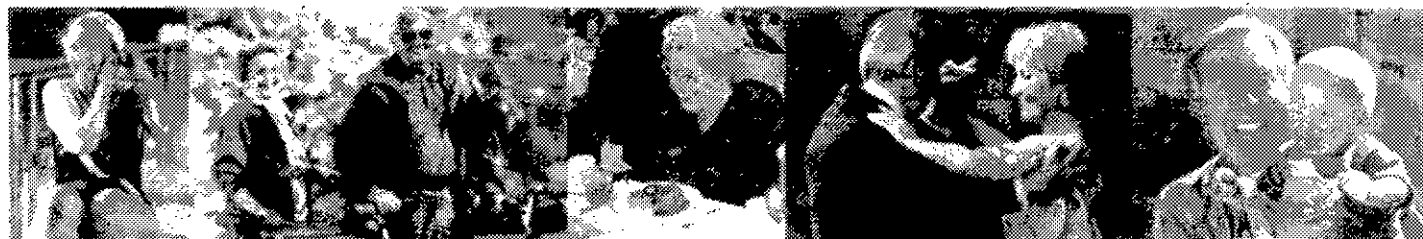
Soon the whole house is marked out in a list Heloise would envy. Maybe I should put each room on a separate index card in a special file box marked "Spring Cleaning." Each card could include the type of cleaning products I used and what type of cleaning rag, and I'd have a tip I could actually mail in to the Queen of Organization and Cleanliness.

Oh my God, I think, I've been possessed. I'm hyperventilating with the success of my organizational skills. Or just in sugar shock after eating all those Oreos. But I look at my list, and decide to start with the top of the microwave.

I have finally thrown out the unidentified metal piece when the dog begs for a walk. Well, it's an awfully nice day, and I've spent so much time making this list that the children will be home from school soon. Tomorrow, I tell the dog as we get ready for our walk, tomorrow we will really clean this place. The list is made — no excuses. We'll go at it clear-eyed and energized.

But for now, that cardinal's call sounds wonderfully sweet and maybe when the kids get home, they'd like to go for a bike ride and maybe that metal piece really is something important and should not be thrown away.

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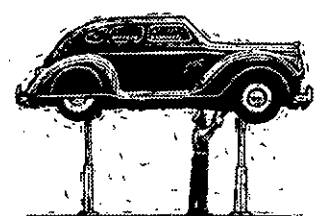
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# Fifth-graders to explore foreign language options

By Katherine McCarthy

Fifth-graders at Bethlehem elementary schools will visit the middle school to begin orientation this month.

In addition to adjusting to a bigger building, more students, and having different teachers for various subjects, students must also choose a foreign language to study.

The sixth-grade foreign language teachers look forward to meeting the new students and are clearly excited about spreading the word about foreign languages.

"One of the big questions that parents ask about foreign language selection is which language their children should take," said Lisa Hancock, one of four sixth-grade language teachers. "We answer that it's simply important that children take any language."

Hancock teaches Spanish, and French and Russian are also offered at the middle school. Bethlehem is one of only a few Capital District schools to teach sixth-graders a foreign language on a daily basis, said Hancock.

She dismissed some of the concerns and misconceptions parents and students have when choosing which language to study. "We have a small Russian language program, and some parents worry that it will end," she said. "It won't. Some people think that Spanish is the easiest language; it's not any easier than French."

Hancock believes in the usefulness of learning foreign languages, something she has seen firsthand.

During the Reagan administration, Hancock was personal assistant to John S. Herrington, then secretary of energy. "I used my Spanish a lot in that job," she said. "I was one of the first people to meet Mexican oil executives when they visited us, because I could speak their language. I tell the kids about that, and it helps them see the need for a foreign language."

Bethlehem students don't have to wait until they are out of school to use their language skills, she said. With Canada so close by, and sports teams frequently travelling there, French students of-



Twins Holly Storm and Adam Storm with their piñata of Garfield, which won first prize in a contest at Bethlehem middle school. Debbie Eberle

ten get a chance to practice their language skills. Those vacationing in Mexico might get a chance to try out the language also.

Kathy Campion, who teaches French and Spanish, said that learning a second language makes foreign countries more accessible to students. "When you go to a country and speak the language, it gives you an insider's view," she said. "You can joke with people, and ask directions. You get more than you find in a tour book, and are able to be a part of the people you visit."

Pat Dumont, who teaches Russian, emphasized the need for foreign language skills in today's world. "Those who can adapt will be much more marketable," said Dumont. "More and more companies are asking people to have a second language, and this trend will continue."

Dumont's native language is Russian. "I was raised by my grandparents, who spoke several languages," she said. "Speaking another language has been a great enrichment of my and my children's lives, as we've been able to interact with people of different cultures."

The Russian program at the middle school is successful, said Dumont. "We have two classes of Russian, and the program is growing. Some students worry about learning Russian, particularly

since it uses a different alphabet. We have a summer camp during the first two weeks in July to introduce students to the alphabet and the culture."

All of the language teachers try to immerse their students in the language they teach, and strive to

use a hands-on approach.

"We use a total language approach," Hancock said. "From telling them to open a book to learning something new, we try to work in the language."

The teachers also work to get students involved in cultural activities. "Last year we did a school supply drive with a new school in Costa Rica," said Hancock. "We also have e-mail pen pals."

"A lot of the things we do supplement the material," said sixth-grade Spanish teacher Sarah O'Connell. "One of my missions is to get the kids excited so they'll continue learning the language."

To that end, the media center at the middle school is currently decorated with piñatas, an extra credit project worked on by 80 students. The piñatas will soon be on display at Bethlehem Public Library. French students have made Mardi Gras masks, and Russian students made matryoshka dolls, the ever-shrinking dolls that nest one inside the other.

"We also do units on Spain and Mexico," said O'Connell. She uses her theater background to help student write and perform a play by the end of the school year. "It's great to see how far they've come in a year," she said. "It leaves the students with a positive feeling."

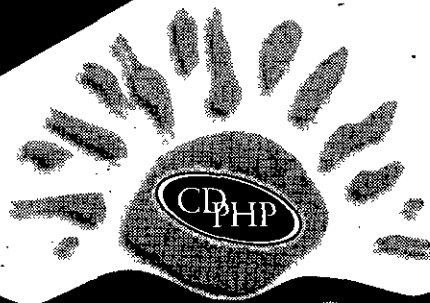
Sixth-grader Timothy Brosnan's house was one of several decorated by piñata makings during the last few months. "I like the class," he said. "We learned a lot of words, and we do a lot of arts and crafts things. We're learning more about the countries and cultures."

## Businesswomen plan tag sale at church

Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its third annual tag sale on Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church on the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive in Delmar.

The sale will benefit the group's scholarship fund. A light lunch will be available.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Lawson Lake woes

Lawson Lake's already murky public access debate is still apparently unresolved. Local politicians continue to bicker over what's been promised and what's been delivered and who deserves credit for "opening" the lake to the public.

The fact is the lake should be open to the public, and it shouldn't have taken this long to make the lake and the trails accessible. Making Lawson Lake a political football only makes matters worse. Finger pointing is a fruitless exercise.

We urge all parties to fully cooperate to make Lawson Lake a real recreation destination for everyone.

## Keeping on track

The track at Bethlehem Central High School is truly a beaten path that needs to be replaced. The difficulty is finding a way to replace it without unduly burdening school taxpayers.

Although some recent letter writers have argued that it's an expense that would benefit, and therefore be accepted by most voters, it's still an expense of magnitude for the district.

We understand the frustration of the students and athletic boosters, but we think the superintendent and the board are taking the right approach, given the likely expenditure for a new track. Now it's the board's job to find funding that won't send the budget soaring.

## Calling all kids

This month *The Spotlight* introduced a new feature called Kids Column. Our intent is to better serve all our readers including the younger set from elementary school through high school.

We know students read the paper since they often respond to issues that affect them in letters to the editor.

We want to give kids even more of an opportunity to express their views in a public forum. This week, on pages 10 and 11, several Hamagrael fifth-graders in the DARE program explain what the program has meant to them. And another kid, Christopher McCarthy, a third-grader at Elsmere Elementary School, takes a flight of fancy in his 'strange, but true' story.

We invite school-age kids from the Bethlehem, New Scotland and RCS communities to let us know what's on their minds. Teachers can also help us discover budding writers by submitting student work for consideration.

Write to: Sue Graves, executive editor, *The Spotlight*, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Or you can fax us at 439-0609 or e-mail us at [spotnews@albany.net](mailto:spotnews@albany.net). Please include a phone number with all submissions.

We're looking forward to hearing from you. We'd like to know what's on your mind.

## Hollyhock Hollow is natural treasure

By Cindy Bradley

*The author is manager of Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary on Rarick Road in Selkirk.*

I gaze out of my office window, amazed by the resilience of the willow tree across the road. The day after the tornados last summer, the sanctuary lawn, gardens and Rarick Road were littered with hundreds of branches from the beautiful willow trees that welcome visitors to Hollyhock Hollow.

I felt sick at the devastation, wondering if the trees would survive the sudden and massive pruning. But this spring, the remaining willow branches have burst forth with a profusion of new buds, seemingly oblivious to last year's injury. I am reminded that nature is immeasurably adaptable, and astounding in its slow but steady propagation of life.

This past weekend I was hiking with some volunteers on the Audubon Trail, which is our longest trail at Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary. I was craning my neck to keep my eye on a hairy woodpecker flitting in between the Scotch pines, hemlocks, white pine and other trees that were planted more than four decades ago by former owners Robert and Leona Reinow. It is almost inconceivable to me that there was no forest on this 138-acre tract when they purchased Hollyhock Hollow Farm in the 1940s.

In one of his books, Dr. Reinow noted, "the topsoil was gone, the limestone quarries chiseled out, its trees leveled, and its historic creek all but dried up." In spite of the barren quality of the property, he continued, "we possessed great faith in nature and nature's powers of recovery." This amazing couple turned a vision into reality, planting more than 3,000 trees at Hollyhock Hollow — assisting mother nature in the monumental task of forest regeneration.

Fifty years later, I am awestruck by these towering trees which almost close over the forest canopy. Were Robert and Leona able to envision what the forest would look like in 50 years? Did they realize what the full impact of their actions would be? Perhaps they wondered in the early years whether their restoration work would be preserved in the future,



Cindy Bradley checks out a bluebird house on the sanctuary grounds.

Debbie Eberle

or whether their decades of energy and time would be spent in vain.

Robert and Leona Reinow are no longer alive, but their dream for this property lives on. Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary is a safe haven for plants, animals and the human beings who are fortunate enough to spend time here.

I obviously love this place, and sometimes I wonder how many other people's lives will be positively impacted by hiking in the woods, sitting by the creek or picnicking by the pond with their kids. There are so many opportunities for relaxation and discovery, and so many opportunities for learning here.

Last fall, I brought a friend and his small daughter to the sanctuary in early evening. As the sun began to fade, she clung to me and exclaimed "Ooh, that's a scary tree, like the kind you see at Halloween." She was referring to an immense dead tree that graces our lawn, which we leave for the woodpeckers and nuthatches and all the insects they feed upon.

So I proceeded to share with her the amazing unseen job of that tree — to be a food source, a nesting site and home for innumerable creatures. She was pretty impressed. Something that had been unknown and feared, became familiar and special.

I truly believe that encouraging that kind of wonder and respect in our children will be our future salvation. Sparking this kind of interest is not difficult here, with lawns, gardens, meadows, woods, a pond and a creek that make this property an outdoor classroom beyond compare.

As I think of individuals and families coming to the sanctuary this spring, I am also thinking about the immense amount of work that must be done to get Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary ready for the warm weather. We must clear and widen trails, blaze trails, install steps, put up nestboxes, clean out gardens, plant, clean, paint, pick up garbage, and the list goes on and on.

Truthfully, working outdoors at the sanctuary is a pleasure rather than a chore, but the work cannot be done by my two hands

alone. That is why we're asking local people to share their enthusiasm, time and helping hands on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for our Spring Cleanup.

This cleanup is special for a couple of reasons. First, our cleanup is taking place two days after the official Earth Day, which makes participation in the cleanup a celebration of sorts and a demonstration of personal commitment to environmental stewardship.

Our Earthday Spring Cleanup 1999 is also part of a week-long nationwide initiative called the Big Help which is aimed at getting kids involved in community service at local parks. We're pleased that young people from Albany's Boys and Girls clubs, 4-H and Boy Scouts are going to help us out that day.

The Boy Scouts have undertaken numerous projects at the sanctuary, and we would like to give special thanks to Troops 71, 2, 83 and 99.

I hope that adults will come out for our cleanup on Saturday, April 24, to match the commitment and dedication of our area's young people. If you can't make it, you can still support this event through donations of money, seeds, plants, tools, lumber, or food for our volunteers. Call me at 767-9051, ext. 20 for information or to sign up.

I also want to thank some local businesses that are helping to make this event possible. They are: Ace-Phillips Hardware, Kolber's Deerfield Farm in Bethlehem, Verstandig's Florist in Delmar, Eddie's Aquarium in Latham, Bob Zautner at Tollgate Ice Cream, Gurnsey's Nursery in Schoharie, Alteri's Restaurant, Mangia, Brueggers Bagel Bakery, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, Honest Weight Natural Foods Co-op, Horticulture Unlimited in Selkirk and Linda from Secret Gardens landscaping.

If your business would like to help sponsor this event, it's not too late. We still need materials and supplies to make our Earthday Spring Cleanup a success. We maintain Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary for the local community, but it exists because of the care and interest of that same community.

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# Your Opinion Matters

There really is something at Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary for everyone. Preschool classes come to the sanctuary to get outside, hospital groups have visited for some respite from the daily routine, cavers are exploring the fascinating caves and tunnels throughout the sanctuary, and art classes have reclined on the lawn to create landscape drawings.

You, your family, friends, church groups, etc. are welcome to spend time here any day of the year from dawn until dusk, and I hope you will. At the very least, add yourself to our Friends of Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary mailing list so you can find out about ongoing news and events. Enjoy the beautiful season that is approaching, and I hope to see you soon.

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## Help celebrate 100th

Editor, The Spotlight:

My father, Anthony Chirico, will be 100 years old on May 8. I am writing to ask town residents to send him a birthday card. Since he has long outlived his generation of friends, we hope to share ours with him.

Many in our community have heard of our wonderful family trips that began when my dad was 85 years old. That year we accompanied dad to Italy, his first return to his birthplace since coming to America in 1912. On that trip, he only impressed others when he climbed the 336 steps of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. My family wasn't impressed—we've always known he is a remarkable person.

Since that return to our roots, we developed an annual family tradition, enjoying more than a dozen additional tours of our own great country from one end to the

other. It was just over a year ago that we exchanged our exciting trips to quieter visits with dad, still in his own home in Florida.

Now in just a few weeks, we hope to celebrate his 100th birthday with a party tent in his front yard, as dad dances his favorite polka. We're also hoping for at least 100 cards from our community, all over the country, all over the world—all in our boundless family of man. These expressions of best wishes should be directly sent to Anthony Chirico, 1228 Waverly Drive, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32118.

We're looking forward to this special day and will enjoy it that much more with the camaraderie and community that is indicative of our own little town of Bethlehem.

Lorraine Smith  
Delmar

## Fire companies deserve thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Sunday, April 11, a barn caught fire at 121 Cherry Ave. Due to extremely dry conditions and wind, the fire quickly spread to adjacent properties.

Several trees caught fire in the large tract of woods bordering the fires. Delmar Fire Department and Slingerlands Fire Department quickly responded and efficiently brought the fires under control and averted what could have been a small forest fire and considerable property damage.

As one of the property owners,

I want to publicly thank the men and women of both fire departments for their time and effort and for responding at a moment's notice to help out their neighbors. They certainly make the town of Bethlehem a better place to live.

Daniel J. Ryan  
Delmar

## Historical association seeks business support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Have you considered how important town pride is in people's decisions to purchase products or services locally? Customers shop locally because they believe the place they live has a tradition that needs to be preserved for those who follow.

Since 1964, the Bethlehem Historical Association has been in a partnership with local government and citizens who see the benefits of preserving Bethlehem's past and cultivating pride in our town.

The association considers Bethlehem businesses both benefactors and beneficiaries of its efforts. In the past, selected businesses have supported specific association activities.

This year, we are seeking support from the entire Bethlehem business community that benefits from our activities.

Currently, the association provides a variety of community services including: operating historic Bethlehem buildings that house the town's only museum, conducting educational tours for school children, holding public monthly

lectures that highlight Bethlehem of yesteryear and providing a source for genealogical and other research regarding the town's past.

There is much more we could do. We are limited only by our resources. We ask for your support, not as a charity, but as a community organization whose activities benefit you and the town in which you conduct your business.

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# Matters of Opinion

## No TV week was well-supported

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the week of April 11-16, many families in Bethlehem participated in the district's Break Free From TV Week. Families were encouraged to take a healthy break from TV viewing and to pursue more rewarding activities.

Children and families were provided with information to help them make decisions regarding their TV viewing habits. The elementary schools, public library and community organizations planned and coordinated a variety of activities that encouraged community involvement and promoted alternatives.

This is truly a community event

that is made possible because of the support of many individuals and groups. On behalf of the Break Free From TV Committee and the Bethlehem Community Partnership, I'd like to thank Bethlehem Central School District, the PTAs, Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and *The Spotlight* for their contributions.

Special thanks to a members of a panel discussion for their time and insights into the uses and abuses of TV: Abbe Kovacik, Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council; Jennifer Kupinse, WMHT educational services manager; Mark McGuire, *Times Union*

radio and television columnist; and Sandy Damhof, Delmar Reformed Church pastor who moderated the discussion.

In addition, many local merchants supported this event through generous donations of merchandise for prizes for participating elementary school children. Special thanks to: Athletic Attic, Del Lanes, Friendly's, Hodge-Podge Books, Java Jazz, Mangia, McDonald's, Mercato's, Mr. Subb, Pizza Baron, Pizza Hut, Scholastic Bookfair, Stewart's, Subway and Toll Gate.

I'd like to add that I have worked on this event for the past four years, the first two at Hamagrael and then at the district level. Thanks to the support of many talented and dedicated individuals in the community, it has always been a rewarding experience and a worthwhile effort that continues to reaffirm that our community is special in many ways.

Debbie Kopp

Break Free From TV Week coordinator

## Journalist remembered for community coverage

Editor, The Spotlight:

The residents of Orchard Park in the town of New Scotland were saddened to read about the passing of former *Times Union* reporter Barbara Hayden.

When residents in our neighborhood were unable to get regulatory agencies or local politicians to focus on the problem of contaminated drinking water in Orchard Park, Barbara Hayden came, understood and reported on what she found. Her efforts helped to bring about a safe pub-

lic water system in New Scotland now known as the Northeast Water District.

Barbara will be missed not only by us, but by every community who relies on responsible journalism to expose the problems that we alone are ill-equipped to remedy.

Joseph M. Cotazino Jr.

Orchard Park Neighborhood Association president

## Dash coordinators say thanks for help with race

Editor, The Spotlight:

This year marks No. 11 of the town of Bethlehem's support for the annual Delmar Dash.

On Sunday, April 11, a record field of 494 finishers were again very vocal in expressing their appreciation of the town's cooperation.

We want to acknowledge the special work of the Bethlehem Police Department, Delmar Res-

cue Squad, Bethlehem Central School District for use of Elsmere School, Boston Market, 80 volunteers and race sponsors, Albark and Bruegger's.

Thanks again to everyone who accommodates us and encourages the runners.

Hank Steadman,

Pam Robbins and Joe Richardson

Delmar Dash co-directors

## Scrapbook event scheduled

The Quilter's Studio will host an all-day scrapbook event in honor of National Scrapbook Day on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scrapbookers are invited to bring their own albums to work on during the seven-hour event which includes scrapbook design

classes, hourly prize drawings, a goody bag, lunch and snacks. The program will be held at the Quilter's Studio, 1967 Delaware Ave., (6 miles south of Delmar) and costs \$18 per person.

To register or for information call Donna Bell at 768-8217.

## BCMS planning book fair

Bethlehem Central Middle School will host a Book Fair April 27 and 28 and an Authors' Fair Wednesday, April 28.

Parents and students are welcome to purchase books from Scholastic and I Love Books on Tuesday, April 27, from 8:20 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Wednesday, April 28, from 8:20 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the library media center will be open for the annual Authors' Fair.

Illustrated texts, data disks, brochures, research papers and bookmarks will be on display.

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# Delmar man to receive Covenant service award

By Katherine McCarthy

On Sunday, April 25, Delmar resident Benjamin Mendel Jr. will receive the B'nai Brith Covenant Award for his extensive service to the Jewish community, and the larger community.

Looking at a list of his volunteer activities, it's easy to see why Mendel is the recipient of the 55th annual award. Most people might wonder how he finds the time, or why he has been involved with so very many activities. To Mendel, the answer is simple.

"Both my wife and I are believers in the many blessings we've received in our lives," Mendel said. "When we realize how wonderful these blessings are, giving something back goes without effort."

Mendel said, "In the Torah, God commands us to do good deeds. These aren't a charity, but an obligation. Doing good deeds is very important for a complete life, and it's something I'll continue to do."

Tikkun Olam, Mendel explained, are the Hebrew words for "making the world better," clearly a teaching he subscribes to, and part of the reason he is involved not just with Jewish charities, but those that benefit many different people.

"We are a community that's comprised of all kinds of people," Mendel said, "and they all have needs, and all can benefit. It's important that we help."

Mendel's commitment to his community made him a clear choice to receive the Covenant Award. "We chose Benjamin Mendel because of his involvement in the community," said Daniel Sanders, chairman of the awards breakfast. "His resume speaks for itself. He's involved in the Jewish community, and the community in general. He's a good guy, and he's been great for the whole community."

Mendel's list of service is extensive, and far-reaching, but always draws accolades. "Ben Mendel is one of my favorite people, and highly deserving of this award," said Rabbi Scott Shpeen of Temple Beth Emeth, where Mendel was vice president of the congregation from 1993-94, and president from 1995-97. Shpeen will present the award to Mendel on Sunday.

"He truly is a prince of a man, and one of the kindest, sweetest



Benjamin Mendel

people I've ever met. He's committed to his family, his community and the Jewish community," Shpeen said.

"Ben's leadership is by example. He's not one to just sit on a board; he doesn't mind rolling his sleeves up and getting right into the job. He has participated in every aspect of temple life, be it Torah study, working in the soup kitchen, or attending worship service on a regular basis. He's also a leader in Reform Judaism on the regional and national level. He's a wonderfully devoted and affectionate husband, father and grandfather. I have clear images of him and his wife walking through the temple hand in hand, and of Ben bouncing around the golf course with his grandson."

Through his work as an architect, Mendel has become involved with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. He has served on the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue of the diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, and been a board member of the McCloskey Corp., which provides support for Catholic Charities.

ration for him and his wife. He's been a staunch participant in the Jewish and Christian communities."

One of his current projects is the restoration of the state Capitol, and Mendel serves as head of the Commission of the Restoration of the Capitol.

