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2000 Bethlehem budget reflects 5% tax boost

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Comptroller Judith Kehoe presented a budget for the year 2000 that projects a 6.6 percent increase in overall outlays to approximately \$24.1 million, but only an approximate 5 percent property tax hike, a smaller highway tax increase, with water and sewer rates remaining the same.



Kehoe

The general tax increase, amounting to a total bill of approximately \$397 for a typical \$130,000 home, and was held down thanks in part to a \$27.5 million increase in the town's tax assessment rolls last year.

"The healthy economy has played a large role in our ability to hold the line on taxes, with strength in sales tax and mortgage tax funding a substantial portion of our revenues," according to the budget message Fuller and Kehoe presented at the town board meeting on Sept. 22.

The health of the economy has even boosted smaller revenue lines — like fees for the town's building department to inspect properties under construction, where year-to-date collections already exceed the amount budgeted for the current year.

The draft budget will now face a round of work sessions leading to a public hearing on Oct. 27. At the first session, on Oct. 5, the board will review the town's management information systems budget and various capital improvements under consideration for next year that are to be funded off budget.

A work session on Oct. 7 will review the bulk of the general budget, and on Oct. 14, the highway and public works departments' budgets.

Fuller said she expects a board vote on the finalized budget at the Nov. 10 town board meeting.

The budget increase includes a 3 percent salary hike for all town employees and otherwise reflects most departmental budgets, keeping pace with inflation.

Noting that town department heads do not operate under what she described as a "spend or forfeit mentality," Kehoe said most departments have held actual expenditures in recent years to 95 percent of budget. As a result, she said, budgeted deficits have not materialized.

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DOT narrows Selkirk bypass alternatives

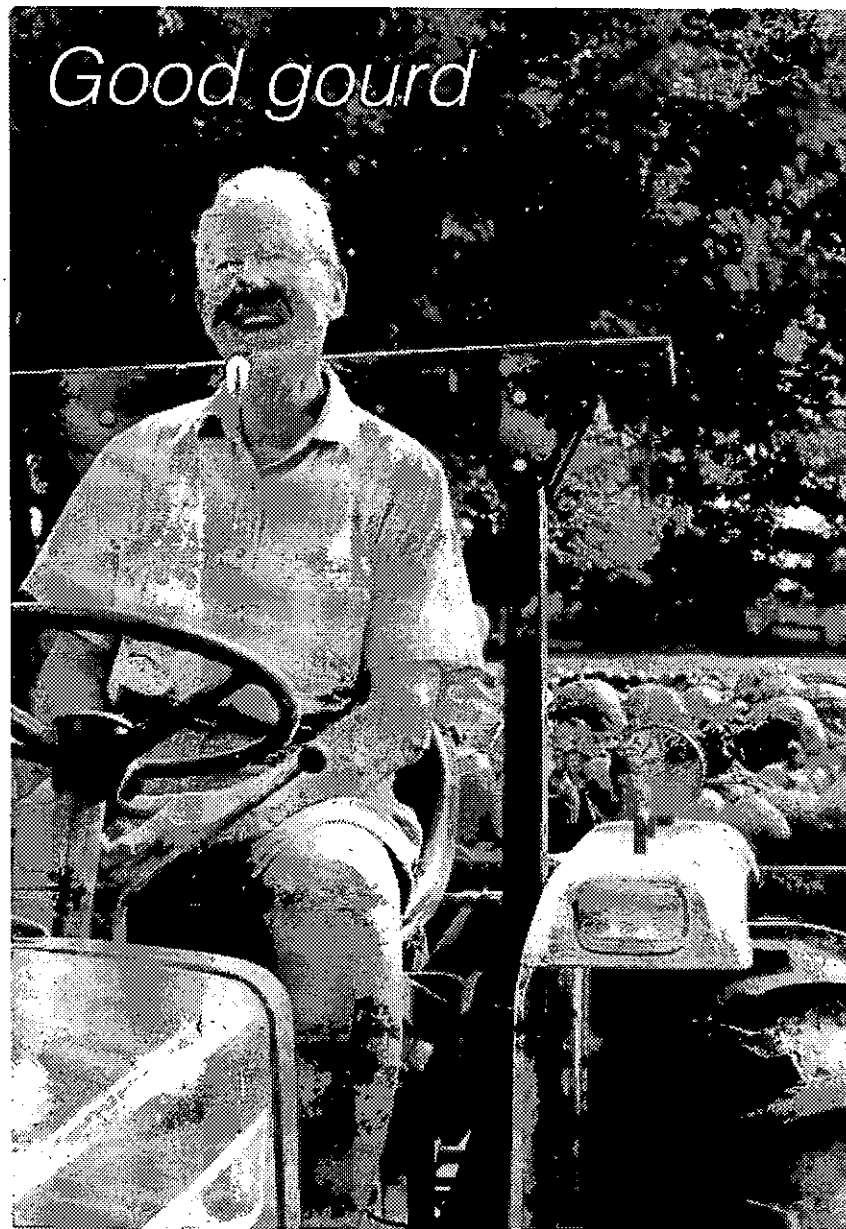
By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) moved closer to resolving the debate over the proposed Selkirk Bypass last week, issuing a public report eliminating several of the alternatives under discussion for connecting routes 9W and 144, skirting the most heavily populated section of Selkirk.