"The Capitol is a fabulous building, and one of the most outstanding landmarks in the country," Mendel said. "It's been divided and subdivided over the years, and there's a master plan toward its restoration. The commission is a guide to support affecting that master plan."

Mendel's firm, Mallin Mendel & Associates in Albany, has done a great deal of restoration work, including the Senate Chambers at the Capitol, and the once-named War Room, now the governor's reception area. "The Assembly has made strides toward restoration," Mendel said, "and the western staircase is in the process of restoration."

An ninth-grade art teacher at the former Milne School sparked Mendel's interest in architecture, "and that was pretty much it from then on," he said. His earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and attended the University of Southern California for graduate studies. He served in the Navy from 1953-56.

Mendel recently became a member of the Martin Luther King Scholarship/Service Committee, and is vice president of the North-

east Regional Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

He has also served on the boards of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, where he is currently secretary; Jewish Family Services; Historic Cherry Hill; WAMC Public Radio; Northeast New York Speech Center; Albany South End Community Center; Northeastern New York Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield; and on the International Youth Projects Committee of the Albany Rotary Club.

In addition to having served as vice president and president of Congregation Beth Emeth, Mendel has also been a member of its board of trustees.

An Albany native, Mendel and his wife Ruth Facher Mendel have lived in Delmar for the past 35 years. They have two daughters, Lisa Finkle and Naomi Facher Hitchcock. Three of Mendel's five grandchildren, Ben, Evan and Brianna Finkle, live in Delmar.

State Comptroller H. Carl McCall will be the keynote speaker at the 10 a.m. breakfast at Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the door. For information, contact Daniel Sanders at 426-3544.

B'nai Brith is the oldest Jewish service organization in the country, and Mendel is one of 250 members of the Gideon Lodge.

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# Kids Column

## DARE Officer Bruce Oliver hears from his fans

### 5th-grader makes promise to never use drugs

By Ryan Banagan

Saying no is not always a bad thing. Officer Oliver has taught me that.

Our Thursday class discussions, film strips, and guest speakers including Detective Corbett and the students from the High School have helped me understand how harmful drugs can be.

There are many reasons why I promise to be drug free. My most important reason is my family. I wouldn't want them to be embarrassed or disappointed in me. They've always loved me and trusted me. If I were to take drugs, they would cause me to do poorly in and out of school because I would have trouble concentrating.

This would make all of us frustrated. I wouldn't be able to work to my ability. I would be wasting my intelligence and be unable to learn new things. That would make my parents upset, because they expect me to try my best and be a polite and hardworking student. That probably wouldn't happen if I took drugs.

Sports is another important reason for me to say no to drugs. I absolutely love sports. I play travel soccer and travel hockey. Both of these sports demand a lot

of my energy. I have long tough practices and I need to be in good shape. My coach, parents, and teammates are depending on me to play the best that I can. Taking drugs slows down your reflexes and you're not as sharp as you should be. I also play golf and tennis and these sports are also very competitive and require a lot of skill. Drugs interfere with your ability to play anything well.

Why else should I be drug free? Because it's illegal. Taking certain drugs such as marijuana, crack cocaine, and heroin is against the law. Each and every time you take one of these drugs there's a danger of getting caught and being arrested.

My dad is a lawyer and he has told me how strict the drug laws in New York state are. The penalty for illegal drug possession is a long time in jail. Going to jail scares me a lot. I can't imagine being locked up behind bars and not having the freedom to come and go as I please.

I hope someday if I come face to face with one of my peers who offers me a drug, I'll remember always to say no! My love of my family and sports, as well as my fear of serving time in jail should make the job easier.

### Consequences of drug use are severe

By Darroch Putnam

Before fifth grade I never thought I would be asked to use or take drugs in my life. Now I know reality. I have learned how to avoid and to say no to drugs. I owe it all to DARE. I want to live a drug free life and stay healthy. If I lived a life with drugs, I would have a lot more troubles. For one thing my parents would be very disappointed in me. I love my parents a lot and I don't want to disappoint them at all. After, all they gave me life. Why should I take my life away by using drugs?

I've been playing sports since I was a little kid. Sports are very important to me. If I used drugs, I would not be able to play sports. I want to play sports in Middle School, High School, and College.

Not to mention grades, and school. If I took drugs, my grades would get lower and lower. I would become dumber and dumber. If I did get dumber and dumber I would not be able to get into college, and that would be a nightmare.

I do not believe in using drugs. I want to grow up and have a good job, get married, and have kids. I'm going to do that without any drug in my way.

### Student feels prepared to turn down drug offers

By Julie Meyer

Officer Oliver has prepared me for the day when I am going to be asked to use drugs. He has also prepared me for how I can respond.

Before fifth grade, I never was aware of the huge dangers of drugs, and how they can affect your body. Thanks to DARE, I know exactly why I'm going to say, No!

There are many reasons why you shouldn't mess with drugs. All drugs contain deadly and disgusting things in them. Cigarettes and tobacco have a substance in them called nicotine and there are chemicals like cleaning products and nail polish remover. About 1,200 people every day die from using these drugs.

I don't know about you, but I'm scared of dying and I certainly don't plan on wasting my life on using drugs like crack and marijuana. Not only are drugs like crack and marijuana dangerous to your health, they are also illegal.

I don't want to have my family lose their trust in me on a stupid thing like drugs. Not all drugs are bad for you, though. Legal drugs help fight sickness if you use the correct amount.

If you use illegal drugs, then you get headaches and hangovers a lot and you always feel like you

need more so you can get high and if you can't get more, you experience withdrawal illness and many other problems.

There are so many negative things about using drugs like bad health, bad grades and your friendships and family can be ruined. That is why you should always make sure you choose the right friends because if your "friends" invite you to a party with alcohol where even if you are not drinking, you are arrested too. If they are putting peer pressure on you to do something, then they aren't your true friend, and they never were and never will be.

After an experience with drugs there are many side effects such as slow reflexes, inability to think, short attention span, poor memory, increase in violence and dizziness. There is nothing good about those side effects. In fact, all of those things limit your choices in life. These side effects and all of the bad things that come with drugs make you a different person.

So you can see, drugs are just plain dangerous and they are not something to mess around with.

I think I have proved my point that drugs have no positive effect and they ruin lives every day. I think we should say thank you to Officer Oliver for making us aware of the true dangers of drugs.



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# Kids Column

## Athlete says sports career would be ruined by drugs

By Patrick Branigan

"No one is going to offer me a drug. I mean it won't do anything to me like make me die or anything like that."

That's what I thought until now, until I learned DARE, drug abuse resistance education. With the help of Officer Oliver I learned the consequences of taking a drug, learned how they can affect you, and lead you to get bad grades, get arrested or even die. I don't want any of those things to happen to me. I want to stay drug free no matter what it takes. If I need to lose friends or tell my parents, I am always going to stay drug free.

There are many reasons for me to stay drug free, here are three: One thing I love to do is to play sports. I love playing baseball and basketball. I do not want to do drugs because I do not want to get kicked off a team or not be able to run and hustle. I have always had a dream of playing for the Yankees, but if I take drugs, I

doubt I will ever be there.

I have heard stories of kids getting in trouble with their parents and even getting kicked out of the house. I do not want to be one of those kids. I do not want to get in trouble. My parents would be mad if I chose drugs. I am also afraid my brother would keep away from me or even follow me by doing drugs himself. I do not want my family like that. That is another reason why I want to be drug free.

When I think of drugs I think of my health. A cigarette can make your insides nasty. Alcohol makes you drunk. Drugs affect your mind. Those are all pretty serious health problems. Who wants to have a black lung or not be able to talk straight? Drugs can take over your health and body, but I am not going to let it happen to me. Thank you Officer Oliver for all you have done. I am always going to be drug free.

By Chris Fiore

There are a bunch of reasons, to stay drug free. But my biggest reason, is to stay healthy.

If I used crack cocaine, I would confuse my brain. If I used it before I went to bed, the next morning I could wake up dead.

If I used tobacco it would be bad for my brain too.

One of them is the kind you chew.

It's called chewing tobacco and it gives you tooth decay.

I would also get gum disease and tongue cancer so stay out of it's way.

The other tobacco is cigarettes, if I used them I could get lung cancer and a cardiac arrest.

If I smoked two or three I would soon get hooked, and if I didn't stop on the death list is where I would be booked.

If I used marijuana, I would get very slow.

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I wouldn't be able to think and down is where my grades would go.

I would get arrested and probably lose my driver's license.

If I drank alcohol, I would increase in violence. If drunk and drove,

Another reason, to stay drug free. I want to stay alive, with my friends and family.

## True but strange story

By Christopher McCarthy



Once I was on my way home from school carrying a box of light bulbs when I accidentally dropped it. It exploded! Well it blasted me two years into the future. You see, Cormac is actually my older brother but because of this accident everyone thinks I'm older. Then little men keep scurrying under my bed at night, screaming that they were the light bulbs and their heads are like little round balls that glow in the dark and their bodies are like ping pong balls.

Well, they were taken care of when my dog got hungry and — gulp!

What, you don't believe me?

Christopher is a third-grader at Elsmere School.

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The program, sponsored by the PTA, is free and open to the public.

For information, contact the main office at 765-3314, ext. 211.

## Historical group hosts talk on building of Half Moon

Mark Peckham will talk about building a replica of the Halve Maen (Half Moon) on Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Peckham, a historic preservation program analyst with the state Historical Preservation Field Service Bureau, was involved in construction of the 1609 replica and sailed as a crew member on several trips.

Peckham will give a slide talk illustrating the process of building the ship, the design characteristics of the ship and what is involved in sailing aboard her.

The program is free and open to the public.

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## Historical Association to hold Old Photo Day

New Scotland Historical Association will hold an Old Photo Day on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Old Road in New Salem.

The association is looking for vintage photos pertaining to the town of New Scotland's past for a book to be published in the summer of 2000.

The pictures will be photographed while you wait. Copies of the photographs will be kept in the association's archives.

## Elementary youth illustrate Earth Day message

Beginning on Earth Day, April 22, SuperValu on Maple Avenue will temporarily use paper grocery bags decorated by elementary school children with Earth Day slogans, messages and environmental illustrations.

This is the first year Voorheesville has participated in the Earth Day Groceries Project,

a nationwide program.

## Extension to hold annual spring sale

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold its annual spring sale on April 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William F. Rice Extension Center at 24 Martin Road.

Pre-ordered stock can be picked up at this time.

Items for sale include trees, shrubs, wildflower seed mix, mulches and plantings.

## Food Bank offers new service

The Regional Food Bank, area churches and the town of New Scotland have established an Extra Helpings Program.

The nonprofit community food buying club allows individuals to purchase nutritious food at a lower-than-retail cost. The orders must be paid for by the 10th of each month. There is no obligation to purchase every month.

A delivery date will be given when orders are placed. Orders can be picked up at town hall at 2029 New Scotland Road.

Each order will cost \$13.50 and can be paid for with cash or food stamps. Participants receive approximately \$25 to \$30 worth of food.

The program is available to everyone, regardless of age or income. For information, call Mike Malark at 765-4392 or Susan Kidder at 765-4492.

## Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees next regular meeting is on Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

## School board to meet

The school board's annual BOCES meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The board members will vote on the proposed BOCES budget and elect trustees for the BOCES board.

## Methodist youth plan car wash

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a car wash on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

The cost will be \$4 for cars and \$6 for vans and pick-ups.

## Kiwanis selling centennial ornaments

New Scotland Kiwanis Club is selling Voorheesville centennial ornaments at SuperValu on Maple Avenue.

The ornament has the village's name; a turn of the century steam engine; a railroad intersection sign; a church, representing the various community churches; and an apple, representing Mott's apple business. Its frame is in the shape of the village's borders.

Ornaments cost \$5 each and all proceeds go to support Kiwanis youth and senior citizens programs.

## Cooperative Extension offers gardening tips

Cornell Cooperative Extension on Martin Road suggests having your soil pH levels tested before seeding or planting your vegetable or flower garden.

Levels that are not adequate may impede the plants' growth. Soil testing costs \$2 for each sample and can be done through the extension.

The extension also offers a selected list of vegetable varieties for home gardening use in New York. For information, call the master gardener hot line at 765-3500.

## Thacher Park slates March for Parks

In conjunction with Earth Day, John Boyd Thacher Park in New Scotland will host a special March for Parks on Saturday, April 24, to raise funds for the expansion of the park's Indian Ladder Trail.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Friends of Thacher Park will offer special programs including a geology walk, long path hike, salamander walk, trail jog, spring wildflower walk, race walking clinic, and tour of the Indian Ladder Trail.

Anyone who wants to collect pledges for the march can contact the park office for forms. Walkers who collect \$25 or more will receive a March for Parks T-shirt, and all participants will receive a free water bottle.

To contact the park office, call 872-1237.

## Health dept. rules out rabies

Three previously-reported March 14 encounters with animals, in several locations in Bethlehem, have proven not to involve rabies, according to Albany County health officials.

Two skunks were shot by police during a pair of Sunday daylight incidents, one on Clapper Road in Selkirk and the other along Route 9W in Glenmont. The third case involved a Slingerlands man on Lagrange Road, bitten the same day by a wounded field rodent brought home by the family cat.

All three wild animals were tested for rabies at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Reports filed with Bethlehem police by county Department of Health officials on March 24 indicated that the tests were negative.

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## New Scotland Seniors plan musical program

New Scotland Seniors will sponsor a "Passionate Traditional Russia" program on Tuesday, April 27, at Albany's Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension.

Nina and Igor Danchenko, a Gypsy violin duo featured as soloists with the Riga Philharmonic and the Moscow Gypsy Theater, will share the concert program with Dazzling Razzmatazz, a nine-member ensemble troupe performing a variety show featuring French cancan, Spanish, and Gypsy music mixed with comedy, acrobatics, juggling and other performance skills.

Dinner and the evening performance cost \$32. For information or reservations, contact Lois Crounse Bristol at 765-2109.

## Dionysians to present 'Guys and Dolls'

The Voorheesville Dionysians drama club at Clayton A. Bouton High School will present "Guys and Dolls" May 14 to 16.

For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

## Library to host family concert

Bethlehem Public Library, at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will host a family concert on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. to close out its Vacation Smorgasbord.

The concert will feature the Saratoga Springs-based trio he Zucchini Brothers, whose album "In Your Garden" won the 1996 Parents' Choice Gold Award.

The performance is for audiences of kindergarten age and up. To register, call 439-9314.

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Leave room on your plate for the Zucchini Brothers, appearing at the library Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. This versatile vegetable trio, based in Saratoga Springs, has served up its zany blend of education and entertainment in schools, libraries, theaters and festivals throughout the Northeast, to the delight of children and adults.



Local venues for the group have included First Nights in Boston and Saratoga Springs, Kids' Day at Empire State Plaza and performances at Caffe Lena and Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

The group's album, "In Your Garden" won the 1996 Parents' Choice Gold Award and is played on radio stations across the country, including WAMC-FM's "Knock On Wood."

The recording will be available for sale at the concert. Call 439-9314 to register. The performance is open to ages from kindergarten to adult.

Youth services Saturday matinees continue on April 24 at 1 p.m. with "The Lady Vanishes" (1938, black and white, G-rated) a comedy-thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Admission and popcorn are free. The film will be closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

This year's edition of the youth services publication "Area Day Camps" is available now. The booklet contains information for about 30 camps, including phone numbers and contact names, current fees, session dates, age ranges and transportation information.

Visit our Web site at <http://www.uhls.org/bethlehem>.

Louise Grieco



The Zucchini Brothers

## Library offers homework help

Bethlehem Public Library's youth services department has opened a homework help center, which is available Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The homework computer and Internet access will be available for use on a drop-in basis. To register, call 439-9314.

## Library provides career services

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

Hour-long appointments are available both day and evening.

For an appointment, call 439-9314.

Several Bethlehem students won awards at the Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Cullen Blake won top honors at the fair as his astronomy project, "Analysis of the Delta Scuti Variable Star VO830 Herculis," took first place overall.

He won a gold medal and a \$500 prize for his project, and was invited to participate in May in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Philadelphia. His project also won a \$200 Intel Excellence in Computer Award.

Blake also recently took first place at the Upstate New York Science and Humanities Symposium hosted by the University at Albany. He won \$4,000 in that effort and was invited to compete in the national competition sponsored by the symposium, May 13 to 16 in San Diego, Calif.

Also honored at the Rensselaer fair was Calvin Miaw, who won a citation from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics,

an Air Force Award and awards from the Navy and Marine Corps for a mathematical project, which also won him an invitation to the New York State Science Fair held annually in Syracuse.

Gabrielle Foley won an award from the Air Force for her molecular biology project detailing a genetic issue relating to pediatric brain tumors. And Susannah Gordon-Messer was invited to the New York State Fair to present her cross-cultural study of French and American students.

Seventh-grader Arthur Barnard took top honors at the middle school level of the competition.

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# Bethlehem Middle School announces honor roll students

Bethlehem Central Middle School recently announced its high honor and honor rolls for the second marking period.

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Copp, Susan Coulon, Logan Crusan, Maura Cullen, Christopher Cunneen, Andrew Cunningham, Sharon Curtis, Joseph Devoe, Kendall Drew, Laura Drislane, Lindsey Dugas and Emily Durfee.

And Allison Farer, Samantha Feinberg, Mark Fitzsimmons, Zoe Foss, Jaclyn Franks, Sarah Fudin, Tessa Gadowski, Michelle Gardiner, Danielle Garfincl, Alessandro Gerbini, Chantel Gibson, Anthony Gioeni, Erik Glaser, Matthew Goldstein, Emma Gordon, Sara Greenfield, Julia Hall, Danielle Hallenbeck, Brian Hamm, Prescott Heighton, Laura Heisler, Adam Hill, Allison Hoffinan, Christopher Honeywell, Edwin Hotaling, Kelly Hughes, Timothy Karpowitz, Alison

Kennicutt, Danielle Khalife, Margaret Kowalik, Laura Krzykowski, Sarah Lackner, Matthew Laiosa, Rachel Laufer, Kate Leary, Ethan Levine, Jennifer Libutti, Jaclyn Livingston, Anne Longley, Kieran Maestro, Emily Malinowski, Stephanie Malinowski, Petra Marar, David Mark, Jessica Maxwell, Theresa McGrath, Dillon McNiven, Jennifer Meany, Abigail Miller-Taber, Laura Molino, Hannah Moore, Timothy Moriarity and Danielle Mozeleski.

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And Laura Scievolino, Diane Sheppard, Zachary Sherman, Leslie Shrager, Talya Shulman, Sarah Shulman, Jeremy Siegel, Emily Sobiecki, Nina Sokoler, Sarah Spellman, Adam Storm, Holly Storm, Emma Strachman, Scott Strogatz, Owen Stump, Kyra Swartz, Mekissa Taub, Monica

Taylor, Lauren Triner, Eileen Tucker, Lauren Turner, Matthew Turo, Amy Van Deusen, Peter Verhagen, Mackenzie Wagoner, Dayne Wahl, Alexander Waite, Cory Warheit, Adam Wasserzug, Roxanne Wegman, Kevin Welch, Madeline White, Aaron Wistar and Kathryn Young.

## Grade six honor roll

Aaron Aadland, Aurelia Abba, James Alesse, Benjamin Anauo, Chelsea Arduini, Danielle Baker, Farrell Bell, Brian Bird, Steven Blendell, Gregory Blendell, Ryan Bormann, Aaron Brauner, Cullen Breen, Paul Brodzik, Matthew Broman, Jayme Brown, Charles Buchanan, Francis Bunk, Justin Burkart, John Burke, Anthony Butler, Gregory Cameron, Gabriel Carney, John Carpinello, Melissa Carriero, Kailee Carusone, Gina Catalano, Allison Cathers, William Comtois, Joseph Conroy, Rylan Conway, Elizabeth Corbett, John Cox, Krysta Crawford, Kristine Crookes, Shannon Crotty, Allan Davis, Maia Deporte and Megan Di Maggio.

And Stephen Dole, Thomas Doyle, Keith Drinkwine, Joshua Dubois, Ryan Eder, Morgan Ennis, Elliott Feedore, Shana Feinberg, Daniel Felitte, Daniel Forrest, Danielle Frankovic, Scott Fraser, Noah Fuchs, Arianna Gallo, Jeff Gardy, Kevin Gebhardt, Matthew Gerstenzang, Emily Goldwasser, Emily Gollop, Christopher Gray, Jessica Haas, Luke Hahn-Zollo, David Halbedel, Lauren Hall, Fae Hansen, Nathan Harrison, Kevin Hasselbach, David Hasson, Chrystal Heidelberg, Judith Henrikson, Alexander Hinds, William Hoback, Alexandria Hurt, Taylor Jackson, Christine Jenks, Christopher Jerome, Navear Johnson, Andrew Kelleher, Jennifer Kerr, Stephen Kerwin, Amanda Kondrat and Jesse Krischer.

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## Grade seven high honor roll

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And Victoria Graf, Brian Greenberg, Jennifer Grund, Thomas Hackman, Kathleen Hanley, Timothy Hannigan, Eric Hansen, Rachel Hathaway, Samantha Hooper-Hamersley, Leslie Jackson, Christian Jacobson, Molly Jaffe, Daniel Keefer, Michael Keyser, David Kispert, Allison Klein, Aaron Kolodny, Alex Kopp, Lisa Kutey, Johann Kwan, Michael Labate, Emily Langner, Christopher Lee, Michael Leveille, Joshua Lewis, Carrie Lyman, Andrew Machlowski, Katherine Madden, Alison Maher, Elizabeth Maltzman, Kevin Manilenko, Michael Manzione, Michelle Martin, Johanna Marvin, Brian McBride, Jennifer McCarry, Christopher McGann, Robert McGrath, Matthew McVoy, Max Mehlman, Catherine Mendel, Lindsay Montesano, Collin Mooney, Leah Mosall and Lisa Moskowitz.

And Jenna Munnely, Rosalie Norris, Julia Oakley, Kelly Owens, Sophia Panych, Kevin Perazzelli, Meaghan Persing, Gregory Pittz, Jameson Putnam, Nicholas Radko, Kristyn Raffaele, Julia Raymond, Bethany Reddy, Catherine Reilly, Seth Reinhardt, David Richardson, Richard Rodgers, Thomas Rood, Anna Rubin, Tiah Rubin, Scott Sajdak, Bridget Sandison, Evan Savage, Jessica Schoen, Kate Schoenbach, David Schwab, Jenna Segal, Patrick Shaffer, Andrew Shawhan, Laura Sherin, Kenya Shimkin, Jed Sigal, Mikhail Silk, Heather Smith, Shauna Spinosa, Abigail Stambach, Colin Stanton, Caroline Stockdale, Nell Strizich, Luke Sullivan, Sara Thompson, Matthew Tymann, Rebeka Van Derzee, Alexander Vaughn, Brendan Venter, Elizabeth Walker, Elizabeth Walsh, Samantha Weyant, Laura Wing and Danielle Wolinsky.

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Daniel Adams, Stephen Allen, Samuel Altschuler, Meghan Amiri, Laila Anwar, Calyn Austin, Ciara Averill, Kyle Batchelor, Erica Beach, Stephen Blanch, Amanda Blanchard, Jacquelyn Blanchard, Katie Bormann, Jennifer Boughton, Jeffrey Boynton, Cassie Bradley, David Brewster, Melissa Buckley, Paul Buist, Tara Burkhart, Amanda Calvagno, Thomas Caraco, Colin Cassidy, Ronald Catalano, Andrew Clift, James Collins, Darren Conroy,

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And Benjamin Hager, Elizabeth Harnm, Bethany Harren, Kathleen Hart, Megan Herzog, Kathryn Himmelfarb, Stephanie Holmes, Sarah Homer, Sarah Horn, April Hotaling, Joseph Hughes, Chelsea Isdell, Elisabeth Kispert, Lauren Kohl, Audrey Lacy, Peter Laird, Zachary Levine, Hannah Lewis, Antonio Lombardo, Caroline Lyons, Amie Lytle, Adam Marcal, Jennifer Marro, Kathleen McCarthy, Dennis Miaw, Caroline Milano, Joshua Modney, James Moehringer and Jordan Murray.

And Joseph Nedy, Elizabeth Nussbaum, Ana O'Keefe, Kathleen Parafinczuk, Matthew Pasquini, Jaimee Peckham, Elizabeth Pesnel, Kaitlyn Peterson, Emily Petraglia, Lillian Pittman, Thomas Potter, Reid Prinzo, Keelin Purcell, Amy Reddy, Kelly Rider, Patrick Riegel, Sarah Romeo, Alexandra Rosenthal, Lindsay Ruslander, Maytal Saltiel, Brenda Schmidt, Dominik Schneider, William Sherman, Adam Shpeen, Evan Siegel, Julie Silverman, Allegra Smith, Kelly Smith, Erin Stenson, Abby Svenson, Matthew Swiatowicz,

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Guglielmo, Matthew Harter, Nicholas Hasselbach, Naomi Hauser, Gregory Hedderman, Jessica Heinbuch, Valerie Hettie, Sarah Hill, Julia Hoffman, Jacob Houck, Andrew Hough, Anne Jackson, Dominique Jones, David Kadish, Kathryn Kapczyuski, Jeffrey Kattrein, Nicole Keith, Christine Khaikin, Stefan Kidalski, Matthew Kidd, Andrew King, Adam Kopp, Elizabeth Krom, Natsuki Kubotera, Thomas Lackner, Andrea Larsen, Alexandra Leckerling, Audrey Leczinsky, Kristin Link, Meghan Lohman, Rachel Lohr, Joshua Mack, Meredith Magin, Kathryn Mann, James Manzione, Savannah Marion, Matthew McGurn, Kevin McKeough and Sean McManus.

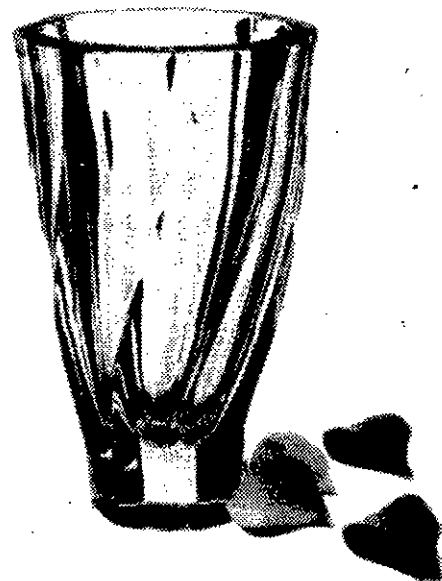
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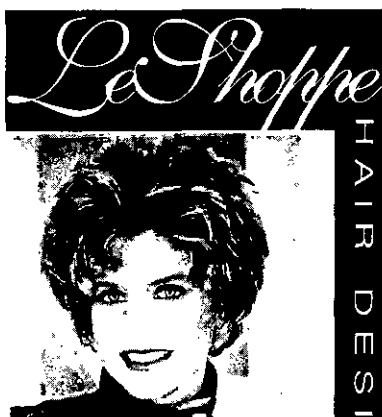
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# Slingerlands development picks up speed

By Joseph A. Phillips

With the return of spring, development activity in Slingerlands is picking up again. "In the long run, Route 85 will become an entrance to our community," said Bethlehem supervisor Sheila Fuller.

The question is: how cluttered will the town's front porch be?

A recent proposal by Amerada Hess, now before the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, to build a small convenience outlet at their gas station at 1358 New Scotland Rd. is just the latest commercial activity to pop up along a mile-and-a-half stretch of that road, from the Normans Kill to Cherry Avenue Extension.

Across the road from Hess, storefronts in Price Chopper Plaza are largely full with small retailers. Further up the road, site preparation work has begun in earnest of the Terramere residential project. Meanwhile, the town planning board last night discussed the possible rezoning of a portion of Terramere adjacent to the Normans Kill as a planned commercial district, to accommodate a proposed medical office facility.

Initially presented for a nearby site at 12 Maher Road, the medical facility, whose principal tenant would be a group of satellite walk-in services for St. Peter's Hospital, was switched to the current location by developer First Columbia after the planning board raised concerns in January about its traffic impact at Maher Road.

Meanwhile, Picotte Companies is completing asbestos abatement work and a rehab of the 80,000 square foot building at the intersection of New Scotland and Route 85 that once housed Blue Cross. "We're getting it ready to lease back out," said leasing agent Brian Lasch. "We're talking to several people but have no commitment yet. By the end of the year I would imagine we would have a tenant."

And while the long-awaited Slingerlands Bypass remains on the drawing boards at the Department of Transportation, all this activity raises a question: how much traffic, and how much development in general, can the Route 85 corridor bear at present? "Any kind of development out there is going to have a serious impact," conceded Lasch.

"It's certainly going to add a lot more traffic to a road that already can't handle it," said James Blendell, a member of the town's Planning Board. "The whole road is going to get more and more traffic, as we develop other areas of town further south, in Glenmont and Fuera Bush."

Which, Blendell says, calls for a coherent development strategy, not only for Slingerlands but throughout Bethlehem. "We shouldn't have our town planned by developers," he said. "The Planning Board should not be a reactive board, just looking at plans as they come in. They should be for planning."

All roads in the development discussion inevitably lead back to LUMAC, the committee, of which Blendell was a member, that labored for nearly a decade to draft a proposed master plan for the community. Their proposal was instead adopted two years ago by the town board as a Land Use Planning Reference Resource.

While not given the force of a "master plan," said Blendell, "it was done after a lot of thought and input from townspeople. It was developed on the basis of consensus." But as Fuller concedes, it is followed only sporadically.

It calls for rezoning of much of the 85-New Scotland corridor for office park use, with which, Blendell points out, a development like First Columbia would be in conformity. Unfortunately, he said, "right now, it's a site-by-site development strategy, and that's a danger."

Town board member George Lenhardt concurs with that assessment. The lone board member to vote against development of the Price Chopper Plaza two years ago, he fears a lack of adherence to the LUMAC's proposed development guidelines.

Haphazard development "seems to be coming at us fast and furious," he said. "If we follow the LUMAC plan and hold off until the Bypass went through, we'd at least be following some sort of a plan. When you rezone here and rezone there, you start to open up the dam."

The Hess Express proposal now before the Zoning Board of Appeals, though comparatively small, underscores the concern. "People in the LUMAC process didn't want commercial retail development in that area," Blendell said, "and though most wanted a supermarket, most didn't want a supermarket where it is now." What they have, two years later, is a whole plaza-full of retail, about to leapfrog New Scotland Road.

"Why not start to adhere to at least some of the recommendations of the LUMAC plan?" asked Lenhardt. Blendell concurred, calling for a thorough rezoning review of the area, "from the Price Chopper down to the creek, and the area behind Price Chopper which would be where the bypass will eventually go through — setting lighting standards, setback standards, planning standards that will be consistent," he said.

"At this point, you could bring in a consulting firm to work with you on rezoning the entire (Slingerlands) area in keeping with the (LUMAC) master plan. I think it really should be done."

Planning board chairman Douglas Hasbrouck agrees in principle. "A lot of other people feel that is probably a good idea, not only for that part of town but throughout the town," he said. "But we don't have the luxury of doing that right now. We have to deal with the application (from First Columbia) before us."

In any case, a thoroughgoing review of overall land use policy, Hasbrouck said, would be "a town board thing, not a planning board thing. It's something the town board would have to initiate."

This the town board has done, at least in fits and starts. Fuller points to the rezoning of the Wickes site in the south end of town, and the CMI rezoning in the center of Delmar, as steps in that direction.

But she would not wish to adopt LUMAC wholesale as a master plan, at least for now. "It is being used as a reference, but the board didn't adopt LUMAC outright," she said. "I have always felt people are entitled to be represented, and there are differences of opinion on that plan, particularly from large landowners and farmers in the south end of town."

The town board set up a task force in May 1997, chaired by the town's building inspector John Flanagan, to address some of those differences. Lenhardt serves as a member, but he said the group has not met formally since last May.

Meanwhile, development continues apace on the town's front porch. "We have not developed as other towns in the area have, and we have a great opportunity to enhance our business development and office development with a careful approach," said Blendell. "I hope we don't lose it."

## Chamber to meet at tech center

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting is set for Thursday, April 29, at 8 a.m. at the University at Albany's Center for Environmental Science and Technology Management at the intersection of Fuller Road and Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

Participants will receive a tour of the property at the breakfast meeting. Reservations are required, and there is a \$5 fee. For information, call the chamber at 439-0512.

## Library offers online demonstration

Bethlehem Public Library will offer the fourth workshop in a series designed to introduce the library's electronic resources, with "Look It Up: How To Buy Anything," on Wednesday, April 28, at 1 p.m.

The program will be repeated that evening at 7 p.m. at the library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The 90-minute session will include a question-and-answer period. Registration is limited. For information, call 439-9314.

## RCS committee to meet at school

The next meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District's Safe Schools Committee is set for Wednesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school library on Route 9W in Ravena.

For information, call 756-5200.

## Five Rivers slates teacher workshop

A Project WILD workshop for teachers will be held on Wednesday, April 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce Wildlife In Learning Design (WILD), an program of environmental education activities to expose students to a broad range of views about wildlife. The goal of the project is to increase appreciation, awareness and understanding of wildlife, and to foster discussion of environmental issues in a balanced and unbiased way.

Participants who complete the course will receive materials and a manual for classroom use. WILD training can also be used to fulfill several requirements of the state science syllabus for elementary students. In-service credit is available for this workshop, with documentation for credit to be coordinated through the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center.

Participants should dress for outdoors. The workshop is free, but participants must preregister by April 23. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## Summer Job Fair set at BCHS

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, the school district and chamber of commerce will sponsor a Summer Job Fair on Thursday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

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May 20	Healing Through Storytelling -- Express yourself physically and vocally through the power of your own personal story. Dee Ellen Lee, WAMC guest and master storyteller, leads prog.	\$15	6:30 - 8:00p
May 25	Preventing Osteoarthritis -- Dr. Olejak, chiropractor & nutritional consultant, discusses some of the common pitfalls of aging and how to keep the years beyond 65 TRULY GOLDEN ONES with gentle chiropractic and nutrition.	FREE	6:30 - 8:00p
May 27	Juice Fasting -- Dr. Olejak, chiropractor & wellness counselor, explains the benefits of juicing in liver & blood detoxifying, weight loss, and healthful living. Juicing demonstration and tasting included.	FREE	6:30 - 8:00p
May 31	Overcoming Chronic Fatigue -- An often overlooked aspect of this disease is the role of sugar handling and immune system stress from EBV. The role of the liver-spleen-pancreas triad is discussed with natural solutions.	FREE	6:30 - 8:00p

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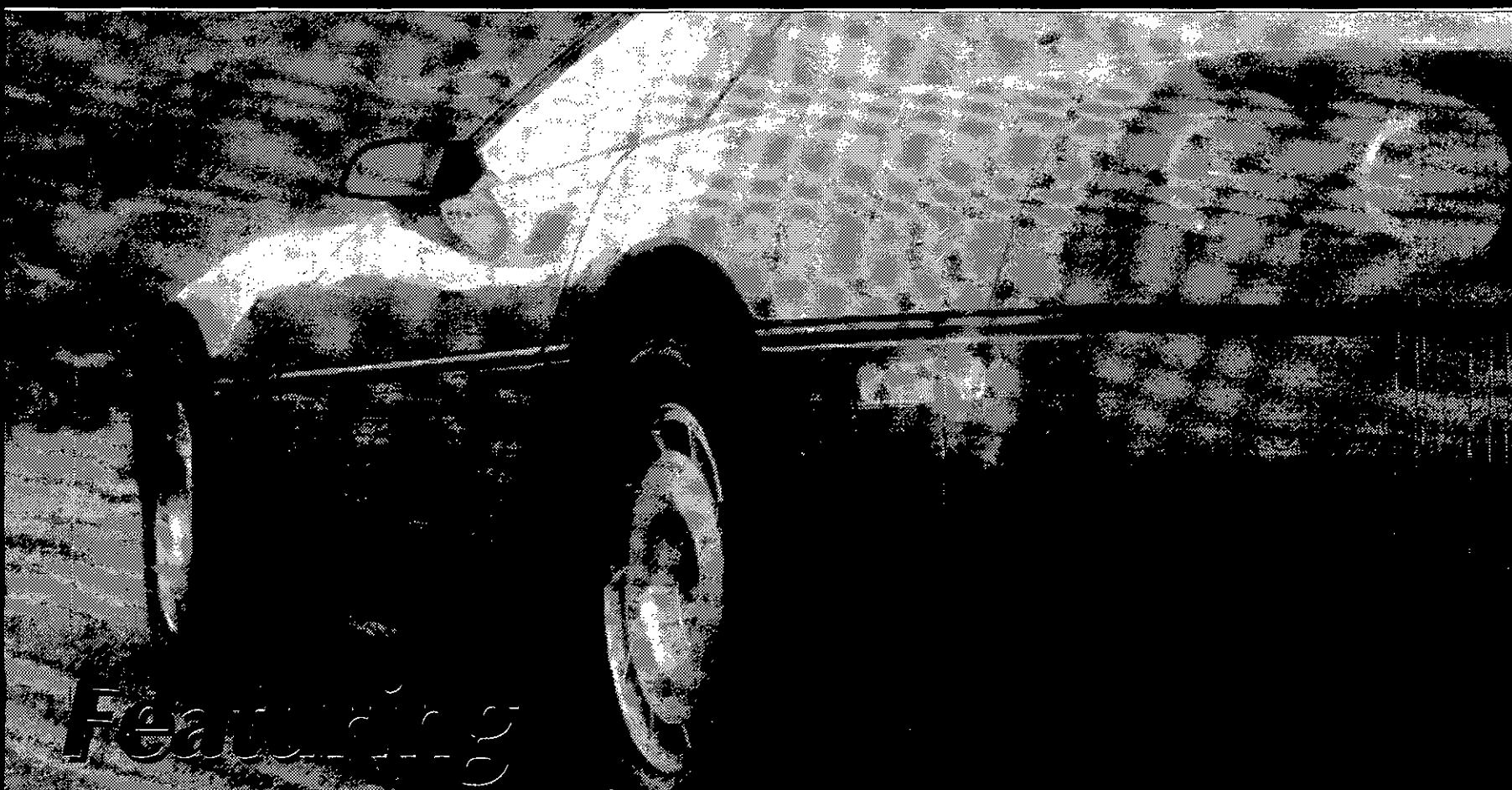


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# Look for honesty and reliability in repair shop search

By Katherine McCarthy

**M**AYBE YOUR CAR IS MAKING A funny noise or maybe it's going into reverse when you put it into drive. It could be the engine; it could be the transmission; maybe it's the fuel pump and maybe it's nothing. The one thing most car owners know for sure is it's probably time for a trip to the repair shop. But how do you know which repair shop is the best for you?

"You have to feel comfortable," said Steve Kaplan, owner of Bailey's Garage on Oakwood Road in Delmar.

Doug Shanley of Delmar Auto & Radiator on Adams Street echoed that sentiment. "I liken it to going to your family doctor," Shanley said. "The best thing to do is find someone you're comfortable with."

Honesty is also the best policy for Ed Gendron of New Scotland Auto, on Route 85 across from Davis Stonewell Plaza.

"Nobody minds having



Paul Blendell, from Delmar Auto & Radiator, can analyze your car with the digital storage oscilloscope.

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something done if they really need it," Gendron said. "But there's a lot of unethical stuff that goes on. For instance, if you have a 3-year-old car, a mechanic could tell you you need new shocks, but it doesn't mean you have to have them. Most of our business comes to us by word of mouth, so we try to treat people fairly."

Timm Baldauf of Advanced Automotive Repair at 14 Drywall Lane in Voorheesville stressed

cleanliness in a shop. "If a shop is clean, it translates into being organized," Baldauf said. "You're likely to be more conscientious about your work, and about the procedure of how things are done."

Computers have changed the way repair shops are doing business these days, which made most of the owners caution that a low price is not the best way to choose a repair shop.

Kaplan showed a piece

of 8-inch plastic equipment light enough to hold in one hand. "This is a diagnostic engine scanner, that talks to the computers on most foreign and domestic cars," he said. It will check the engine and pull out a data stream to tell you what's wrong. The piece of equipment costs about \$1000. But doing the same work by hand takes hours.

"Twenty-five years ago," Shanley agreed, "diagnosing the problem

was simple compared to now. Today, we have to go through a series of check-ups, and we have to have computers. A good question to ask of a repair shop is what sort of diagnostic equipment and training the technicians have. They need a lot of electrical background too, in case it turns out the problem isn't with the part, but the wiring."

Listening to a customer is still important, even as more and more work on cars is being done with computers.

"We pride ourselves on getting information from our customers," Baldauf said. "If they're telling us about a funny noise, for instance, we ask them when it happens, morning, evening, when it's cold, things like that. Sometimes it aggravates people, but the more we know, the better it is." Estimates are another important area for good repair shops.

"We absolutely do not give estimates over the phone," Baldauf said. "Out of years of experience, I know that if you tell people one price over the

phone, and it turns out to be something else, you're fighting an uphill battle. You're not going to get customers by giving them the wrong price."

"We try to keep our prices down," Gendron said, "but we find if people complain about the price, it means the job wasn't done right. You don't get complaints if it's done right the first time."

Along with estimates comes advertising, and Kaplan said he's careful about what he advertises. "You could see an ad for a \$59.95 brake job," he said, "but what if it takes more to make your car safe? We'll take a look at the problem and then make an estimate. We know that brakes are the only way people stop their cars."

For Kaplan, preventive maintenance is the name of the game.

"If you spend an extra \$100 a year on coolant and oil changes every 3000 miles, it'll save you in the long run," he said. "A car is the second biggest investment you'll make in your lifetime; a little extra money is worth it."

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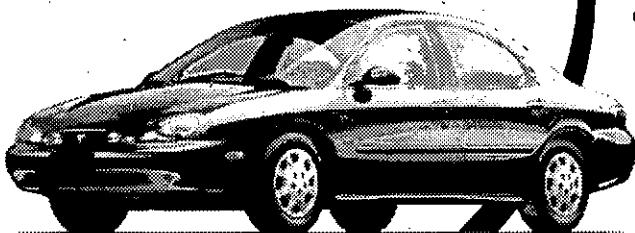
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**Do the home work**  
Check all available resources and data, including consumer reports, and automotive magazines about the car you're planning to buy.

**Take a look**  
Make sure the body parts line up, the paint matches, doors open and close easily and the tires

show even wear.

## Lift the hood

Check for leaky hoses, worn belts and dirty oil. Transmission fluid should be clear and reddish, and not smell burned. Radiator water should have a light yellow or green color.

## Take a seat

Turn the ignition key to accessory and make sure all of the warning lights and gauges work.

Start the car and check all lights and accessories and make sure no warning lights remain lit on the dashboard.

## Listen

Race the engine for a

few quick bursts and listen for knocks, look for smoke and make sure the idle runs smooth.

## Hit the road

Take the vehicle up to 35-40 mph. Make sure shifting is smooth and steering is straight.

When braking, a pull to the left or right could indicate a brake problem. The steering wheel should not shimmy at high

speeds and cornering should be smooth.

## Check the sources

Buying through the classifieds?

Check the name on the title and match it to the name on the seller's driving license.

If they don't match the individual may be an unlicensed, unregulated dealer disguised as a private seller.

## Get a Carfax report

Your used car dealer should provide a vehicle history report. If this is not available, you can purchase a report from Carfax at [www.carfax.com](http://www.carfax.com) or by calling 1-888-4-CARFAX.

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When buying a used car, race the engine for a few quick bursts. Listen for knocks and make sure the idle runs smooth.

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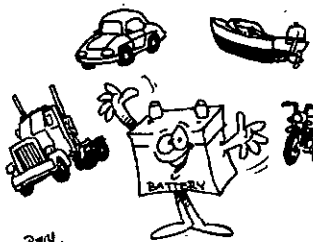
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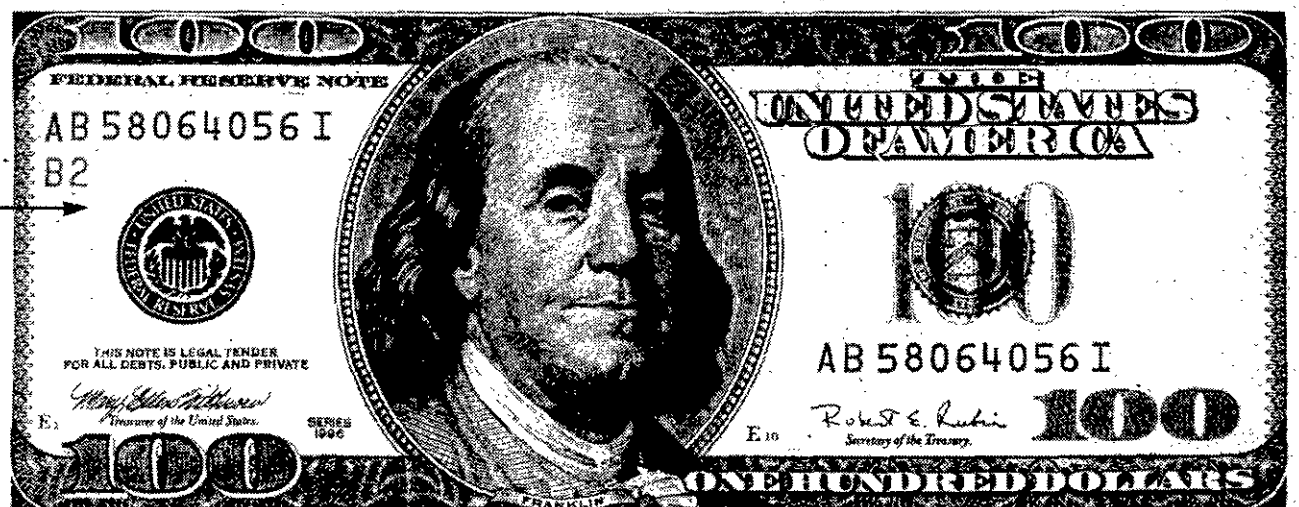
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# An auto insurance primer to finding the right coverage

By Barbara Yax

**F**INDING AUTO INSURANCE CAN BE A HASSLE. BUT as we all know, you must have it or your driving days are over.

So how do you find the best price for insurance? "That's easy," Greg Turner from Burt Anthony Insurance, said. Shopping for car insurance can be easy if you know the right questions to ask Turner said.