Following up on last June's public information meeting at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, DOT last week released a project newsletter updating the progress of the proposed route designed to address the issue of truck traffic travelling along Maple Avenue, Route 396, through the residential heart of Selkirk.

As a result of the public feedback gathered at the June meeting, the newsletter noted, two of the four options under consideration have been eliminated from further consideration — the so-called middle alignment, which would carve a new route that would cross Route 396 somewhat north of the most heavily residential stretch, and the "rehabilitation alternative" that would reconstruct Maple Avenue to make it more suitable for truck travel.

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Good gourd
Jim Tate of Delmar harvests hundreds of pumpkins every year about this time.
Constance Lupe

BCMS considers new house plan

By ELIZABETH CONNIFF-DINEEN

Parents, teachers and administrators gathered in Bethlehem Central Middle School's media center on Sept. 21 to hear a district-sponsored presentation on a proposed house plan for the school.

Middle school principal Stephen Lobban presented a formal overview of the plan which he said would "take our very good middle school and make it better."

"What we're talking about is improved means of communicating, specific to individual student needs," he added.

Lobban started by discussing the new Regents requirements which had raised the stakes for all students with higher standards.

"Students, teachers and counselors must work for three years together to address academic and personal needs," he said "We're talking about success of all students — both academic and developmental needs."

The school is currently arranged into three five-section teams and one two-section team at each grade-level. Student assignments from one year to the next are determined by counselors, and teams are remixed every year.

"Three models of the house plan

came out of discussions to date," Lobban said.

All models call for three houses with students assigned to one house for their entire middle school career. In each house, a teacher/administrator called a house master would be responsible for dealing with disciplinary referrals, organizing house activities and coordinating the work of teacher teams across the house's three grade levels. Guidance counselors and core subject teachers would be assigned to one

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Stephen Lobban

house. Special subject teachers might be assigned to one or two houses.

The team concept would remain intact with one team from each grade belonging to each house. According to the school district, the house plan is designed to extend benefits of the team approach across three grades. Class sizes (about 20 students per section) and

offerings would remain the same, and houses would be grouped heterogeneously. The middle school has approximately 1,150 students.

Middle school parents had already received information about the house plan in a mailing, and it was briefly discussed by Lobban at the PTA meeting on Sept. 13.

Teachers, administrators, parents and a school board member worked on developing the plan. BCMS House Plan Design Group members are: Mary Capobianco, assistant principal; Jan Coles, parent; Barbara Hoffman, parent; Chris Keneston, support staff; Ann Kohler, teacher and School Improvement Team member; Stephen Lobban, principal; Les Loomis, superintendent; John McGuire, assistant superintendent; Tom Michalek, teacher, Alexia Ryan, teacher; Bob Salamone, teacher, Anita Stein, parent, Greg Sterling, supervisor; Warren Stoker, school board member; and Donna Varriale, teacher.