"Your best bet is to check with your agent before you purchase the car," Turner said. "That way you won't be surprised at the insurance rate."

Turner says there are three variables in developing the cost for insuring a car:

## Value of the car

Are you driving a Rolls Royce or a Ford Escort?

## Damageability

Is the car made of fiberglass, composites or sheet metal? While dent-resistant panels may sound like a good idea, replacing them can be a bit more costly.

## Performance

Is the car a high performance vehicle?

New York State mandates that all drivers be insured and that the insurance covers three things:

## Liability

This pays for injury to others and has to be in the amount of \$25,000 to \$50,000.

## No Fault

This covers injury to you or your passengers

## Uninsured Motorist

This covers just what it says.

"There are two optional insurance items available for those who want additional coverage," says Turner, "there is collision or comprehensive (which covers everything but collision)."

We've all heard that even the color of your car makes a difference, but is there truth to this?

"No," says Turner, "The color of your car does not make a difference, in fact insurers don't ask the color of your car." He added, "it is interesting to note that statistics show white and green cars have a higher accident frequency than any other colors. That's because they blend into the scenery well - white is especially bad in winter time."

What about the family who has a 16 year old to put on their insurance? How is that going to change their plan?

Turner said that whenever you add a new driver on a plan, the rates will increase.

"Young or new drivers are just learning and therefore don't have the experience necessary to classify them as safe drivers," Turner said.

Statistics from the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety point out that the largest group of individuals responsible for accidents and traffic violations are 16- to 19-year-olds. So what is the second highest group? Drivers 65 and older.

"There are merits however to having a youth on a parent's policy," Turner said. "They will receive higher limits of liability than if they were to seek insurance in their own name. Also, if you are adding another car to the plan, you will receive a discount."

Other items that will discount your insurance include: air bags, anti-lock brakes, day-time running lights and attending a defensive driving course every three years.

What about auto theft?

Recently, a list of the top 10 cars most likely to be stolen in the U.S. was released. The list consisted entirely of Honda and Toyota models, mainly because parts from these models are both valuable and interchangeable.

"Certainly cars that are more likely to be stolen are more to insure, but the amount is minimal because theft is insured under comprehensive coverage which is an optional insurance," said Turner.

The Bethlehem Police Department listed 15 cars stolen last year. Of those cars, 12 were returned. According to the New

York State Division of Justice Services, in 1997 Albany County listed 629 cars as stolen. For the same year in New York State 79,740 cars were stolen. Statistics to indicate what make of car was stolen most frequently were not available.

If you use a car protection device, like an alarm or "the club" will that lower your rate?

"Yes and no," said Turner, "An alarm will, a club won't." Studies show that most alarms go unnoticed and a seasoned car thief can disarm them in a minimal amount of time. The club or other device that renders the steering wheel useless can be more beneficial. They

pose a dilemma for a thief because they need to be removed, broken or cut through, a task that can take valuable time - something a thief does not have.

The bottom line is - to get a fair price, you need to shop around. Be sure the agency has a good reputation and they are trustworthy. Know that there is a difference between using an independent agent and a direct writer.

"An independent agent can give you quotes from a multitude of carriers," says Turner, adding that you also want to consider the service you will receive after the sale.

## Get the best engine performance

More and more people are taking their hobbies on the road by participating in motorsports.

If you're one of the many people who enjoy maintaining your own sports car or hot rod, consider advice on how to get the best performance from your engine.

Most of us recognize the importance of changing our oil every 3,000 miles. However, if you don't also replace the oil filter, you may run the risk of causing serious engine damage. Since oil filters lose their efficiency over time, changing it regularly can help keep the oil in your car clean.

One of the best ways to protect your vehicle is by selecting an oil filter that is suited to your particular vehicle and driving needs. One of the leading brands of oil filters available today is Fram oil filters. The Fram Extra Guard oil filter



Regular oil changes and installation of an oil filter that best suits your driving can help protect your investment.

is generally considered a benchmark in the industry with greater dirt-stopping power than most other brands.

However, for motorists who drive high performance cars and who often push their vehicles to the limits, there is a new line of oil filters called Fram Racing oil filters. For decades, professional racers have used the brand's oil filters. Track-

tested under severe racing conditions, the new oil filters have a low-restriction filter media, allowing the oil to flow faster through the engine as it runs at high temperatures, while still providing efficient filtration to protect against serious abrasion.

If you're the average motorist who commutes regularly to work, the local stores and occasionally embarks on a long road trip, the Fram automotive experts recommend sticking with a filter that provides the best engine protection such as Fram Extra Guard.

But, for those who like to put the pedal to the metal on weekends, you should consider installing the new racing filter to help you achieve maximum racing performance from your vehicle.

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# Be prepared for vehicle breakdowns on the road

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A breakdown doesn't have to be a disaster if you're properly prepared.

Take along a flashlight, flares, a blanket, a first aid kit and some non-perishable food items and bottled water.

Some other items that you should consider include a cellular phone and a good aerosol tire inflator.

What happens if your battery dies on some lonely road?

Automotive experts at Prestone recommend a portable jump starter and power source like the Prestone Jump It.

If you end up stranded with a dead battery, this device lets you jump start your own vehicle without having to ask a stranger for help.

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Just charge it from a regular outlet before you set off.

Safety is only one stress factor associated with a long car trip.



Here's electrifying news: a new device lets motorists jump-start their own batteries.

Being confined to a vehicle for several hours can be trying for even the closest families and

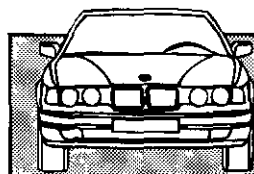
Connect it to your jump starter, and it's also a great source of power at a campsite.

While you can't guarantee you won't encounter mishaps on the road, you can prepare for many of them and perhaps avoid long delays and frustration.

***A breakdown doesn't have to be a disaster if you're properly prepared. Be sure to pack an emergency kit.***

friends. To help keep everyone entertained and content while traveling, you might want to take along the Prestone Jump It power inverter.

This product converts the power of the car battery into household current, enabling riders to operate a TV, VCR or mobile office equipment—all from the cigarette lighter.



## Auto Advice

### What to do in an accident

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

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

**Remain calm.** Panicking will only make matters worse. Take a few deep breaths and relax.

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

**Call the police.** Give all pertinent information (name, location of the crash, make of vehicles involved) to the dispatcher.

**Exchange information with the other person(s) involved in the crash.** This includes name, address, license numbers and insurance information. Get the names, addresses and even license numbers of

any witnesses.

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

**Contact a reputable collision repair specialist to have the car towed to a facility and start the insurance process.** Unfortunately, for many drivers the stress does not end when the accident is cleared. Dealing with the right collision repair specialist is important to getting the car back on the road. Consumers should seek out collision repair specialists that are certified. Two typical certifications are ASE, or Automotive Service Excellence, and I-CAR, the Inter-Industry Conference on Collision Repair, which provides the latest technical training in collision repair.

Some collision repair specialists also offer additional services like claims handling assistance, towing or free pick-up and delivery. Additionally, consumers should check if the facility guarantees its repair work.

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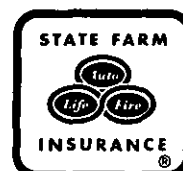
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# You can ace your yearly state vehicle inspection

By Debbie W. Eberle

**T**HE AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE OWNER ONLY HAS to think about making sure their car is inspected yearly. But to Steve Bowman, manager of Bob's Mobil located at 317 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, state inspections are something he thinks about routinely as a part of his job. In fact, Bob Woodside, owner of Bob's Mobil has been inspecting cars there for 36 years.

Bowman said that they do 15 to 20 inspections a week, adding that Spring is the busiest time of year for them because that's when people buy their cars.

As of January 1 the cost for inspecting a 1998

or 1999 vehicle or a 1973 or older vehicle is \$10. Anything inbetween is \$14.

The number one reason people's cars fail is usually a license plate center brake light out.

"The (lights) people don't notice when they drive" said Bowman, adding that before you bring your car in you should check over all the lights yourself.

Cracked brake hoses and worn tires are the next most likely things to cause your vehicle to fail the inspection.

If you are driving with an expired inspection sticker... watch out.

"If you get stopped for an outdated inspection, you will be issued a uniform traffic ticket -

Section 306B," said Albany County Deputy Richard Brown from the Albany County Sheriff's Department. "It is considered a violation and there is a fine attached, but no points are added to your license."

The length of time your inspection is expired would help determine the amount of fine you are given. the range is anywhere from \$25 fine plus a \$27 surcharge to \$75 plus the \$27 surcharge.

Every state inspection site is required to do the following by law:

1. Obtain vehicle information (registration, title, etc.)
2. Remove any expired inspection certificates (including ten-day time extensions)



Steve Bowman, from such Bob's Mobil, works on one of the thousand of inspections he conducts each year.

Debbie W. Eberle

3. Leave all valid inspections certificates on the vehicle

The items which will be inspected are: service brakes, parking brake, tires, steering, suspension, shocks, lights/reflectors, windshield and other glass, mirrors, emissions

control devices, gas cap, malfunction indicator light, windshield wipers, horn and seatbelts. When required an emulsions test is done on non-exempt vehicles. A new inspections certificate can be issued only after all of the required inspections are

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They are finding all this in The 1999 Authoritative Guide to Sport-Utility Vehicles published by Land Rover North America.

Experts report that the new, 102-page, four-color buyer's guide offers SUV shoppers a candid look at the often-overwhelming world of sport-utility vehicles.

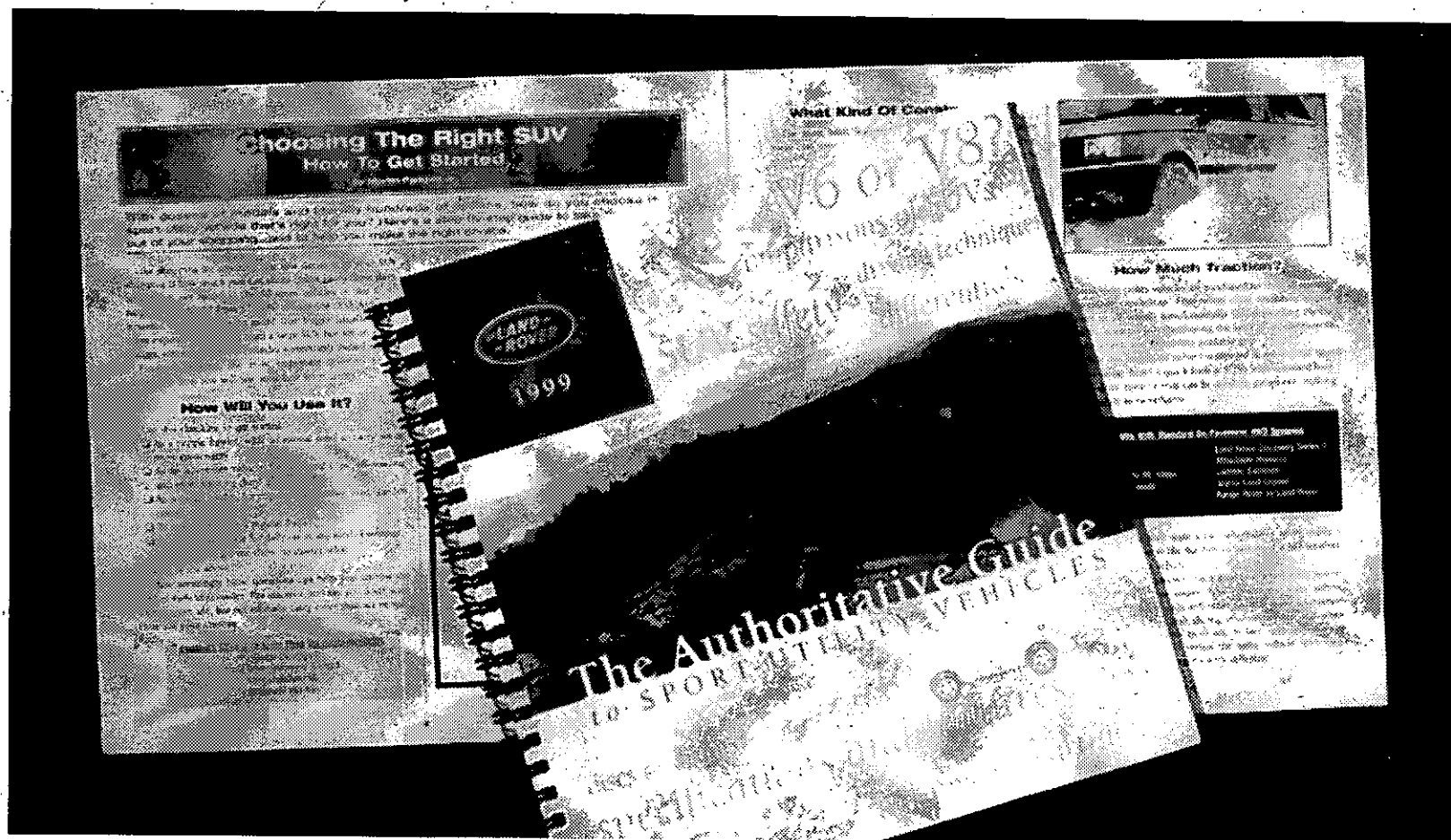
Terms such as four-wheel drive, unitized body and four-channel anti-lock brakes are fully explained.

The guide also gives vehicle specifications and pricing data for 30 competitive 1999 sport-utility vehicles.

Vehicle measurements, everything from cargo space to overall length to interior headroom, have been supplied by the individual manufacturers and are carefully presented in easy-to-compare tables, allowing consumers to compare a wide range of popular sport-utility vehicles using one single source.

In addition, readers will find articles addressing SUV safety, off-road driving techniques and off-pavement venues where owners can use and enjoy their sport-utility vehicles.

Charles R. Hughes, president, Land Rover North America, said, "The sport-utility market continues to grow at an overwhelming pace. With the number of choices out



The new Authoritative Guide profiles 30 new vehicles and uses simple charts, graphs and illustrations to present information in a clear way.

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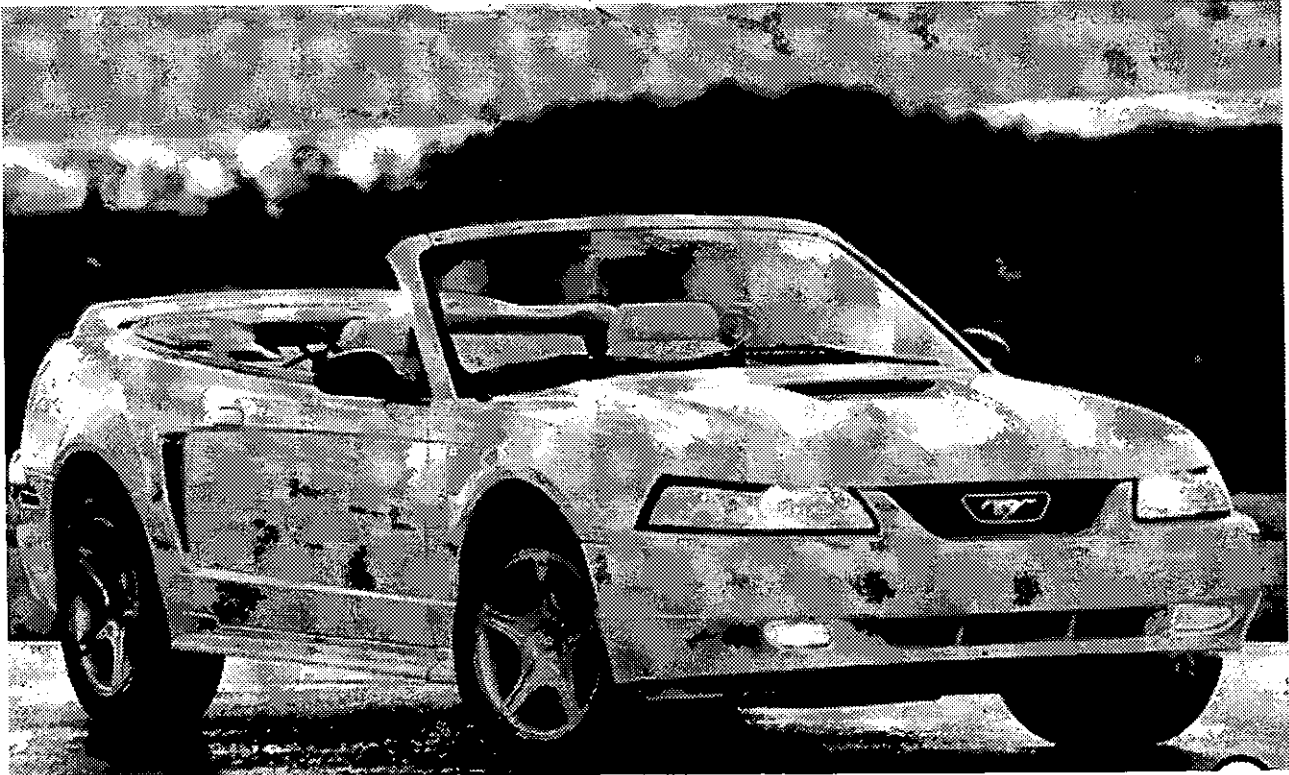
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# Ford Mustang, still a leader at 35 years

**W**HY DID MOTORISTS GALLOP TO Ford dealers in 1964? This brief, colorful history of an American legend, the Ford Mustang, may have the answer:

THEN: Many feel the direction of the American auto industry changed forever on April 17, 1964, when a very different kind of car was unveiled to the public at the New York World's Fair. The Ford Mustang, with its long hood, short rear deck and sport features, caused a sensation that confirmed theories that a car with a youthful touch would appeal to World War II baby boomers. The Mustang possessed the attributes of a sports car but, in the Ford tradition,

provided simplicity and value for the money. The 1964 Ford Mustang debuted at a price of \$2,368 and weighed only 2,572 pounds. Dealers were swamped with 22,000 orders on the car's first day. NOW: Many say that the restyled 1999 Mustang is true to its roots: great performance, great looks, at a great price. The '99 Mustang proudly displays the same galloping pony on its grille in honor of that revered ancestor which took the automotive world by storm three-and-a-half decades ago. To further commemorate this key milestone in Mustang History, Ford has introduced the 1999 Mustang GT 35th Anniversary Limited Edition.



Unmistakably Mustang, yet unquestionably new, this landmark model of the 1999 Mustang GT 35th Anniversary Limited Edition is certain to be highly-prized by classic car collectors in the future.

## Car wax offers protection

To make sure cars look great and are protected from the elements this summer follow these waxing tips from the folks at Armor All:

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**Wash and wax in the shade**

Wash cars in a shady spot and make sure it is completely cool before waxing. Also, make sure to wax cars out of direct sunlight.

**Use the right wax product**

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13. Use the right car wax to give long-lasting protection and shine.

**Apply the wax**

Applying wax in a thin and even coat with a sponge or soft terry cloth gives car paint a smooth finish.

**Wax one section at a time.**

Only wax one section of your car at a time, allowing the wax to dry completely to a haze.

Remember not to apply wax to rubber or porous surfaces such as trim.

**Buff**

Buff lightly with a soft clean cloth to let the paint or clear coat shine through.

**Enhance**

Enhance the color and gloss by going over the just-waxed car with a slightly damp soft cloth.

For information, contact the Armor All Products Corporation help line at (800) 222 7784 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST).

Or you can visit the company's Web site at [www.armorall.com](http://www.armorall.com).


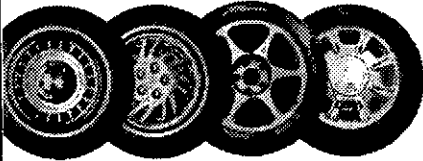
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# Emission testing targets the "Drive it until it dies" attitude

**T**HE IDEA OF DRIVING AN AGING CAR UNTIL IT DIES without sinking another dollar into it is no longer an option in many parts of the U.S., due to stricter emission standards for older vehicles.

According to the National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA),

vehicle owners should get an annual engine performance evaluation to lower the risk of failing mandatory emission tests. This evaluation should be performed by an ASE-certified (Automotive Service Excellence) technician.

As a result of the 1990

Clean Air Act, many states and metropolitan areas have recently implemented new or enhanced emission inspection and maintenance programs. A passing grade on these tests is mandatory before a vehicle can be registered. The older the vehicle, the more pollut-

ants it tends to emit. The average age of a vehicle in the U.S. is now 8.5 years the oldest it's been in more than 40 years.

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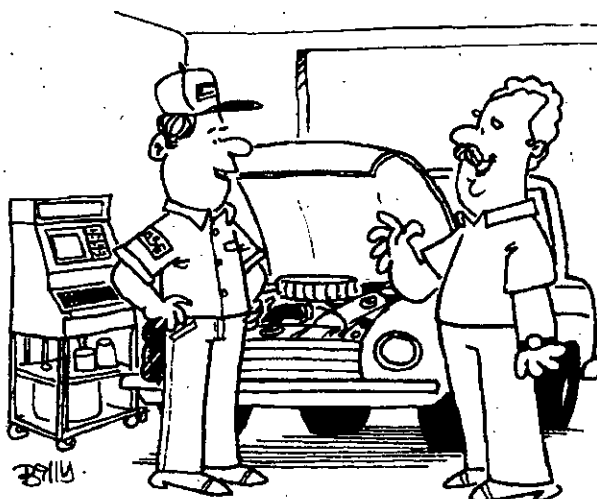
also advises consumers to become familiar with the following "Symptoms Checklist," which details the signs of a poorly tuned engine:

- "Rotten egg," fuel or gas odor
- Poor fuel mileage
- Lacks power (sluggish)
- Idles rough
- Excessive black, blue or white smoke
- Stalls when slowing or stopping.

If any of these driveability symptoms exist, NAPA recommends that consumers take their

percentage of emissions result from fuel, gasoline and vapors that escape from the fuel tank and carburetor.

According to NAPA's director of technical services, Jim Kiple, "If an engine has running problems, the amount of pollutants released by it increases. This is why proper maintenance



vehicles into a repair shop that offers ASE-certified technicians and a national warranty program guaranteeing its parts and labor.

NAPA also recommends that consumers regularly make sure their hoses are in good condition and their gas caps fit tightly, because a high

is so critical. A poorly tuned engine can also make the emission-control system ineffective. And in some cases, a poorly tuned engine can damage the emission-control devices."

For tips on finding an honest repair shop, visit NAPA at [www.NAPAonline.com](http://www.NAPAonline.com).

## Female stars are racing cars

Superstars Cameron Diaz and Queen Latifah share something in common besides being famous females. They are among a growing number of women celebrities who have taken on the high-speed challenge and excitement of what has traditionally been considered a male-dominated sport — race car driving.

Over the past two decades, dozens of top-name female stars have chosen to pursue the thrill and action of real auto racing by participating in the world-renowned Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race. Part of the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, the race is the nation's largest celebrity racing event.

Auto racing is one of the more physically and mentally demanding sports and women racers continue to prove that they can put the pedal to the metal as well as their male counterparts. Past female celebrities who have competed in the Toyota Pro/Celebrity include Leeza Gibbons, supermodel Carol Alt, and actresses Catherine Bell, Crystal Bernard, Justine Bateman and Kate Linder.

Along with actresses, models and entertainers, the race has attracted many successful female athletes from other professional sports. These include Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton, Jet Ski champion Christy Carlson and NHRA Drag Racers Shelly Anderson and Cristen Powell.

"Driving the streets of Long Beach at three times the speed limit with no worries of being pulled over and thrown in jail has always been a dream of mine," said Diaz, star of recent blockbusters "There's Something About Mary" and "My Best Friend's Wedding." She is a two-time Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race participant.



Cameron Diaz at the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race.

Diaz, who finished third in the celebrity category of last year's race, was also part of history for the Toyota event.

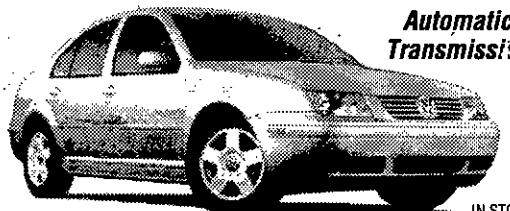
For the first time, a total of six women — out of a field of 17 drivers — competed for the checkered flag in 1998. In total, 36 female celebrities have driven in the world-famous race.

"Year after year, the female drivers show that they have the talent to compete and excel in competitive auto racing," said Les Unger, national motorsports manager at Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

"Not only do they enjoy the race, but they also have the opportunity to get involved with a great charity event that helps support 'Racing for Kids,' a fundraising program which benefits Los Angeles area children's hospitals."

Run through the streets of downtown Long Beach, California since 1977, the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race is held annually in April and broadcast on ESPN. Throughout the years, the celebrity event has raised more than \$500,000 for charity.

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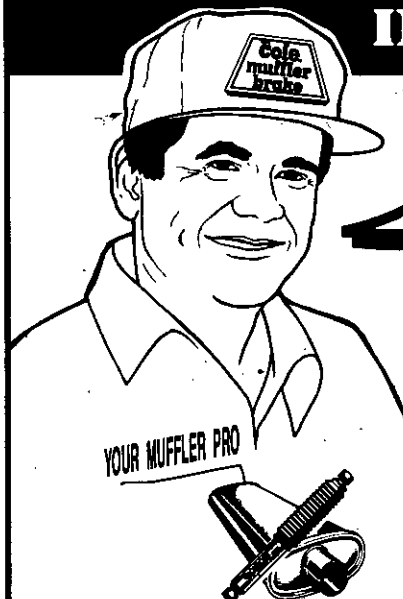
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# New safety innovations offer promise of saved lives

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New safety features may make driving even safer.

Safety features now being developed include a drowsy driver warning system, safety radar and adaptive cruise control, zone sensors and automatic accident notification systems.

Here's how a few of the systems being developed by Autoliv, a manufacturer of air bags and other safety devices, will work:

- The Drowsy Driver Warning System will warn a driver by noise or other means if he or she is likely to fall asleep.

In such a system, a sensor will be installed in, for instance, the shoulder belt, allowing a computer to monitor the heartbeat. When the heartbeat matches the pattern typical of a person just

before sleep, the computer would set off an alarm.

- Safety Radar & Adaptive Cruise Control will allow a car to maintain a constant distance from the car ahead by automatically controlling the throttle and applying the brakes.

The precrash system is based on radar technology.

- Zone sensors. In the next generation of this type of defensive system, fixed objects will also be taken into account by using near zone sensors to warn a driver of a likely crash.

The system can be used for fine-tuning the triggering of a car's airbags and other safety systems.

This system may one day even detect pedestrians and bikers that suddenly come too close to the car and then apply the brakes faster than a driver could.

- Automatic Accident Notification Systems are already found in some luxury cars. In this system, satellite naviga-

tion is integrated with a mobile telephone system.

That means the safety system automatically calls emergency medical services and gives the exact location of the accident.

By using the information crash sensors collect, the system also gives the rescue team a preliminary idea of crash severity before they arrive on the crash scene.

## Technology improves worn tire performance

April showers may bring May flowers, but wet pavement causes concern to many drivers. In a survey of drivers all over the world, the number one concern was driving in wet conditions, especially on worn tires. Now, an exciting new technology from Bridgestone/Firestone, called UNIT AQ can reduce the effects of wear on tire performance.

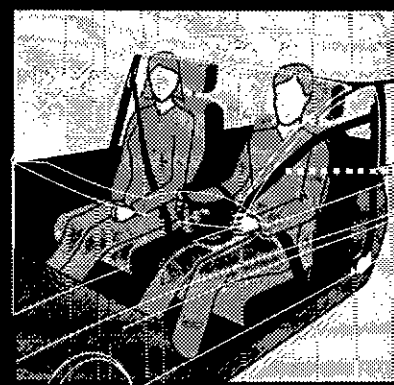
In a wet-surface braking test at 50 mph, a vehicle

This system could be a real lifesaver since medical evidence shows the first few minutes after a crash are critical for a person's chance of survival.

All of these systems are currently being developed by Autoliv.

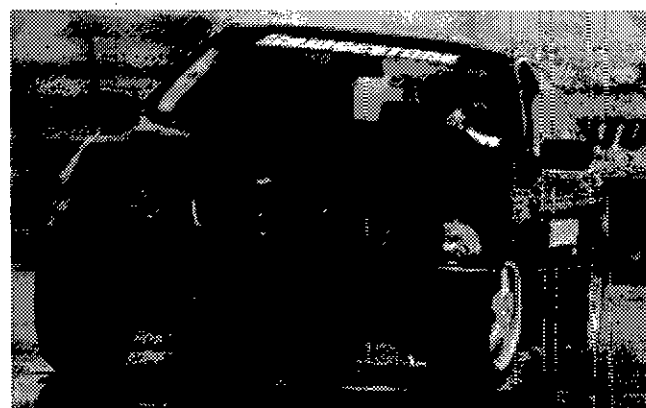
For information, write to Autoliv, c/o Investor Relations-NAPSA, 1320 Pacific Drive, Auburn Hills, Mich. 48326.

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Bridgestone/Firestone engineers learned that one of the results of tire wear is rubber hardening, which can impact worn tire performance in some situations. They developed a new type of rubber compound - EPC (Extended Performance Compound) - that reduces the rubber hardening that can result from the heat of friction caused by everyday driving.

In layman's terms, EPC is better than conventional rubber compounds in terms of keeping rubber soft, and softer rubber means better grip.

The tire engineers also developed a new tread design called Dual Layer Tread that exposes high-grip rubber as wear progresses.

A tire with Dual Layer Tread contains two layers with different kinds of rubber in each tread, both with EPC.

A higher grip rubber, employed for the base layer under the cap, is exposed as the tire wears. This minimizes the effect of wear on tire performance and helps maintain consistent handling.

EPC and Dual Layer Tread are part of a group of technologies called UNIT AQ, which was first introduced into the U.S. last year.

UNIT AQ is now included in two new tire lines that fit a wide range of automobiles, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles.

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# Ford Windstar combines horsepower and safety

**A** DETROIT CARMAKER HAS COMBINED MOM power with horsepower and the result is an award-winning minivan. The AAA has named the 1999 Ford Windstar its best minivan. AAA evaluated 20 separate features and performance characteristics and factored in overall value in naming Windstar the best minivan on the market.

Minivans are family vehicles, and Windstar was developed with the help of more than 30 mothers who work on the Windstar product development team. "Having so many mothers on the team has given the 1999 Windstar features that will build on its success," said the minivan's line director, Mary Ellen Heyde. "The whole team has helped



The Ford Windstar was named the minivan of the year by AAA.

Ford deliver Windstar's promise of giving customers a reliable, safe and secure driving experience," she added.

Redesigned for 1999, Windstar has a five-star safety rating from the federal government for

frontal crash safety for both the driver and passenger. Windstar has also received a five-star rating in side impact crash testing making it the first and only vehicle to receive dual five-star ratings for driver and passenger

protection in a frontal crash and dual five-star ratings for front and rear door and side-impact protection. Windstar is also available with combination head/chest side air bags, the first and only minivan to offer this feature.

"The double five-star is very important to me and all other engineers I work with," said Mary Bell a product design engineers. Safety is important, but so are creature comforts designed specifically for the smallest creatures in the household — the kids. As the 1999 Windstar was being developed, families with children were regularly invited to test

drive and evaluate it to help develop family friendly features.

Some of the results:

- Sleeping baby lights. This eliminates dome lights shining in a sleeping baby's eyes. Instead, footlights come on to provide interior illumination.
- Conversation mirror. Allows the driver to watch children in the back rows without losing sight of the road.
- Personal audio systems for back-seat passengers, with separate jacks for kids to plug in their headphone and not

disturb little ones or parents.

- Smart locks, which keep locks from activating when the key is in the ignition, preventing locking the keys inside the van
- Storage bin under the radio that holds diapers.
- Largest minivan storage tank, 26 gallons, for fewer trips to the gas station for busy families.

There's also good news for environmentalists. The Windstar is among the lowest-emitting vehicles on the road.

## Environmental car care hints

Make every day Earth Day. Good driving habits and periodic vehicle maintenance will help you, your vehicle and the environment, say the experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

A vehicle that's properly maintained and operated runs more efficiently and cleaner than a neglected vehicle.

What's more, your vehicle should last longer and command a higher resale value.

The following tips from ASE can put you on the road to environmentally conscious car care:

- Keep the engine running at its peak - a misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30 percent. Replace filters and fluids as recommended by the owner's manual.
- Under-inflated or misaligned tires waste fuel by forcing the vehicle's engine to work harder.

- If you do your own repairs, dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze/coolant and old batteries properly.

Some repair facilities accept these items or you can call your local government for additional drop-off sites.

- Find a good technician. Ask friends for recommendations. Check the reputation of the repair shop with your local consumer group.

Check out the techni-

cians' credentials. ASE-certified auto technicians have passed one or more national exams in specialties such as engine performance and air conditioning.

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# New device helps protect bumpers

**W**E HAVE ALL SEEN HER CRUISING around town, dropping off the laundry at the cleaners, getting the groceries, picking up the kids from school—all in a day's work and all in her trusted minivan. She has come to be known quite simply as The Soccer Mom, and there is no way she could do it all without her precious minivan. Mom does not have many, if

any, gripes about her minivan, except one: parking it in the garage inevitably leads to bumping the back wall because depth perception is difficult.

To ease garage parking, and prevent those scratches on her bumper and the holes in the back wall, she can use Park-Zone, the cheapest bumper insurance on the market. At \$59.95, it costs less than your car insur-

ance deductible. Even better, it is a perfect gift for Mother's Day, and Father's Day, even though dad might not admit it.

If you have not seen Park-Zone before, it has been available for more than a year now and thousands are now using it to safely park their cars each and everyday in the comfort of their home garage.

Feedback from custom-

ers has been equally strong. One woman wrote, "This is a great product. My parents love theirs. They used a tennis ball for years but Park-Zone is just so much more accurate. It really works!"

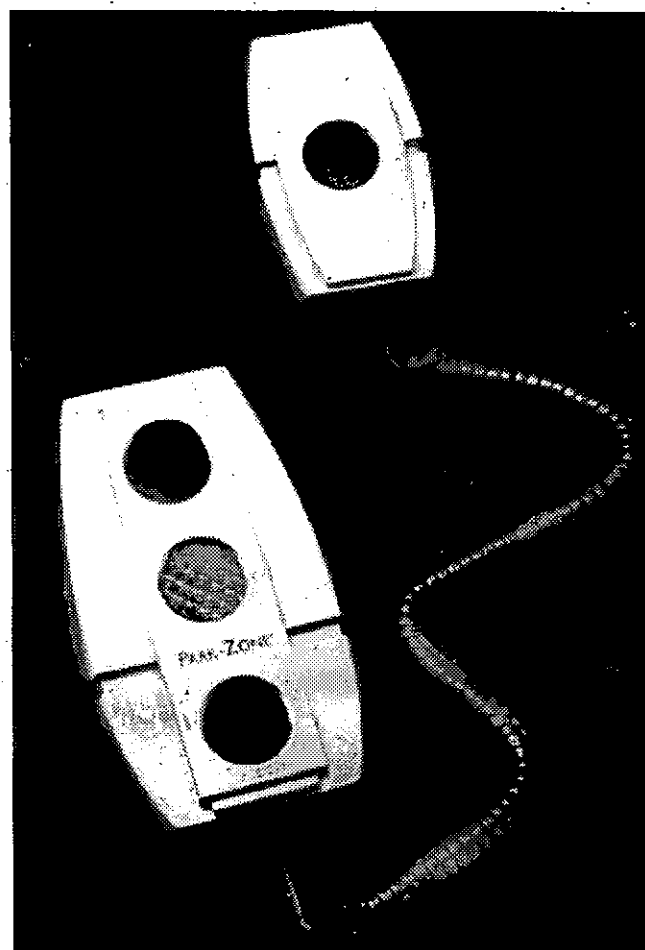
Yogesh Shyam, chief operating officer of Exeter Technologies, the manufacturer of Park-Zone adds, "We have tried to emphasize the fact that Park-Zone is not a gadget, but a serious product that provides utility each and everyday to its users."

Taking a look at how cars have evolved over the years, you may notice that bumpers are no longer two pieces of durable rubber protruding from the ends of a vehicle; rather, they are an element of aerodynamically designed automobiles, made of fiberglass or some other fragile material.

Studies show that even the most minor scratch will cost you at least \$300!

In an independent study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Vehicle Research Center, brand new cars (different models) were chosen to hit garage walls while parking at merely 5 mph.

No bumper went undamaged, as the cost or repairs ranged from \$3,000-\$7,300! Ridiculous as it may sound for a



Park-Zone helps drivers park in thier garages with red, yellow and green warning lights.

bumper, that is reality.

"It uses green, yellow and red lights to guide drivers as surely and smoothly as if they were docking a passenger jet," says Time.

Exeter Technologies' Chief Executive Officer, Charles D. Balsamo adds, "Park-Zone will work on any vehicle, no matter what you drive—it can be a simple sedan, even an SUV or a Mack Truck.

Park-Zone has been fully designed and developed in the USA.

It has been rated by Motor Trend and U.S. News & World Report

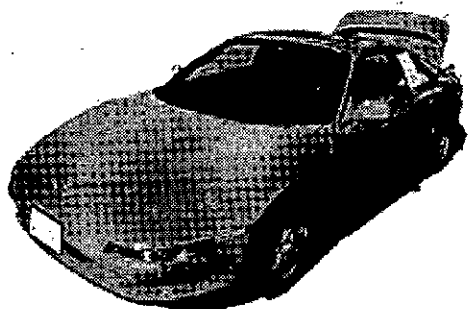
as one of the top 10 inventions for practical use."

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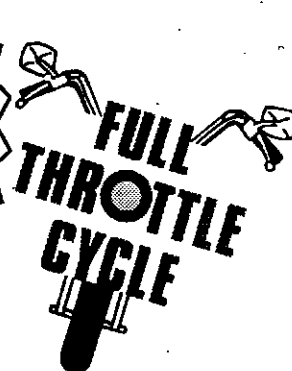
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# Memories of first car still fresh after twenty years

By Donna J. Bell

**W**HY IS IT WE ALWAYS REMEMBER our first? From the first day of school, to our first lost tooth and first kiss — those memories are permanently glued into the scrapbook of our mind.

The memory of my first car seems as fresh to me today — a full 20 years later — as the day that I rolled out of the driveway, flying solo for the very first time.

I was itching to get that maiden set of wheels. My parents had successfully put off letting me apply for my permit a full year past the legal age in Washington State.

"When we are sure you are responsible you can get your permit," they would repeat enigmatically. I decided that a part-time job would prove my dependability, so I started working at the local Dairy Queen from 5 to midnight a few nights a week.

Within a month I received my promise of "The Car." It's amazing how quickly your parents reassess your responsibility when they are forced to leave their cozy homes in the middle of the night to sit out in the cold waiting for their child to finish work. Soon after, my father (a professional mechanic), gave me the news that he had found me the perfect vehicle and we would go pick it up on Saturday.

I couldn't get him to tell me anything about the car — he said it was a "surprise." All week I bragged to my friends about the car my father was buying me and Friday night I tossed and turned as I dreamed of my shiny new means to freedom.

The next day, was a

truly father-daughter moment when we left.

However, we hadn't gone but a few miles when dad pulled into Meyers Junkyard.

"Why are we stopping here?" I asked.

"Oh, just want to check on something," he said. And since my father, who was constantly scrounging for spare auto parts, was no stranger to Meyers, it

the back trunk was popped open, home to an entire mouse condominium. Dad took my silence as assent and turned to Meyers who had come up behind us.

"We'll take her," he said, as he and the junkyard owner shook to seal the deal. Fifty dollars and a promise of a free delivery tow later, we were back on the road.

"Isn't she a beauty?" Dad said, filling the silence with his enthusiasm. "I had one just like

her when I was stationed in San Antonio. Ran like a charm."

After I finally got over the shock of the car my Dad organized his "new driver" boot camp.

I had already passed Drivers Ed at the school, but that wasn't enough for my dad. Before I could place one little strip of badly worn tread on the road, I had to pass a torture test of preparedness that only my father could have devised.

First came checking all the fluids-including quizzes on what type of oil goes into the car. It was then I learned that 1040-EZ was not the same as WD-1040. My father was determined that no child of his would be stuck on the freeway with a flat tire, so I had to learn to change

a flat by practicing on tires of my car. I had to change not just one of my tires — but all four. Then for who-knows what reason — my father wanted me to be able to back all the way around our circular driveway. "It teaches you confidence," he would say.

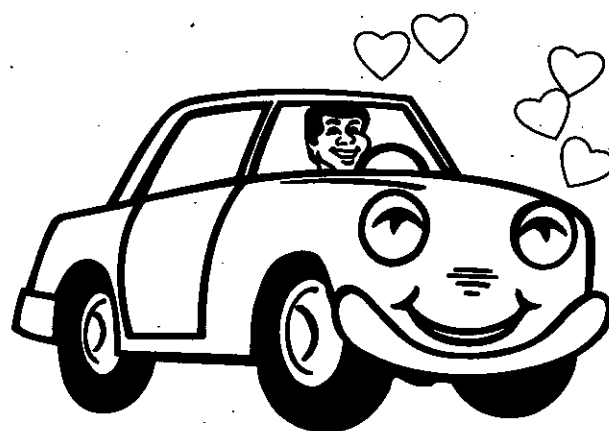
I don't remember how many days would pass before I was finally allowed to take the Falcon out on my own — but I do remember the feeling.

For the first time in my life I was going somewhere perfectly alone — just myself, the Falcon and the radio. The Steve Miller Band was playing "Fly Like an Eagle," and I was doing just that.

It had just reached that turning point in spring when it's warm if you stand in the sun, but still you need a light jacket in the shade.

Despite the slight chill I rolled down the window, breathing in the earthy smell of lonely country roads that are coming back to life after a long, wet winter, and basked in the knowledge that this was my Day of Freedom.

And it truly was a turning point for me. Shortly after that day I



began, in earnest, my search for a college and then my family had to help my mother cope with an grim insidious disease — forcing me, as the oldest child, to grow up almost instantly.

But those few short weeks of transition from child's play into adulthood remain as a life marker — a

time when there was unlimited potential and hope in my life.

Even now, on crisp spring days, when the wind makes budding branches dance shadows on the pavement, I can roll down my window, turn up the radio and feel the same thrill of adventure that turning 17 promised.

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# Top 10 tips to fine-tune your car audio system

**A**S WARM WEATHER QUICKLY APPROACHES, there's no better time to drive around with the windows down, enjoying the fresh air and playing your favorite music.

If you're tired of listening to the radio or if the hum from those factory speakers, you might think about a new car audio system or components to make your current system more dynamic.

"The large assortment of speakers and stereo components can make buying a new stereo system a daunting task," said Laurie Bauer, a spokesperson for Best Buy Co., Inc., a national retailer of consumer

electronics, personal computers, entertainment software and appliances. "There are some specific questions consumers should ask themselves before buying a car stereo or updating their current system."

In an effort to make shopping for a car stereo a little more fun and a lot easier, Best Buy has provided 10 tips to help in making a purchase, no matter what your budget.

## 1. System Quality.

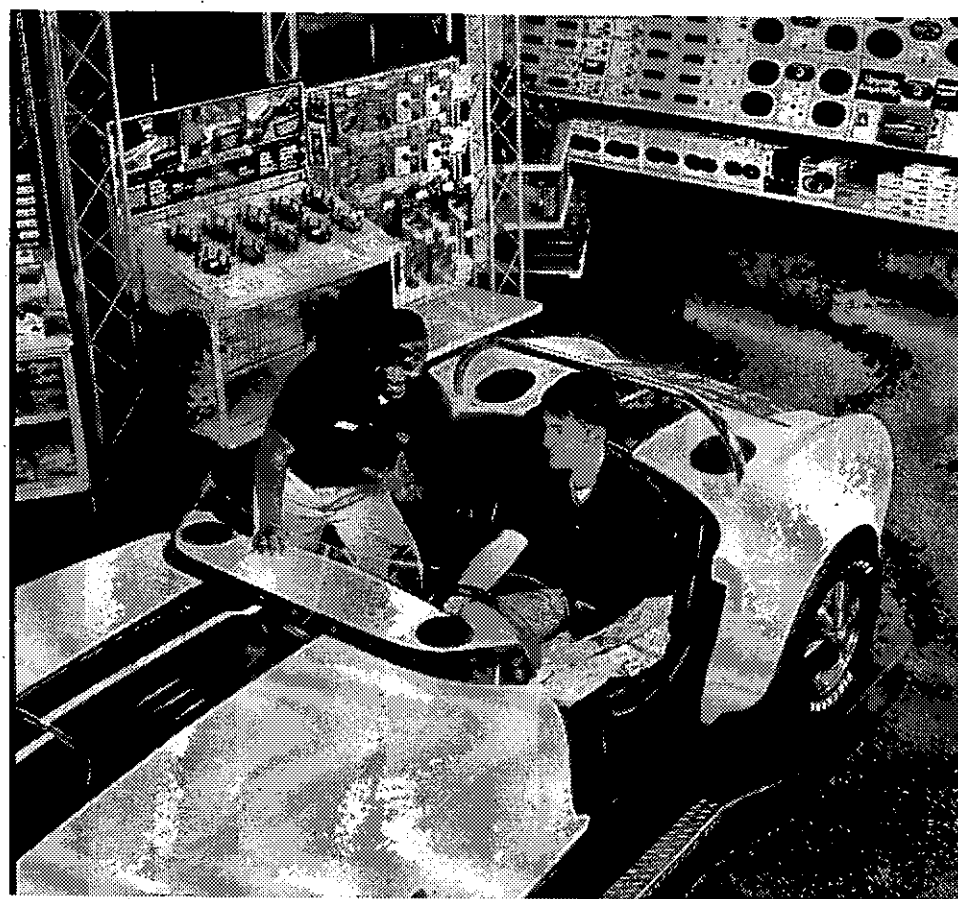
Consider what quality of system you want for your car. A complete package with all the accessories to make your car a "concert hall on wheels," or just enough sound to keep you happy during your morning commute. How

do you like to listen to your music? Do you crank it up so everyone can hear or like it quiet in the background as you hum to yourself? Answering these questions will help you put together a system that makes the most sense for your listening habits.