Loomis said the district has had discussions with the school board and, "There is a lot of commitment from the board of education to make this (implementation of the house plan) happen."

"There has been concern about the

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size of the schools (middle and high school) for several years," he added.

The goal of the house plan "is to make smaller communities within large schools. The staff will know students and each other better," Loomis said.

He added that the school safety expert working with the district said that schools organized into smaller units are safer.

Lobban said he had spoken with administrators at both Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland and Shaker Junior

High in North Colonie to discuss how the house arrangement was working at those schools.

He particularly wanted to know about the transition to large high schools from middle/junior high schools that are grouped into houses.

Several parents expressed their concern about this issue at the meeting.

Shaker Junior High principal Russ Moore told Lobban that he saw communication benefits and didn't see any problems with the transition to high school.

Farnsworth administrators also

said their students didn't encounter problems moving from middle to high school.

Lobban cited research supporting the plan. "Studies in the last three years show higher achievement, lower discipline problems and better transition to high school (with such a plan)," he said.

"The research is clear in advantages of a house plan to all students across the spectrum. It's a plan designed to serve all students," added McGuire.

Several teachers also spoke in favor of the house plan.

"I see many students who are not part of the community," said sixth-grade science teacher Carolyn Hejna. The new plan would "allow us to work in more personal ways with the community," she said.

"I'm also a parent and see benefits for my son in smaller units," Hejna added.

Both Loomis and Lobban also talked about what they hope will be the biggest benefit of the new plan.

"We want to create a culture so students have a sense of belong-

ing," said Lobban.

"It's important to speak of house identity," Loomis said. "It will be up to the house master to work on developing house identity."

The goal will be to "foster a lot of interaction between grades" outside of classes, Loomis said.

"Communication is the key," Lobban said, "to connecting people organizationally so your children are at the center of what we do."

The only drawback Loomis could see would be some loss of opportunity for students to meet new friends over three years. "We're trading that for everything else that's positive," he said.

The middle school PTA will host another discussion of the house plan on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the media center.

The school board is scheduled to consider the plan at its Nov. 3 meeting and vote on it on Nov. 17.

If all goes according to schedule, the new house plan will start to be implemented in September 2000.

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That leaves two options still being "progressed" by DOT's Region One Design Group.

One is the southern alignment, beginning just south of Pictuay Road along Route 9W and continuing east past the TEPPCO industrial facility to an intersection with a short stretch of Maple Avenue near the Thruway entrance on River Road (Route 144).

The second is the northern alignment, intersecting Route 9W near Creble Road and concluding north of Clapper Road on Route 144.

"Barring any unforeseen social, economic, or environmental impacts that may be revealed as part of the ongoing studies, both alignments appear to be feasible from an engineering perspective," the report states. "However, there is legitimate concern over the substantially higher cost of the northern alignment, especially as the less expensive southern alignment currently appears to substantially satisfy the project objective."

The report noted public comments on the northern route suggesting that "many consider this alignment the only true bypass."

Refinements to the design of this option have resulted in a lowered estimate of its cost to around \$10-12 million.

The report also cited the southern alternative's lower estimated cost, \$6 million, against the \$6.2 million funding allocated for the bypass project by the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC). "The Department has determined that this alignment generally accomplishes the project objective, and is considered feasible and prudent."

Both alternatives will now progress in the design process, and further cost reductions on the northern option will be sought.

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V'ville district makes staff changes

By Katherine McCarthy

When Voorheesville Elementary School assistant principal Lisa DePaolo took a job as principal of Boght Hills Elementary School in the North Colonie district, the administration took the opportunity to make some administrative changes.

Linda Wolkenbreit, who had been assistant principal for the middle level, was given responsibility for kindergarten development for kindergarten through eighth grade, and will be assistant principal and have an office at the elementary school.

The district also created a dean of students position at the junior/senior high school, which is being shared by Dick Leach, the district's athletic director, and Joseph Sapienza, who has been the football coach for eight years, and also teaches physical education.

"We'd been thinking about when the sixth grade comes up to the high school, and had been talking about how to reorganize, whether our current structure is satisfying, and what kinds of things we could do to make our organization better," Superintendent Alan McCartney said. "We looked at Lisa's departure as a loss, but also as an opportunity to step back and see what we could implement now."

"Linda is a certified school administrator," McCartney said. "She has been on my administrative staff, and has a tremendous amount of background. She'll be working on K-8 curriculum development in general, and helping us

align what we do with the new state standards.

"She'll also continue looking into grants to get things accomplished. Linda has the ability to cut through minutia and get the job done. She has a direct way of getting things taken care of; she's organized and thorough, and this works well in the curriculum area," he added.

The curriculum role will carry over to her position in the elementary school, where Wolkenbreit will help implement the curriculum there, perform teacher evaluations and assist with student discipline.

Wolkenbreit is pleased with the change. "I always wanted to do more program and curriculum," she said, and is glad to have the chance to insure a good educational flow among the different levels in the district.

"Working with kindergarten through eighth grade enables me to get more of a program focus. I can make sure that the elementary curriculum flows into the middle level curriculum," she said.

In addition to making sure the curriculum flows seamlessly from grade level to grade level, Wolkenbreit said another of her goals is to master the idea of a differentiated curriculum in heterogeneous classrooms.

"Our elementary classes are not grouped by ability," Wolkenbreit said. "There are a lot of different needs, and the curriculum can't be one size fits all. The teachers work on that and

staff development makes that smooth, so that students who move from grade to grade get challenged to do their best. Luckily for me, the curriculum at Voorheesville is excellent. People have worked hard, and part of my job will be finding out what's been done, and fine-tuning it."

Wolkenbreit said she will continue to work on the humanities grants that have brought in visiting artists and performance groups. She may also work on the subcommittee that brings in technology, and with the group that is looking at obtaining community and corporate funding for the district.

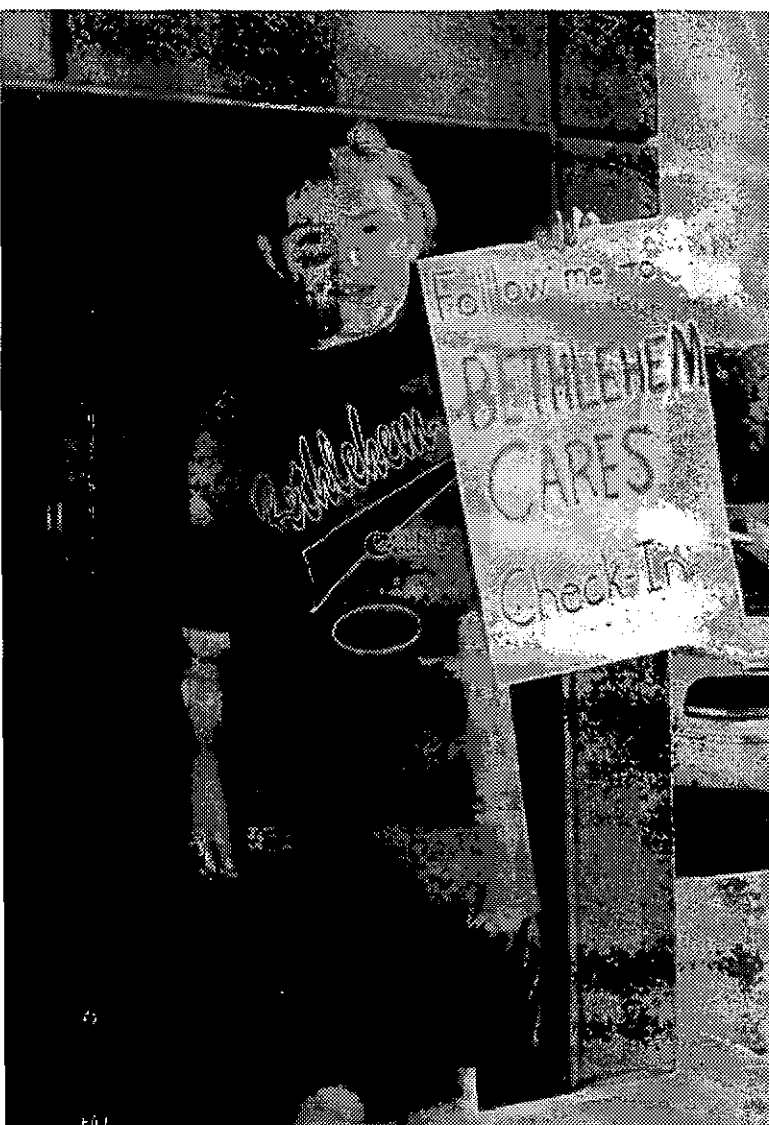
"Grant-writing is part of curriculum development," she said. "You look at what people need, and then how you can acquire it. Sometimes it's through the budget, sometimes it's other ways."