**2. Features.** Think about what features are important to you. If you have varied music tastes, having a multiple CD changer may be a necessity. If reducing the likelihood of theft is a concern, you may want a detachable face unit or stereo with built-in security options. If you want to add more punch to your system in the future, the ability to add an external amplifier or subwoofer could be important. Knowing these answers ahead of time will help narrow your selection.

**3. Preferred Medium.** Know what medium you listen to the majority of your music by: cassette, CD, Mini Disc or just the radio. This will help you decide what type of in-dash stereo unit you need and determine other specifics important to the overall system.

**4. Musical Elements.** Think about what ele-



Take your audio system for a test drive before you hit the road.

ments of music are most important to you—the crisp, clear tones from a jazz guitar or tight, pounding bass from the latest hip-hop tune. This can help you determine what type of speakers you need and how much power you want your system to pack.

**5. Space Constraints.** Understand the space constraints within your car. Know where your speakers are located, what size they are and how much room you have to add additional components.

**6. Installation.** Consider whether or not you need your new stereo profes-

sionally installed. Best Buy's Mobile Installation technicians are nationally certified and guarantee their workmanship for as long as you own your car. If you're a "do-it-yourselfer" they also have mounting kits and wiring harnesses to make the job easier.

**7. Ease and Convenience.** Don't underestimate how important it is for you to concentrate on the road without having to tinker with too many knobs and buttons.

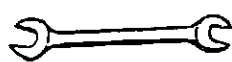
**8. Research Brands.** Do a little research on the various car audio brands and what they offer. Best Buy carries car audio

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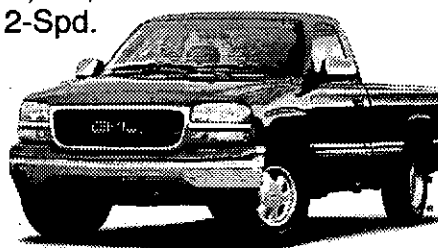
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"Look at your car's windshield to see if you've gotten any dings or 'stars' caused by debris, bits of ice, or salt," said Leo Cyr, vice president of market of NOVUS Windshield Repair.

Checking your windshield now is important because a ding that comes in winter can cause a break in spring or summer. Most people drive more in warm weather.

More driving means more vibration and vibration can cause a ding to expand into a cracked windshield.

Warmer weather also means running the air conditioning. You may enjoy the rapid cooling, but a dinged windshield doesn't. The shock of quickly going from hot to cold stresses a windshield and you may see that ding suddenly become a cracked windshield.

"Small dings can usually be repaired for as little as \$50 to \$60. Dings that are not repaired, however, can grow and crack the windshield. The larger the ding or the longer the windshield crack, the greater the risk the damage cannot be repaired. Windshield replacement could be the only option. At a minimum, windshield replacement runs into the hundreds of dollars. On some cars, replacements cost over a \$1,000," said Cyr.

If you do have a ding or star on your windshield, Cyr offers these tips:

## Inspect the ding

If it has a cone shape,

or a circle deep in the glass, or looks like a small star with points spreading out, have the ding repaired promptly. These are serious dings that can grow into a cracked windshield.

## Don't attempt to repair it yourself

Without special equipment and training, you will only contaminate the damaged area, making repairs harder to complete.

As a temporary measure, put a piece of clear tape, like packing tape, over the ding.

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sunlight can stress and weaken the windshield.

NOVUS, with more than 2,600 trained windshield repair technicians worldwide, was founded more than 25 years ago. The company has repaired or replaced more than 18 million windshields in cars, vans, pickups, and sport-utility vehicles. All repair work is done with the windshield remaining on the vehicle. This reduces the time required to complete the job and the original factory seal between the windshield and the vehicle body remains intact. Many drivers are pleased to

discover that many windshield repairs doesn't cost them a penny.

Most

insurance companies suggest repair rather than replacement whenever possible. To promote repair, many insurance companies waive the owner's deductible charge for repair.

"Windshield repair makes good sense for everyone," Cyr said. "Repair generates savings that help insurance companies keep their premium rates affordable and competitive. The policyholder benefits twice because strength and clarity is restored to the windshield, and, repair helps contain the cost of auto insurance. Everybody wins."

ding from spreading, but will help prevent the spot from becoming contaminated.

## Don't wash the vehicle

Be sure not to take the vehicle through an automatic car wash. Soap and water can contaminate the spot and a high-pressure wash can cause the ding to expand.

## Avoid vibrations

Driving a vehicle with a windshield ding causes vibration and exposure to environmental conditions that can cause the ding to spread.

Don't slam the car doors or close the doors with the windows rolled all the way up. The vibration or build up of air pressure inside the car can cause the ding to spread.

## Keep temperature steady

Don't run the defroster, heater or air conditioning on high settings. Don't park the vehicle in the sun. Rapid changes in interior temperature or prolonged exposure to

**Windshield repair generates savings that help insurance companies keep their premium rates competitive.**

**Leo Cyr**

## Consumer Corner

### Vehicle servicing

The following tips can ease the anxiety of selecting a good mechanic:

- Ask your friends and family members for recommendations. If they've had a good experience with a mechanic, chances are you will too.
- Start out with simple servicing. It's best to have an established relationship with a mechanic before you need a major repair job.
- Check for certification and approval ratings from industry associations like the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence and AAA.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions. A

good mechanic will take the time to fully explain any procedures, using layman's terms that you can understand. If he doesn't, it's time to drive elsewhere.

- Confirm that repair estimates will be presented in writing and that repairs will not be made without your approval.
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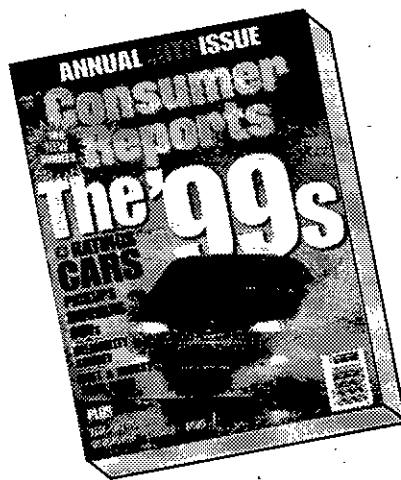
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## Onesquethaw church to serve Sunday dinner

Onesquethaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush will host a family-style chicken and biscuit dinner on Sunday, April 25, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Takeouts will also be available. For information or reservations, call 768-2213.

### Becker chorus to perform

A.W. Becker Elementary School's fourth-grade chorus will perform on Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m.

### Students to compete in NYSSMA festivals

RCS students will participate in a New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Instrument Festival at Shaker High School on Friday, April 30.

RCS students will also perform in a NYSSMA Choral Festival at Niskayuna High School on Thursday, April 29.

### Parent groups to meet

RCS Special Education Parent Support Group will meet on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

The Safe Schools Committee will meet at the middle school library on Wednesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.

RCS Sports Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

### PTSA to meet

RCS high school PTSA will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

### Community to honor teachers and staff

The RCS Community will honor district teachers and staff members at the annual Teacher-Staff Recognition Day on Tuesday, May 4.

### Alcove group slates annual yard sale

The Alcove Preservation Association will hold its annual yard sale on Saturday, April 24, starting at 9 a.m. throughout the hamlet of Alcove in the town of Coeymans.

Maps will be available at the Coeymans Hollow firehouse. A luncheon and baked goods will be available at the Alcove Church beginning at 11 a.m.

### Little League sets opening day

Saturday, April 24, is opening day of the Hudson Valley Little League season.

Photos will be taken at the Ravena firehouse at 9 a.m. and there will be a parade at 11 a.m.

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Opening ceremonies are scheduled for noon at the Ravena Major League field. Games will be played at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

### Honor society to tap new members

RCS National Honor Society will invite new members into the group by "tapping" them on Wednesday, April 28.

An induction ceremony will follow later in the spring.

### RCS to host math contest

RCS will host the Colonial Council Math Contest on Wednesday, May 5.

### Men's Garden Club to meet at Days Inn

Albany Men's Garden Club will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Steve Gilman, former president of the Northeast Organic Farmers' Association, will discuss "Invest and Share," a program for people who wish to invest in organic farms and receive dividends from produce sales.

The program is supported by federal grant money from the Department of Agriculture.

Visitors are welcome. Dinner costs \$14. For reservations, contact Joseph Herman at 237-8572, or Henry Fox at 438-7550.

### Book group to meet at town hall

The Books in the Morning series, hosted by Helen Adler, will discuss *The Ox-Bow Incident* by Walter Van Tilburg Clark on Friday, April 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue.

For information, call 439-9661.

## Scouts to conduct garage sale May 1

Boy Scout Troop 89 of Clarksville will hold its second garage sale fund-raiser on Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Clarksville Community Church.

The Troop is looking for donated items to sell. Scouts will pick up donations all day Saturday, April 24, or the evening of Thursday, April 29.

Donations can also be dropped off at the church at those times. To arrange pick-up, call 768-2039.

## Businesses offer Feestelijk specials

A host of businesses in Bethlehem are helping to support the town's Feestelijk celebration on May 1 by offering special discounts to anyone patronizing their business and wearing a Feestelijk admission button this month.

Glenmont Car Wash on Route 9W will give away a free button to anyone purchasing a full-service Ultimate Car Wash this month.

Several local pizzerias are offering discounts to button-holders. Pizza Baron will take \$1 off the price of any large two-topping pizza, and Papa John's will make it \$2 on any large or extra-large pie.

Angela's Pizza will give \$1 off any purchase with a \$10 minimum.

Button-holders can get \$1 off a \$5 minimum order at Mr. Subb as well, or a 10 percent discount on dining in at My Place & Co. and 10 percent discounts at Roberta's and The Floral Garden. Delmar Wine & Liquor will knock \$1 off the price of any bottle of wine, with a \$10 minimum purchase.

## V'ville library seeks art for show

Entries will be accepted through May 1 for a juried art show "Century Images" at Voorheesville Public Library.

Submissions will be accepted on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

To submit art for the exhibition, contact Barbara Vink at the library at 51 School Road, Voorheesville, or by calling 765-2791.

## Sign spruces up site

Noticed anything new outside the library? If you haven't, you must be approaching from the wrong direction because the Depot Road side of the property is

## Voorheesville Public Library

sporting a beautiful new sign. Drive by and check out our message board. Many thanks to the Friends group for its financial support of this long-awaited project.

Sign-ups are being taken for the Princeton Review SAT preview for high school students on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m.

The free 90-minute session can help sharpen your skills to take the test with confidence. Parents are welcome to attend.

Joyce Laiosa was the lucky win-

ner of the Winter Adult Reading Club drawing at its wrap-up party. Laiosa won a \$25 gift certificate from the Library Friends to The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza.

Our most prolific reader was Carol Greene, whose list included more than 60 books. Twenty-five people participated in the club this year. The readers ranged in age from 8 to 80. Many were also members of the Thursday night poetry group or the memory writing workshop. To join one or both of the groups, call 765-2791. New members are always welcome.

Artists are reminded that Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon, entries are being accepted for the Century Images juried show at the library. Entry forms are available at the library or by mail.

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# BCHS student to compete for Shakespeare prize

By Katherine McCarthy

Friday, April 23, is William Shakespeare's birthday, and Bethlehem Central High School senior Leah Hennessey will spend it in New York City uttering lines written by the Bard himself.

As regional winner of the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Recitation Competition, Hennessey will travel to New York to compete against 55 other winners from across the country.

Hennessey's portrayal of Mercutio in "Romeo and Juliet," and her recitation of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 29," "When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes" gave her the edge over 17 other students from the Capital District.

The competition is sponsored



Leah Hennessey

by the English Speaking Union, an organization whose purpose is to spread understanding between

English speaking peoples of the world.

In addition to travelling to New York to compete on a national level, Hennessey also won a trip to Stratford, Ontario, where she plans to take in "Richard III," "MacBeth" and one other play.

"I really love Shakespeare," said Hennessey, who took third place in last year's competition. "I started studying him in second-grade, when I took Jim Yeara's Shakespeare workshop for kids in the summer."

These days, Hennessey helps Yeara, who teaches at Bethlehem high school, with the workshop. "Everything I know about Shakespeare, I learned from Mr. Yeara," she said.

"Reading Shakespeare on a sheet of paper is very different than performing it," Hennessey said. "In the book, there's no life to it. But when you perform it, it's a whole different thing. It's basically another language."

Hennessey has had two important roles in the premier performances of the high school's Theater Without a Net, an organiza-

tion dedicated to performing Shakespeare's works.

Hennessey was Mercutio in "Romeo and Juliet," and most recently, starred as Hamlet.

"That was really incredible," Hennessey said of playing Hamlet. "The interesting thing with Shakespeare is that women couldn't play anything when he wrote his plays, so he wrote the women's parts very carefully. By playing Hamlet, I learned about the time and history that surrounded the play, and I learned about myself."

"There are important issues in that play," Hennessey said, "like revenge, love, and abuse. I had to try to find how those things related to me. The way I've been taught, and the way I believe, is that you have to be honest, and you have to express how you're feeling at that moment. You have to put how you feel into the characters, and find the place where those two things intersect."

Hennessey wanted to find out how she felt about some of these issues before going away to college. She has yet to decide be-

tween New York University and SUNY Purchase. Whichever school she attends, she wants to continue acting and pursue a degree in English or psychology.

She won't have to wait until college for her next role, though. Hennessey will play Caliban, the ugly mutant assistant to the magical Prospero in The Bootstrap Player's upcoming performance of "The Tempest."

She also appeared in Capitol Rep's production of "To Kill A Mockingbird," where, as a 15-year-old, she played the adult character of Mayella Ewell. She has also been in Park Playhouse II productions of "Once on This Island," "L'il Abner," and "The White Arrow."

Last summer she went to Japan with Youth for Understanding. "I've always been interested in the Far East," Hennessey said, "and I started studying Japanese by myself."

For now, Hennessey is concentrating on finishing up her senior year. Her course load includes a Shakespeare class, philosophy, the mandatory participation in government class, and advanced Spanish. She also plays first base on the varsity softball team. Hennessey said she thrives on a busy schedule, and that it helps her acting.

"The way I am," she explained, "when I have something to focus on outside of school, I want to get things done so I have time to devote to acting."

Hennessey has won high praise for her performing ability. Adele Everett, founder of the English Speaking Union in Albany, said it was a great honor for Hennessey to win. "She's done something truly remarkable," said Everett.

Wendy Lefkowitz, former president of the Bethlehem Theater Support Group, called Hennessey's performances as Mercutio and Hamlet "wonderful, I really enjoyed working with her."

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We've replaced these natural foods with easier-to-eat prepared or processed foods. These new foods hardly stimulate the mouth or the teeth and thus they prevent the jaws from growing to their fullest potential. A child brought up on tougher, chewy, fibrous foods will need to chew more and harder and will "grow" larger, fuller jaws. They may be able to avoid the orthodontics and

impacted wisdom teeth removals necessitated by underdeveloped dental arches (jaws).

So parents ... feed your children crunchy carrots, whole grain dense breads, skins off the squash, pizza crust, whole rhubarb etc. ... Steam their veggies, but leave them al dente (firm or crisp). A benefit of eating like this is the extra vitamins that will enter the diet. This will help not only in your child's dental health, but will also allow them to grow up to be healthy, young adults.

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## Kudos for Karen



Bethlehem Senior Services Director Karen Pellettier recently received the DeWitt Clinton Award from the Masons in Onesquethau Lodge in Delmar. Above District Deputy Grand Master Robert Walenta, left, and Master W. Arthur Ware congratulate Pellettier.

Elaine McLain

## Town spring cleanup comes to end April 30

By Sharon Fisher

Bethlehem's spring cleanup is coming to an end. Remember that April 30 is the last day that loose yard waste and scrap lumber can be placed curbside for pickup.

After that date, all leaves and grass must be in reusable containers or brown paper bags. All branches must be stacked neatly and should not be more than 6 feet long nor weigh more than 50 pounds.

If you have other items to dispose of, sometimes private haulers will pick them up for an extra fee. Another option is that you can bring it to the Rupert Road Transfer Facility. Fees are listed in the spring cleanup brochure. Remember that a permit is needed in order to use any town facility.

In spring, the outdoor barbecues are pulled out of hiding. Phone calls reflect that fact with inquiries about what to do with propane tanks.

Call the highway department at 767-9618 for information. In the meantime, burn the gas until the tank is empty.

Are you cleaning the garage and basement to prepare for the

town's Household Hazardous Waste Collection program on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.? Make sure to secure lids on tightly. Cans and bottles must be packed so they will not tip over in the car. Use newspaper to fill empty spaces.

This is a perfect opportunity to get rid of unwanted pesticides and paints. The program will take place rain or shine.

Everyone who participates in the program will receive a free reclaimed pencil promoting "You Can Make a Difference — Buy Recycled."

Sharon Fisher is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.

## Five Rivers slates Arbor Day events

A series of events in celebration of Arbor Day are scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

A 10 a.m. walk, led by a state Department of Environmental Conservation forester, will focus on proper tree selection and care.

Smokey the Bear will participate in a memorial tree planting at 1 p.m., and pose for pictures afterward.

Special tree-related nature activities for the whole family will follow at 2 p.m.

Free tree seedlings will be available from Saratoga Tree Nursery. The program is free and participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

## Delmar library to show film

Alfred Hitchcock's 1938 black and white comedy thriller "The Lady Vanishes" will be shown on Saturday, April 24, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Admission is free, and the film is appropriate for audiences from grade six to adult. The film will be shown close-captioned for the hearing impaired, and registration will not be required. For information, call 439-9314.

## Police to offer boaters course

Bethlehem Police Department will offer its annual young boaters' safety course for boys and girls ages 10 to 18 again this spring.

The course is required by the state Office of Parks & Recreation for youngsters to operate motorized boats and personal watercraft, including jet skis and wave runners, without adult supervision.

The course will be offered Saturdays, April 24 and May 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with both days required for certification.

It will cover basic knowledge of safety, laws and operation.

The program will be at the Bethlehem police satellite office/Bethlehem ambulance building at 1121 Route 9W in Selkirk. Class size is limited to 30, and preregistration is required.

To register, call Joyce Layman at 439-4955, ext. 170.

For information on the course and certification requirements, call 474-0445.

## Bethlehem zoning board faces logjam of requests

By Joseph A. Phillips

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals continues to process a logjam of applications for home-remodelling projects from town residents.

Two such projects won the board's approval at its April 7 meeting, and three more public hearings on such projects are set for tonight's meeting at town hall.

On April 7, the board voted unanimously for two area variances that were the subject of public hearings in March. Norman and Shirley Burman of 77 Iroquois Trail, Slingerlands, won permission to build a sunroom addition on their home that encroached upon the required side yard setback.

"It's not going to be an eyesore to anyone, not going to hurt anyone, and it's not over very much," board member Robert Wiggand said.

The board also gave a green light to Mark and Elizabeth Sargent of 33 Forest Road, Delmar, for what board member Gilbert Brookins described as a "modest plan to rehabilitate part of a structure that by (the applicants') own admission is in need of attention." Specifically, the Sargents will replace an existing porch with an enclosed porch addition that deviates from front and side setback requirements.

Also at the April 7 meeting, three more applications from Delmar residents were scheduled for public hearings on projects requiring similar variances. One

of those is among tonight's hearings.

Alan and Tobie Dorn of 6 Wedge Road petitioned to build a dining area addition, and were scheduled for an 8 p.m. public hearing.

It will follow two other hearings tonight, one concerning a request for a variance by Joseph and Marjorie Catalano of 50 Linda Court, Delmar, for construction of a front porch addition; and another by Karen Empie and Jennifer Novosel of 103 Orchard St., Delmar, to demolish an existing garage and replace it with a one-car attached garage.

Two other petitions received April 7 were scheduled for hearings.

Seth and Karen Kohl of 112 Devon Road were scheduled for May 5 to present a proposal to build a four-season sunroom addition; and the application of Fred Newdom and Susan Faulkner of 347 Wellington Road to build a kitchen addition was scheduled for a hearing on May 19.

## Parks & rec offers first aid course

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer an American Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety Course on April 27 and 29.

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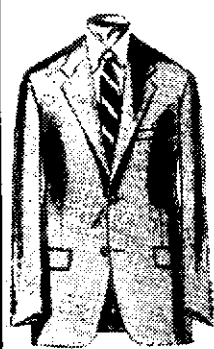
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# Sports

## New-look Blackbirds are looking to sprout wings

By Len Tarricone

With 12 fresh faces on its 14-man roster, and a new skipper who is coaching baseball for the first time, the Clayton A. Bouton Central High School varsity team seems to be taking the term "re-building" to a whole new level.

But if the early season results are any indication, the Blackbirds will be competitive nonetheless.

"As a team, our skill level is not bad, but we had to spend a lot of time focusing on the basics in our early practices," said Joe Paolino, who succeeded Bill Logan as the head man in the Blackbirds' dug-out. "The discipline is there; the attitude has grown, and there has been tremendous improvement since the start of the preseason."

The team starts four sophomores and a freshman, one junior and only three seniors from a roster that includes three players in their first year of scholastic ball and only one pitcher, Justin Maikoff, who has faced varsity hitting.

Maikoff and third baseman Aaron Benedict, an all-Colonial Council honorable mention pick a year ago, are the two returnees from last season's squad. Both are seniors, as is starting second baseman and leadoff hitter Paul Buzzard, a transfer from Chris-

tian Brothers Academy. This is the trio Paolino said he leans on the most to provide the leadership for all the young players.

Junior Emory Lemieux holds down a spot in the Blackbirds' rotation alongside Maikoff and sophomore Nate Richard, who plays first base when not pitching. Richard and fellow sophomores Collin Adalian, who bats cleanup and plays shortstop; catcher Chris DiBlasi and outfielder/pitcher Chris Spina have earned their way into the starting lineup after having played JV ball last season.

Starting centerfielder Kevin Vanderwarker played JV as an eighth-grader last year and has been promoted to the big club, as has fellow freshman Kevin Massaroni, who will split time behind the plate with DiBlasi. The third catcher is junior Dan Samson, who, along with senior reserve outfielders Hiro Taguchi and Brian Robertson, is a first-year player. Senior outfielder/first baseman Will Dubritz rounds out

the squad.

The future looks bright for this group, as Paolino said that he expects the team to be highly competitive in two years, when his 10th-graders are seniors and his freshman on the varsity and JV have two more years of valuable experience under their belts.

But in no way does that mean he is giving up on this season.

Joe Paolino

**As a team, our skill level is not bad, but we had to spend a lot of time focusing on the basics in our early practices.**

Although the Blackbirds 1-4 record in the league (2-4 overall) does not show it, they have played fairly well to open the year. Included in the ledger are competitive losses to good teams like Albany Academy (6-4, despite playing without Adalian and Vanderwarker), Schalmont (15-14 on a seventh-inning two-run single) and powerful Averill Park (a one-run game in the fifth inning which got away late).

The losses underscored perhaps Paolino's biggest challenge this year, getting consistent pro-

duction from his inexperienced rotation.

"A limitation for us is our pitching, and the arm strength of our young guys," he said, noting the rigors of playing three or four games a week. "We need at least one guy to pitch a couple of times in that span, and it's tough for us to find someone with a live arm who can throw that much."

On the other hand, he said the offense has been a nice surprise, increasing its collective batting average 63 points in its last two games.

"It's hard to accept a loss when you score as many runs as we have at times this year," Paolino said.

If the club continues to hit, and utilizes its strong suits of defense and overall team speed, it may have a shot at achieving its goal of a .500 league record and victories in its two non-league games.

That result would place the Blackbirds in postseason play, something they could not realize last year despite finishing 12-8. Last year's criterion for qualifying for Sectionals was a top-eight finish in Class C, and Watervliet got the bid after finishing tied for

eighth with the Blackbirds. Any school in Section II that wins at least half its league games will automatically qualify this year.

Paolino is more than a little concerned about a schedule quirk which keeps his team idle for 11 days during the school break, then throws it right back into the fire.

"It will be hard to keep our timing and our confidence and our conditioning up during the break, and then we play Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday right off the rip when we come back," he said.

Regardless of the results, it should be interesting to gauge the development of the young diamond corps in Voorheesville this season.

"We've got some talented kids, and we're hoping they can mature quickly," said Paolino. "They have made great strides, their baseball IQ has gone up, and we haven't taken a step backward yet."

His squad will attempt to make a significant step forward April 26 when it travels to Lansingburgh to take on the Knights, one of the preseason favorites for league honors.

Game time is 4 p.m.

## Bethlehem baseball squad has 3-0 week

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem Central High School baseball team brought out the heavy artillery in wins over Niskayuna, Saratoga and Glenshire last week.

Against Niskayuna April 12, Greg DeMarco's bases-loaded

triple in the second inning was the big blow in an 11-5 win. Calvin Brown also tripled, and Josh Burnett had two sacrifice flies.

Pat Hughes pitched a complete game, striking out six.

In windy conditions April 14, the Eagles doubled up on

Saratoga, winning 22-11 behind Ryan Sweeney's grand slam and three-run homer.

Ryan Venter had four singles, and DeMarco, Hughes and Rick Long all drove in a pair of runs.

Sophomore Avi Rasowsky allowed three hits and two earned runs in five innings to gain his first varsity win.

Bethlehem's attack proved too taxing for Glenshire April 15, as the Eagles scored an 11-1 victory. DeMarco's home run and Venter's two doubles led the offense, while Burnett scored his first varsity win by allowing three hits and no earned runs over six innings.

"I'm very happy with the start of the season," BCHS coach Jesse Braverman said. "We're facing some tough games this week, but we're looking forward to it."

## Golf league seeks entrants

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy W. Oliver

Dorothy W. Oliver, 92, of Delmar died Sunday, April 18, at Eden Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Oliver was a former secretary at First United Methodist Church in Delmar for many years.

She was the widow of Lyle K. Snyder.

Survivors include a son, Robert McNary of Delmar; a daughter, Grace M. Colburn of Niverville; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at noon today, April 21, from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar or the American Cancer Society, Albany County Unit, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

### Rodney E. Sargent

Rodney E. Sargent of North Creek and formerly of Delmar died Monday, April 12.

He was a graduate of Albany Academy.

Mr. Sargent served with the First Marine Division in Korea.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Farrell Sargent; a son, Henri Sargent; and three daughters, Rose-Marie Ordway, Debra DeSantis and Anne Nelson.

Arrangements were by the Alexander Funeral Home in Warrensburg.

### Mary Eckert

Mary Doran Murphy Eckert, 90, of Port S. Lucie, Fla., and formerly of Delmar died Sunday, April 4, in Florida.

Mrs. Eckert was a senior clerk for the state Department of Civil Service before she retired.

She was a former member of the Catholic Women's Service League, the auxiliary at St. Peter's Hospital and a former vice president of the Mothers Auxiliary at Academy of the Holy Names.

She was the widow of James B. Murphy Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Albion J. Eckert Jr.; two daughters, Janice M. Farrell of Schenectady and Marcia Bassotti of Delmar; a sister, Helen D. Degnan of Albany; two brothers, George T. Doran of Pennsylvania and James H. Doran of Florida; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the

Apostle.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Academy of the Holy Names Sister Anna of Mary Scholarship Fund or St. Joseph's/St. John's Memorial Fund, 1641 Third St., Rensselaer 12144.

### Dr. Leonard E. King

Leonard E. King, M.D., 72, of Delmar died Friday, April 16, at Community Hospice at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in New York City, he attended Bronx High School of Science. He attended New York University and was a graduate of Harvard Dental School and Harvard Medical School.

Dr. King was a plastic surgeon in Albany for 33 years before he retired.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Albany County Medical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Newman King; two sons, Jared King of Naugatuck, Conn., and Jonathan King of Gainesville, Fla.; a daughter, Rachel King of New York City; a sister, Sally Orens of Slingerlands; and a grandson.

A memorial service will be Friday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Meyers Funeral Home on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice at Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, Albany 12204.

### David Ellis

David Maldwyn Ellis, 84, of North Bethlehem died Tuesday, April 13, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Utica, he was a graduate of Hamilton College. He received a doctorate from Cornell University.

He joined the faculty of Hamilton College, becoming a full professor in 1957.

He wrote many books on New York history and received the John H. Dunning Award for his first book, *Landlords and Farmers in the Hudson Mohawk Region*.

Mr. Ellis was a fellow of the New York State Historical Association, also serving as a trustee. He was president of Oneida County Historical Society.

He was a lifelong member of Moriah-Olivet Presbyterian Church in Utica.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Crawford Ellis; and two sisters, Margaret Blabey and Sa-

rah E. Ward, both of Slingerlands.

Burial was in Hamilton College Cemetery.

A memorial services is scheduled on Saturday, April 24, at 11 a.m. at the college chapel.

Contributions may be made to the David M. Ellis Library Fund of Hamilton College, Clinton 13323.

### John A. Wood

John A. Wood, 37, of Voorheesville died Monday, April 12, at St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mr. Wood was a patient representative at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Orville E. and Ingried P. Wood of Voorheesville; a daughter, Danielle Wood of Averill Park; a brother, William C. Wood of Averill Park; two sisters, Bonnie Lynn Buddenhagen of Stephentown and Donna Lee Susi of Saratoga Springs.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to an educational fund for his daughter, c/o Orville W. Wood, 74 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville 12186.

### Ardath Hamilton

Ardath Elizabeth Niles Hamilton of Delmar died Wednesday, April 14, at her home.

Born in Schenectady, she had also lived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before moving to Delmar.

She was a volunteer for the Women's Auxiliary at Ellis Hospital and Imperial Point Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Robert G. Hamilton; a daughter, Gail Hamilton Scott of Delmar; a son, Lawrence R. Hamilton of Riverside, Calif.; a sister, Muriel Moseley of Frankfort; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

### Delmar artists to exhibit work

Two Delmar residents are exhibiting their work in local gallery showings through early May.

Estelle Yarinsky will be among 86 artists whose work will be on display in the 1999 Contemporary Crafts of New York State exhibition at the New York State Museum through May 2.

The show, organized in cooperation with the Crafts Alliance of New York State, includes both decorative pieces like sculptures and wall-hangings and household items like lamps and briefcases.

Robert Longley is one of three artists featured in an exhibition entitled "Manifested Surfaces" at Troy's Fulton Street Gallery.

The exhibition runs through May 15 at 408 Fulton St. in Troy. For gallery hours, call 274-8464.



First-grader Joe Wilson recently participated in the Hoops for Heart fundraiser at Glenmont Elementary School.  
Joseph A. Phillips

## Kids shoot heart hoops

By Joseph A. Phillips

Chris Rolfstich recently paid a visit to Glenmont Elementary School — and he came away impressed.

Rolfstich, director of youth markets for the Northeast New York Region of the American Heart Association, oversees fundraising programs involving youngsters, including the two-decade-old Jump Rope for Heart program, and its sibling, the four-year-old Hoops for Heart program. Both are designed to involve children in a heart-healthy activity during which they also collect pledges for charity.

What brought him to Glenmont was that school's participation in the Hoops fundraising program — for two straight years, a slam-dunk.

Almost two dozen schools in the region participate in Hoops for Heart, but Glenmont is Rolfstich's biggest success story.

"They embraced the whole concept of the event," he said. Of 451 students enrolled at the elementary school in grades one through five, 263 participated in the three days of activities connected with the fund-raiser.

"And not only were students involved, the parents were too," Rolfstich marvelled later. "You couldn't walk through the hallway, there were so many parents there, cheering their kids on."

Last year, physical education teacher Laurie Quattrini and part-time teacher and school secretary Kathi Davey took on the challenge of organizing the event at Glenmont, and their efforts produced more than \$6,500 in pledges for the heart association. It was enough to put Glenmont first among the more than 100 participating schools in New York and among the top 10 schools in the nation in the amount raised.

Quattrini and Davey optimistically set their sights higher this year — and were stunned when the three-day event in late March blew right past those expectations, racking up \$16,725. "We never expected to raise that much money," said Davey. "Our goal was \$10,000 this year. We figured

if we raised that much, we'd be doing very well."

They are doing well, indeed. Though Rolfstich noted there is still a lot of school year left, "they're again the best in the state — and currently, they're the best in the nation as well."

Not that competition has much to do with the fund-raising effort. In fact, the event is designed with a noncompetitive angle in mind. Participants raise pledge money entirely from family and friends — the school district does not permit door-to-door soliciting by the kids — and the pledges are not for points scored or minutes played, but for participating.

First- and second-graders took part in a "Hot Shots" two-hour skills clinic, run by volunteers from the Bethlehem Central middle school and high school. Third- through fifth-graders signed up for teams of six players, taking turns as the sixth player resting on the bench, in a round robin of 10-minute games with no scores kept, no won-lost records — "just an emphasis on everybody playing," Davey said. "It was so popular, we had to extend to three nights because we had 56 teams participating."

The event included a three-on-three shoot-out involving women on the school's staff who play in a league operated by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department — and many of their opponents in that league.

"There's a large interest in basketball here," Davey said. "Add when they know they're all gonna get a chance to play, the kids just line up. We divided them up by skill level so they could all compete on a level playing field."

The event has support from school district officials, who donate the use of the school facilities, but it's organized independently by Davey and Quattrini.

It's run on a shoestring, and none of the funds raised by the event go to overhead. Refreshments were donated and parents volunteered to supervise.

Davey said she is delighted by the community involvement.

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## Track

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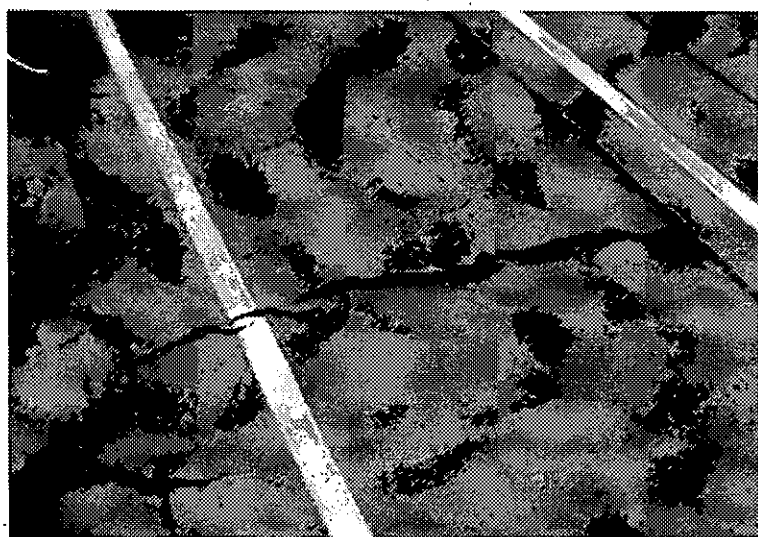
The track has a rubberized asphalt surface that was installed in 1987. Pliant and springy when installed, the surface has deteriorated over time and is now rock-hard and brittle. Dappling the track and inner field pits are patches of bright orange paint indicating touch-up work. Many of the repairs are themselves cracking, and the remaining original surface is peppered with small holes.

Superintendent Les Loomis said the district is taking steps to achieve agreement among BCAA, track boosters and school administrators. "The issue has been paying for it," he said. "Nobody is trying to duck a need that exists. We're trying to provide a new set of facilities that the community can afford."

Preliminary cost estimates for upgrading the track with a polyurethane surface have ranged in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Variables contributing to the price include whether the entire track base must be reconstructed or if just a simple resurfacing will do.

Also, optional features such as extra lanes, long and high jump pits, and a steeplechase course, would add to the price.

Last week's meeting between district officials, school board members, the district athletic director and BCAA parent representatives kicked off what could be a new approach to funding the project.



Cracks dot the surface of the track at BCHS.

School board President Happy Scherer outlined problems that have drawn out the process so far: "The board is concerned and aware of a variety of projects that need to be addressed," she said. "The issue is the timing around doing them and the source of the funding."

Dave Rhodes, president of the Cross Country, Track and Field Boosters Club, agreed. A year ago, after hearing a presentation by various school and town organizations on the need for a new track, "the board seemed convinced it needed to be done," he said.

"The problem has been getting a commitment for funding and a time frame for when this would be done," he added.

Previously, school board members and district officials have said they did not want to fund a new track through either the district's annual operating budget or a separate bond item, especially after agreement that the high school's

tennis courts also needed resurfacing.

"Given the scope of the project, it's not feasible to include it in the operating budget," Loomis said.

But, he added, the district is now looking into "a very promising funding source:" the possibility of securing a pouring-rights contract with a major beverage company. Under such a contract, a company would pay for the exclusive right to sell its beverages at all district events.

By summer, Loomis expects to have responses to the district's pouring-rights proposals as well as an idea as to the scope of necessary track reconstruction to be determined from soil sample borings taken from the track.

Meanwhile, high school teams continue to train on the track, though at a final preseason coaches' meeting, Bethlehem's home meets were rescheduled for other schools due to the track's poor condition.

## Munnelly

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that," he said, declining further comment on the merits of the filing.

Munnelly was elected to fill a term, which would have expired after this year's election, left vacant by the death of Justice Peter Wenger in 1997. Munnelly maintains that though elected to fill a term that had not fully expired, the state constitution does not provide for filling unexpired vacancies in town justice's terms, but only for full four-year terms.

Acting on Munnelly's behalf, attorney Matthew J. Kelly wrote Newkirk in February requesting that she amend her certification that Munnelly's office was among those to be up for election this year, which she declined to do on advice of Kaplowitz. On March 22 another attorney, A. Joshua Ehrlich, petitioned the Board of Elections on Munnelly's behalf to reject her certification.

County Attorney Michael Lynch, in an April 5 letter to the commissioners, sided with Munnelly, arguing that "In my view, Judge Munnelly was duly elected to a four-year term."

Last week, on a party-line vote April 14, the two commissioners split on whether to remove the office from the fall ballot, Republican Scaringe voting against, Democrat Moneschalchi in favor. That action prompted Munnelly's petition.

Munnelly's court challenge is based on a reading of the state constitution governing the election of town justices; on a 1994 opinion by then Attorney General Oliver Koppel that suggested "the

State Constitution is capable of just one reasonable construction" that "elections of town justices are for full four-year terms;" and on a similar state Supreme Court ruling in 1997 on a Tioga County case.

But it contradicts the town Democratic Party's filing on Munnelly's behalf in 1997 that he was seeking a two-year term, the 1997 ballot's indication that the election was to fill an unexpired term, and long standing practice in communities throughout the state of electing town judges to complete unexpired terms.

Naming Spitzer as a respondent is intended to obtain his interpretation of the constitutional law, Kaplowitz said. "Every time you raise a constitutional issue under the state constitution, you have to serve the Attorney General, as the principal interpreter of the constitution," he said.

He also said the court's short deadline to respond is consistent with past practice. "A show cause order is a quick method of resolving these questions, and would be appropriate in election cases particularly," he said.

Efforts to reach Munnelly were unsuccessful. For her part, Newkirk declined to comment on the substance of his case. "I file the election certification according to the best information I have on hand," she said. "Placed into the attorneys' hands is where this has to be."

Kaplowitz did not expect to resolve this question out of court. "It's possible but it's highly unlikely," he said. "There's no in-between. He either is up for re-election, or he isn't."

## Race

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A debate for school board candidates is scheduled for Monday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the middle school auditorium on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, and voting will take place May 18.

An upcoming vacancy on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees has attracted four candidates.

Dr. Thomas Shen has decided not to seek re-election for his position on the board.

Hoping to fill his place are the following candidates: Rena Button of Spruce Court, Delmar; David S. Moore of Borthwick Avenue, Delmar; Garry Pollow of New Scotland Road, Slingerlands; and Sandy Tabor of North Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands.

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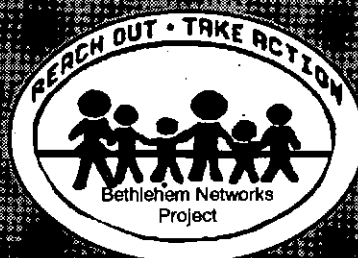
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EPIC stands for Every Person Influences Children. The program allows parents to talk with others about their concerns.

Two local parents have been trained in EPIC and will lead the discussions. They led workshops last year which participants felt were very successful.

Workshops will be held at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar on Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Paul Taffe and Toni Towner

## Towner, Taffe engaged

Toni Towner, daughter of Robert Towner of New Lexington, Ohio, and Ellen Towner of Newark, Ohio, and Paul Taffe, son of John and Mary Ann Taffe of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ohio University and Ashland University. She is a senior financial analyst for KPMG.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and LeMoyne College. He has a master's in business administration from Franklin University and is a vice president and district manager for SunTrust Bank in Vienna, Va.

The couple plans a May 8 wedding.

## V'ville natives complete basic training

Two former Voorheesville residents recently completed training programs in different branches of the military services.

Seaman Recruit Donna Trossbach, daughter of Paul and Valerie Trossbach of Voorheesville, has completed Navy basic training at the Recruit Training Command at the Great Lakes Naval Center in Illinois.

The eight-week training regimen involves classroom study and practical instruction in naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard

and aircraft safety. Trossbach is among more than 55,000 recruits who will complete the training program this year.

Also completing basic training is Army Pvt. Jennifer Riede, a 1998 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and the daughter of David Riede of Voorheesville.

The training program, at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, includes instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy and justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

## Delmar resident wins PEF award

Robert "Bobbie" Frederick, an employee of the state Office of Children and Family Services, has been selected to receive the "Quality Services from Quality People" award presented by the Public Employees Federation.

The award recognizes mem-

bers of the public employee union who exhibit exemplary dedication and professionalism and provide outstanding public service in the performance of their duties. Frederick is a child protective specialist and administrative supervisor.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Twin girls, Heather Ann Frederick and Hunter Teresa Frederick, to Regina and Frank Frederick of Delmar, March 29.

Boy, Jared Lloyd MacFarland, to Nicole and Gary MacFarland of Glenmont, March 29.

Boy, Liam Daniel Mooney, to Elizabeth and Michael Mooney of Delmar, April 1.

Girl, Meghan Elizabeth Dorman, to Michelle and Michael Dorman of Delmar, April 2.

Girl, Cassidy Jade Keppler, to Tracy and Thomas Keppler of Delmar, April 4.

Girl, Shanelle Rose Appleby, to Lynnemarie and Lansing Appleby of Glenmont, April 7.

Girl, Shannon Rose McGuinness, to Kimberly and Brian McGuinness of Glenmont, April 9.

### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Aniela Christine Wilcenski, to Christine and Edward Wilcenski of Delmar, March 26.

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Nikolaus Paul Szlest, to Paula and Glenn Szlest of Glenmont, March 27.

### Out of town

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

Boy, Nicholas Evans Collea, to Marnie and Steve Collea of Louisburg, N.C., March 19. Maternal grandparents are Janice Harvith of Delmar and the late Bernard Harvith.

Boy, Patrick Michael Perry, to Jill and Vincent Perry Jr. of Monterey, Calif., March 24. Paternal grandparents are Vincent and Bonny Perry of Voorheesville.

## Dean's List

Ithaca College — Shanna Rock of Coeymans Hollow, James Esmond of Delmar and Shannon Youzwak of Slingerlands.

## Delmar student named College Scholar

Chris Wenger, son of Carolyn Wenger of Delmar, has been named a College Scholar for academic excellence during the fall term at Middlebury College in Vermont.

To be selected a College Scholar, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher, while carrying a full course load.



Lynne Petruska and James Cable

## Petruska, Cable to wed

Lynne Petruska, daughter of George and Grace Petruska of Clarksville, and James Cable, son of Burl Cable of Clarksville and Hazel Landa of Cropseyville, are engaged to be married.

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

She is a clerk at the University at Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bates College. He is a fire protection specialist for the state Office of Fire Prevention Control in Albany.

The couple plans a May 22 wedding.

## Former Spotlight reporter wins archive research grant

A former Bethlehem reporter for *The Spotlight* is one of 17 scholars recently named as recipients of special grants to conduct historical research at the New York State Archives.

Peter Hanson, now with *Metroland*, was one of only two independent scholars (without a collegiate research affiliation) named this month as recipients of an award under the Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program, named for a former state archivist who is now director of

the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo.

The grants, which this year range up to \$2,700, provide assistance to scholars who utilize the archive's holdings to pursue research related to state history, government or public policy.

The topic for which Hanson received his award, "Dalton Trumbo: The Screenwriter as Rebel (1935-1973)," deals with a key figure of the Hollywood blacklist era of the 1950s.

## Slingerlands student earns honor

Nancy Ann Oberheim, a sophomore at Dartmouth College, has been honored for academic achievement during the fall term of 1998.

Oberheim, the daughter of William and Nancy Oberheim of

Slingerlands, was cited for outstanding work in her course of study, biology. Dartmouth faculty members are invited to submit reports only when a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit such recognition.

## Mail weddings, engagements

The *Spotlight* would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to PO Box 100 Delmar 12054.

## Here's to a Wonderful Wedding!



### INVITATIONS

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza. 439-8123  
Personalized invitations & announcements for weddings, showers, bar mitzvah, new baby, graduation.

### JEWELRY

Harold Finkle, "Your Jeweler" 1585 Central Ave., Colonie. 456-6800. Diamonds - Handcrafted Wedding Rings & Attendant's Gifts.

### LIMOUSINE

Super Special!!!! 3 hours for only \$99. Advantage Limousine. 433-0100  
Some rest.