Elementary principal Ed Diegel is pleased to have Wolkenbreit as an assistant.

"The assistant principal has always had some role with curriculum," Diegel said, "and Linda will continue to be in charge of the middle school committee and program. The sixth-graders are here at the elementary school, so the move doesn't change some of the jobs Linda has previously performed."

Wolkenbreit also hopes to continue working with students on study skills. She is also thinking about holding parent education meetings, and perhaps program-related book discussion groups.

Team spirit



Chelsea Rondinaro shows walkers where to check in for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation walk to fund research projects. The Bethlehem Cares team raised more than \$14,000.

Constance Lupe

Bethlehem gets in line for composting grant

By Joseph A. Phillips

The town of Bethlehem may be in line for a state grant that could reimburse as much as half the cost of the town's Yard Waste Composting Facility on Feura Bush Road.

On Sept. 8, the town board authorized the highway department to apply for a grant of up to \$425,000 from the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), under a program to defray the cost of municipal waste reduction and recycling projects.

Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, whose department oversees the three-year-old composting site, said he anticipated the application would be completed this week.

With a submission deadline of Oct. 15, that would make Bethlehem one of the first municipalities in line for this year's round of funding.

Bethlehem first applied in 1995 or the DEC grant, which provides for a 50 percent match of municipal expenditures on waste reduction or recycling projects, to defray the cost of purchasing property and equipment and building facilities.

"It was such a good grant program that other municipalities with a wish list applied for it a head of us," Sagendorph said.

The town's original application for \$850,000 went on a waiting list. It became reachable in the current fiscal year's round of funding.

"This is our year," Sagendorph said. "We're hoping that by the end of the year they will have completed their review of our application and inspection of the facility."

So far, the town has spent \$700,000 from its capital reserves on construction of the facility, and half of that would be forwarded immediately if the current application is approved.

The state agency will also place in escrow the additional \$75,000 sought under the original application, against the projected expense of completing the project.

Still on the way is a building for equipment storage, a new water line into the facility, and a machine to screen compost before processing.

Sagendorph anticipated the cost of these final elements would exceed original projections, making it likely the town would receive the full escrow amount.

McCartney announces dean position Athletic staffers to share new job

By Katherine McCarthy

As part of its recent administrative changes, the Voorheesville school district has created a dean of students position.

Dick Leach, the school's athletic director, and Joseph Sapienza, the football coach who also teaches physical education, are currently sharing it.

As with many other school districts, Superintendent Alan McCartney said this decision was partly influenced by last spring's shootings in Columbine, Colo.

"In light of things going on, and the changing needs of students," McCartney said, "we saw a definite need at the high school for additional resources for the kids. There need to be more people for the kids to talk to."

"Most of our kids are great kids," McCartney said. "Not just in Voorheesville, but everywhere. They are really super kids, and they find themselves in some tough situations. We want to make sure they have the tools to deal with those situations."

"Of all the things I've read about school safety and climate," McCartney said, "a lot talks about what happens after a tragic incident. We are taking the approach that we want to be pro-active and do things for kids, not to kids. We need to find ways to make the kids feel they belong, to the community, and to the school. We need to help them make connections, and respect each other for who and what they are. These lessons will carry them further through life than whether they get an 88 or a 99 on a Regents test."

Largely, McCartney said, the district is trying to sustain the

positive values and feelings he sees in most of Voorheesville's students. "We're trying to give them places to go and people to talk to," he said. "If we can eliminate as many extraneous pressures on our students, they can succeed better. If we help them deal with normal day-to-day pressures, they'll perform better academically."