## Community



## BPW plans natural lawn care seminar

Bethlehem Pesticide Watch (BPW) will celebrate Earth Day '99 with a free seminar on lawn care without chemicals on Monday, April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Local experts will discuss how you can have a green lawn using natural products and processes.

The program is sponsored by BPW, NYPIRG, Environmental Advocates and the New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.

# Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Little Theater of the Deaf brings show to Albany

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Next weekend's presentation of "A World of Whys" by the Little Theatre of the Deaf is not the group's first visit to Albany's Steamer No. 10 Theatre, but "I'm delighted to be coming back," said Will Rhys, the group's artistic director and director of the current production.

Rhys is quite familiar with Albany, having spent a stint there with Cap Rep back in the early 90s. But he won't necessarily be there for this weekend's shows. He's been associated with the Little Theatre program, on and off, almost since its inception, and he's kept too busy by the group's performing schedule to visit the road show very often.

The theater-for-youngsters is an offshoot of the three-decade-and-counting Connecticut-based National Theatre of the Deaf, and has, in fact, two different touring companies. The "Blue Company" will be in Albany — performing its trio of adapted folk tales answering two fundamental questions: "Why Is The Sea Salty?" and "Why Is There Day And Night?" — while the Yellow Company is doing another production on the West Coast.

And Rhys? "I'll probably be back in Connecticut, because we're now putting together not just this coming touring season's production, but the following season's production as well," he said.

All of that advance planning and training of performers is required by the Little Theatre's unique performing style. The company mixes hearing and non-hearing actors — the Blue unit has three deaf performers and two who hear — in performances that integrate spoken dialogue and narration with American Sign Language interpretation. They toss in a great deal of expressive physical movement to boot.

For audiences from age 3 and up, the "Whys" script incorporates Norwegian,

American Indian and Lithuanian folk tales, but the Little Theatre has also brought its little charges adaptations of Shakespeare, James Thurber, Ogden Nash and Dylan Thomas. "We use quite sophisticated language but it maintains younger audiences' attention because they aren't just listening, they're actually watching words too," Rhys said. "My company I consider very good storytellers, and they bring a tremendous visual component to the stories themselves."

The Little Theatre concept was created on the heels of the adult theater program, which was launched in 1967. A Little Theatre company often tours with

the big company on road trips. It's built on the "unscientific but fervent belief that children can easily assimilate sign language. When at the beginning of the show we teach them to sign concepts like 'forest', there's very little inhibition. They say, 'Oh boy, I'm going to learn this.'"

The youth programs involve a great deal of audience interaction. "We try to break down the 'fourth wall' as much as possible," Rhys said.

Rhys' goal is to put a deaf actor into the proximity of a child of a young age, he said. "It takes away some of the mystery of being deaf."

Anne G. Tomasetti and Michael J. Stark use American Sign Language as one component in the Little Theatre of the Deaf's production to be featured at Steamer 10 this weekend.

## Steamer 10 Theatre hosts theatrical potpourri

Venue provides entertainment for all age groups

Albany's Steamer No. 10 Theatre, at Western and Madison avenues in Albany, has a bit of a split personality. By day, the theater has become one of the area's leading exponents of family entertainment, and hosts the company's in-house-produced children's theater and its Kids Fare performance series.

This week, a good deal of both adult and children's fare will be presented as part of one of the theater's Vacation Daze mini-festivals for youngsters home from school. Finishing off the weeklong fest is a pair of Friday performances, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 23, by the remarkable Little Theatre of the Deaf. They offer a folk-tale interpretation of some of the mysteries of life, called "A World of Whys."

By night, the theater from time to time books more grown-up fare. Not to say that "The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare," to be performed by the Bootstrap Players at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, is exactly all that grown up. It's rather, to be truthful, a little juvenile, which it means to be, of course.

On the other hand, the children's entertainment offered at the converted Albany firehouse can be pretty sophisticated too. A theater that mixes adult and kid fare liberally offers this lesson: you're never too young for adult perceptions, and you're never too old to act like a kid.

Herewith, a mismatched pair of theatrical performances this weekend from Steamer No. 10. Neither show sets adults back more than \$10; youngsters, students and seniors get a \$2 discount for the Kids Fare performance. For information on these and the theater's other offerings, call 438-5503.

## Bootstrap Players burlesque Shakespeare



Mark Salocks, Parker Cross and Tom Brennan are the Bootstrap Players who perform Friday and Saturday evening at Steamer 10.

Give them a stage, an audience, and a can of silly string, and the Bootstrap Players are all set with their irreverent tribute to the Bard. Silly string? "God forbid you heckle us, boy," said Bootstrapper Tom Brennan. "We've had the best of the best hecklers go after us, which makes their seat Ground Zero."

Bootstrap, a threesome made up of Albanian Tom Brennan, an Delmar-based actor known as Parker Cross and a third actor, currently Mark Salocks, has but a single stock in trade. The horse they've ridden for more than two and a half years throughout the region is a bit of nonsense called "The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged."

This bit of theatrical jape was developed by some folks who work at Renaissance Festivals on the West Coast, and it made a brief splash off-broadway. But Brennan and fellow actors have clutched it to their breast and made it their own.

They've strutted and fretted, as Shakespeare would have it, on stages the length and breadth of the Capital Region, from Jackson's Garden at Union College to Saratoga's Caffe Lena to the Eight Step and Mother Earth's Cafe in Albany. "They loved us there," Brennan said. "They've had us back several times. There's still silly string hanging on the back wall from this production a year ago."

Brennan and company are delighted to be taking their maiden bow this weekend at Steamer No. 10. "This show fits well absolutely everywhere," he said, savoring the intimacy of the 130-seat house. "We think the silly string will reach all the way to the back row from the stage. We won't have to go out in the audience now."

Lest you wonder where in the canon of 37 Shakespearean plays you find silly string, a word of explanation is in order. To sum up these "Compleat Works" briefly: Act I is a hellbent rendition of 36 of them, plus all 154 sonnets, in under an hour; Act II, the other one, "Hamlet," digested to about 15 minutes and re-pis-ed over, and over, and over. Heckling is thus in order — and vengeance for the performers comes from a little can.

You'd heckle, too, if you saw the 280-pound Brennan squeezed into a Juliet costume and a really ugly wig to start off the show — as Romeo. "Hey, I've been doing this show for 2 1/2 years, over 60 times, I think, and we've only had one person really walk away unhappy with us," said Brennan.



## ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

## INHERIT THE WIND

classic courtroom drama, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through May 16, \$10 to \$35. Information, 445-7469.

## THE RED BALLOON

New York State Theatre Institute presents production by Visible Fictions, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, May 2 to 7, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8, for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

## GREAT JOY: TALES OF HEROIC COMPASSION

White Noise Theater production based on Asian folk tales, Emmaus United Methodist Church, West Lawrence and Morris streets, Albany, April 24 and 25, 2 p.m., \$8, \$6 for children, students and seniors. Information, 489-1806.

## FOREVER PLAID

musical comedy, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., April 30, May 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., May 2 and 9 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 393-5732.

## SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK

musical, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., April 30 and May 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., May 2 and 9 at 3 p.m., May 8 and 15 at 4 p.m., \$15. Information, 462-1297.

## THE SHADOW BOX

Pulitzer and Tony winner, Siena College's Foy Campus Theatre, April 23, 24, 29 and 30 and May 1, 8 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Information, 783-2527.

## THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

Bootstrap Players production, Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, April 23 and 24, 8 p.m., information, 438-5503.

## 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.

## PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD

Synge play, starring Yvonne Perry, Performing Arts Center at the University at Albany, April 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m., April 25 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 for students. Information, 442-3997.

## MUSIC

## BRUCE HORNSBY

rock pianist, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 22, 8 p.m., \$19.50-\$26.50. Information, 346-6204.

## CHEAP TRICK

concert to benefit Mark Cornell memorial scholarships, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, April 22, 7:30 p.m., \$15. Information, 465-4663.

## DAR WILLIAMS

folksinger/songwriter, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 22, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-0038.

## BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

all-Beethoven program, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, April 23, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 372-3651.

## MARK O'CONNOR, JAY UNGAR AND MOLLY MASON

renowned fiddlers play with the Albany Symphony Chamber Orchestra, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 23, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

## ALEXANDRA HAAS

cabaret star, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 23, 8 p.m., \$18, \$15 for seniors and children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

## VASSAR CLEMENTS

with fellow fiddlers Johnny Gimble, Mark O'Connor and Claude Williams, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 24, 7:30 p.m., \$23. Information, 273-0038.

## SYRACUSE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

all-Beethoven program, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 24, 8 p.m., \$24, \$20 for seniors, \$12 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

## CAPITOL HILL CHORAL SOCIETY

performing oratorios by Carissimi and Charpentier, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 25, 4 p.m., \$10. Information, 383-2879.

## ANTHONY ELLIOTT

cellist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 28, 7 p.m., \$25, \$20 for seniors and students. Information, 273-0038.

## FAMILY FUN

## SUNDAY SYMPHONY

Cowboy Dave (Albany Symphony Orchestra conductor David Alan Miller) helps Hector Berlioz overcome despair and write great music, Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, May 2, 3 p.m., \$12, \$6 for children under 15. Information, 465-4755.

## 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.

## SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

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

## ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

## LEGAL NOTICE

## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF COLUMBIA CARMAN HOLDINGS, L.L.C.

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 Columbia 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

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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 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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(c) instituting proceedings to have the Company or the LLC adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent;

(d) consenting to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against the Company or the LLC;

(e) filing a petition or consent to petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, dissolution, composition, liquidation or other relief on behalf of the Company or the LLC of its debts under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy;

(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:

(a) amend the Articles of Organization or cause the LLC to amend its Articles of Organization without the consent of the holder of the Loan;

(b) engage in any business activity other than as set forth in Article

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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;

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(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;

(h) maintain an arm's length relationship with its affiliates; with any transactions entered into with affiliates being on commercially reasonable terms;

(i) pay the salaries of its own employees from its own funds 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;

(l) not make loans to any other person or entity;

(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

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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 contact 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.

MANAGER  
s/ Joseph R. Nicolla  
(April 21, 1999)

## Super CROSSWORD

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70 Patella's

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49 Amos

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56 '62 Tommy

57 Prevents

60 First zoo?

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# Spotlight CALENDAR

APRIL 21

## BETHLEHEM

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

"Cooking Up A Craft," bread-dough art and pudding paintings, for children K-3, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

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

### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Including three public hearings. Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 a.m. Information, 439-4955.

### BINGO

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

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

### 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.

### ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, OES

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

### LIBRARY STORY TIME

Fractured Frog Tales for kids, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information 765-2791.

### V'VILLE PLANNING COMM.

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

THURSDAY APRIL 22

## BETHLEHEM

### OUTDOOR PROGRAM

"Early Blder" bird walk at Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, refreshments 7 a.m., 7:30 a.m. walk. Information, 475-0291.

### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Spring concert by Friendship Singers, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m.; concert 1 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

### MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

Dinner meeting program featuring Steve Gilman on "Invest and Share" organic farm program. Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m., visitors welcome, \$14. Reservations 438-7550 or 237-8572.

## CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Zucchini Brothers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Register, 439-9314.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### WRITER'S GROUP

Meeting at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information 765-2791.

FRIDAY APRIL 23

## BETHLEHEM

### BOOKS IN THE MORNING

"The Ox-Bow Incident" by Walter Van Tilburg Clark, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information 439-9661.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY APRIL 24

## BETHLEHEM

### ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

10 a.m. Tree Walk, 1 p.m. planting, 2 p.m. family

activities. Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. Information, 475-0291.

### AFTER-EASTER EGG HUNT

Egg and candy hunt, egg-rolling contest; Slingerlands Fire Department, rain location Fire House Pavilion, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 11 a.m.

### FILM AT LIBRARY

"The Lady Vanishes," 1938 Hitchcock black & white, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m., close-captioned, free. Information, 439-9314.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### "MARCH FOR PARKS"

Pledge-walk to raise funds for Indian Ladder Trail expansion; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Boyd Thacher State Park, New Scotland. Information 872-1237.

SUNDAY APRIL 25

## BETHLEHEM

### HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Onesquethaw Fire Company, Clarksville Fire House, County Route 301, Clarksville, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$4, children \$3, under 5 free.

## MAGIC MAZE

### BOYS' NAMES STARTING WITH "W"

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P M K I F D I B Y W R U S Q O  
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F L D A C O H R A Y E E R W V  
T S L Q P N R L U N R I E K I  
H D R A W A O D Y B F L T F E  
O E C B W Z P A O Y L L L D W  
N O T S N I W V U O I I A S R  
Q P N M M A I L L I W W W L J

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wade	Ward	Wendell	Willie
Waldo	Warner	Wilbur	Winthrop
Wally	Warren	Wilfred	Woodrow
Walter	Wayne	William	

## LEGAL NOTICE

### 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 materi-

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ally 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 Premises 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 con-

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taining 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 own-

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ing 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.

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E. Dissolution  
Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent permissible under applicable federal and state 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 contained 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.

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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 21, 1999)

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## 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 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 21, 1999)

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## 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  
Albany, New York 12203  
(518) 464-9075  
(April 21, 1999)

## 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 21, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE  
SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on March 9, 1999 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 a copy of process against it is SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC, c/o Patricia Popolizio, 52 Orchard Street, Albany, New York 12203.

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5. The latest day upon which the limited liability company shall dissolve is December 31, 2085.

6. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in the electrolysis business, and any business purposes permitted by law.  
(April 21, 1999)

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The limited liability company American Design & Contracting LLC was formed on April 1, 1999, by Marc Micare and Joseph Sutherland. The address of the company is 103 Halfmoon Drive, Altamont, New York 12009, in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company on whom process can be served.  
(April 21, 1999)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW 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 therefore;

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 therefore;

4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefore;

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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 buses as part of its ongoing 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 the necessary annual costs of same and levy the necessary tax therefore; 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 to 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  
(April 21, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Colvin, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 7, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(April 21, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia 19th Street, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 31, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(April 21, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Truewind Solutions, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 26, 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 251 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205.  
(April 21, 1999)

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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.  
(April 21, 1999)

## 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.  
(April 21, 1999)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of radio and communications center equipment, for the use of said Town.

Bids will be received up to 1:00 p.m. on the 30th day of April, 1999 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF  
THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC/AE  
TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 14, 1999  
(April 21, 1999)

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 school 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

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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 Pfleiderer,  
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 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:

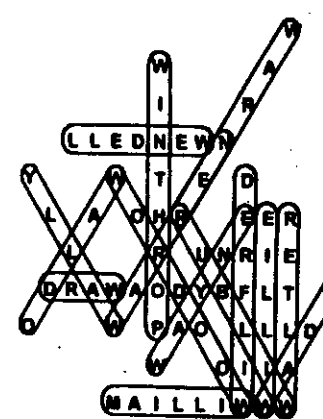
Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates 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  
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Gail Sacco, Clerk  
(April 21, 1999)









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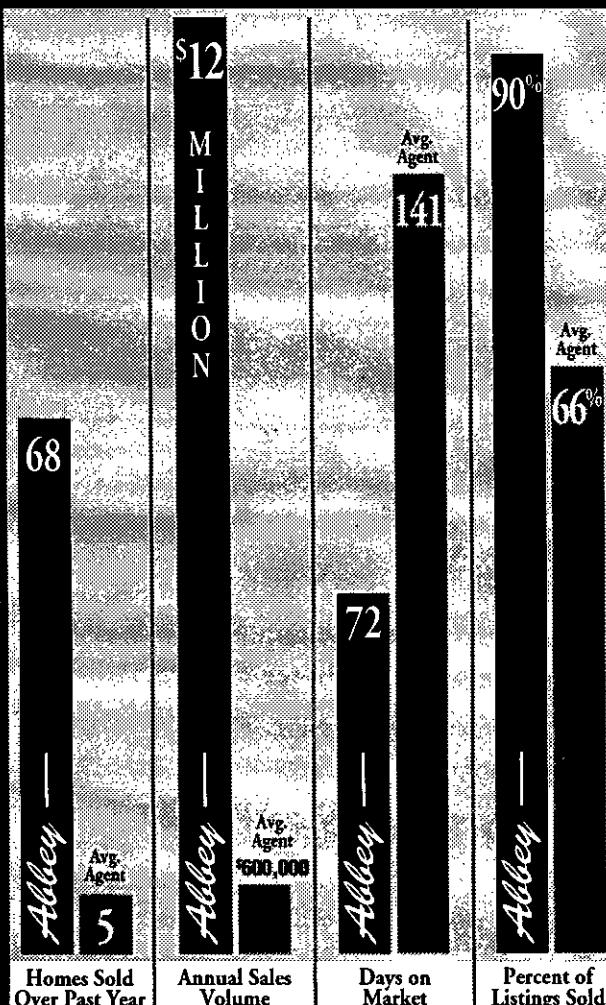
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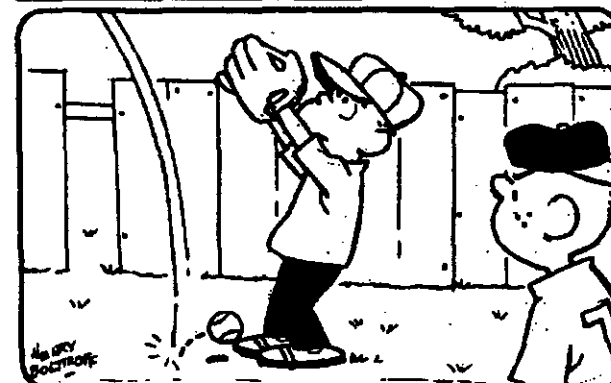
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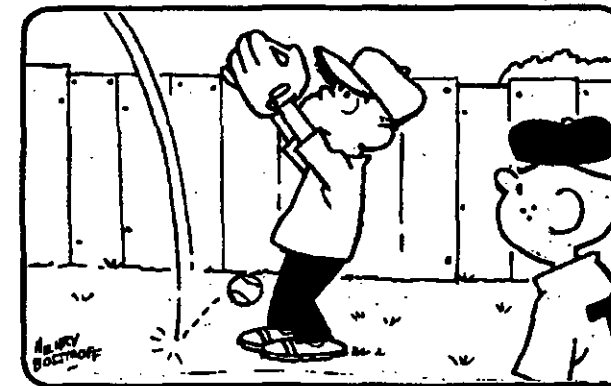
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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# Lake

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didn't want any part of this, even though a part of it was in his district."

And what of the December legislative appropriation of more than \$22,000 to do the present improvement work? "We did thank them for what they are doing," said one of the dissenters, Marie Blakesley of the Coeymans committee. "But it's not enough and they damn well know it."

"I'm sure Mr. Breslin was not pleased to find us there," she said. "I'm sure what they were going to do was just a little PR for themselves and have (Houghtaling's director of research) Betsy Weiss polish it up for them."

Houghtaling declined to comment directly, but Weiss on his behalf later read the following statement: "In the past, Republicans have held several press events at Lawson Lake and didn't invite us. Once the project is complete and open to the public, we'll throw a big ribbon-cutting and invite everybody."

Asked a series of questions

about his participation, Breslin repeatedly answered, "I was invited to a groundbreaking, and I attended." Eventually, he added: "My administration, in conjunction with the Legislature, has made greater strides than any previous administration in the past 20 years in improving Lawson Lake and opening it to the public. I am proud that my administration has done so. I have been working with the Legislature, all 39 members of it, to make improvements and open that park. It is not a matter of politics. It is a matter of what is best for the public."

"Mike Breslin was invited to break ground and that was all," insisted Monica Mahaffey, spokeswoman for Breslin. "We didn't do the inviting for the press event. He didn't hear until after, when he heard it from a reporter, that the Republicans hadn't been invited. The legislative majority has its own press person. We're disappointed that they put out that release without contacting us first."

Behind all the partisan wrangling is a saga stretching back

more than two decades, when Albany County obtained federal Department of the Interior funding to turn the 450-acre lakefront property into a public park.

But for years, only Trinity Camp, a privately-run organization providing summer outings for youngsters in Albany's poorer urban neighborhoods, used the Lawson Lake cabin facilities. Apart from those six to eight summer weeks, the park remained closed.

Requests almost a decade ago by the Coeymans and Alcove groups prompted an Interior Department inquiry into how its funding had been used. The local activists also enlisted the aid of Clouse and began to directly pressure the Legislature to make the park available for public use year-round.

"It wasn't open to the general public, it was open to a select public with connections to the city Democratic organization," said Cleary. "This camp is a great thing, but I want to know why low-income kids from my community, from Ravena and Selkirk, can't go there. Or all of Albany County. Breslin said we don't want to be in

the park business. But if you take millions of dollars to build a park, dammit, you're in the park business."

"None of us would deprive the children in Albany of a place to be for the summer, not one of us," Blakesley said. "All we're saying is, if you take federal money for a public park, make it a public park. Give others access to the park too. Not a piece of it, not a corner of it — to the park."

Their efforts culminated last year in the county's acquiescence. "I give a lot of credit to the feds," Clouse said. "They swept in and made sure this park got inspected and got opened."

But a year later, the neighborhood groups chafe at the slow pace of progress. Cleary said his group was promised improvements to the hiking and skiing trails in the park, "but nothing has happened. Still their objective is not to use these trails. They don't want you there."

"There's a beautiful lake, that people should be able to go out in boats on," said Blakesley. "There should be camps, there should be

swimming, there should be picnic tables. And I can assure you if we hadn't been nipping at their heels, this fishing area wouldn't be. And the taxpayers would be none the wiser."

Blakesley said she confronted Breslin with this last Tuesday, and was rebuffed. "For some reason, they think these communities want to turn this pristine lake into a Coney Island," she said. "I ask you, do a few picnic tables qualify as Coney Island?"

The community organizers expressed anger at what they called a transparently political event last week. "It mystifies me how they tried to sneak around Peter (Clouse) and give him no credit," said Cleary. "Without Peter, there would be no Lawson Lake open to the public. The 'keep out' signs would still be up. Even now, they're doing as little as they have to. There's no reason Breslin should take credit for it. He fought us every step of the way."

Houghtaling's press release promised further improvements to fishing platforms at the lake, and additional boardwalks for trails in the park. And Breslin added, "I'm happy that these improvements will make the lake more accessible for county residents to enjoy." But while they welcome the improvements, the community groups are concerned less with cosmetics than with the county's commitment to improved access generally.

"If they don't open it, we're gonna FOIL the documents and get the ... thing open," said Blakesley. "They've thrown us a bone, and they think we're gonna go away. But they're wrong. We're not going anywhere. It's a public park. They're gonna make it a public park, dammit."

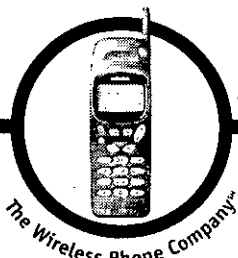
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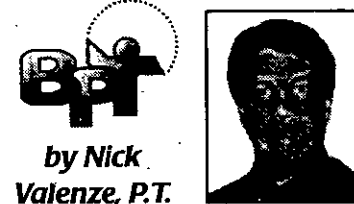
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## Physically Speaking



by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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