The dean of students position, McCartney said, is basically a teaching position, where both Leach and Sapienza teach physical education half time, and share the dean of students position.

"Leach has been in the district a long time," McCartney said. "The kids always go to him. He's willing to work with the kids, and he's good at helping students problem-solve. He's a health teacher, a phys ed teacher and a coach. He's learned counseling on the job, and works well with the students."

"I agreed to do this because it's a good way to see the kids and view them a little differently," Leach said. "In my 33 years here, I've had a lot of different jobs and responsibilities. This is an opportunity to work with the kids whether they're in trouble or not, and help them survive here at school."

Leach said, his contact with the kids has been very positive. "Most of the kids here are really easy to work with," he said. "I don't think of this position as a discipline position. The ultimate discipline is self-discipline, and we'll help them make good decisions."

"Joe Sapienza has worked with troubled youth," McCartney said of the second dean of students.

"He'd been coaching football and he lives in the community. The kids know him. He's sensitive, and has a counseling and social work background. When you put all those things together, it's a good fit. We weren't necessarily looking for someone to teach phys ed, but who had the ability to work with students."

Sapienza was a guidance counselor at Grout Park School, a special education school in Schenectady, for four years.

"I did a lot of group and individual counseling," Sapienza said, "as well as some work with families, including parenting skills and setting boundaries. As dean of students, a lot of things cross over from that job, like peer mediation and conflict resolution."

"The focus in Voorheesville is a little bit different," Sapienza said. "The student body here is interested in academics and extra-curricular activities. It's a positive environment. By teaching four phys ed classes, I also come in contact with most of the student body. I'm really excited about the way the school year started."

Sapienza, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School, feels that living in the community helps quite a bit with the new position.

McCartney said, the new position has been working well.

"We'll sit down and talk about it in January," he said. "Right now, the deans walk the halls, and spend some time in their offices. It's kind of management by walking around. Walking the halls gives you a good idea of what's going on, and gives the job some relevance."

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American kids unimpressed by city rich in history

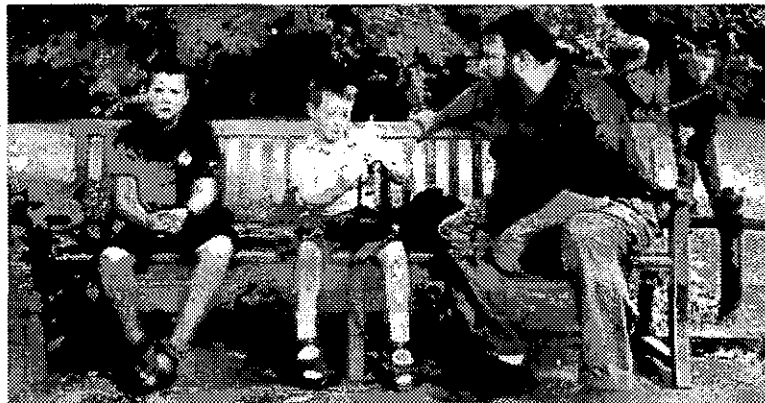
By Katherine McCarthy

Berlin, Germany, is a city full of significance to Westerners. Because Chris is so intensely interested in world affairs and history, and because a friend from my graduate student days had moved

Berlin Airlift and were especially interested in The Candy Bomber, who dropped gum and candy to the children of Berlin. They've heard about Communism, and the whole history of the Berlin Wall. Wouldn't this be a good time to take them there, let them see some of these places?

We'd tie the trip in with a friend's wedding in another part of the country, but start in the city that would reassume its full role as the nation's capital while we were there.

Our children have traveled abroad before, albeit to a place where we stay in one location, kick back and relax. But now they were a little older, and surely, had inherited our travel bug.



Christopher and Cormac McCarthy seem less than enthused about dad's explanation of Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. Katherine McCarthy

Chris and I love getting far away from our daily routine in places entirely different from where we live. We find it tremendously rewarding and insightful to make ourselves understood in a foreign culture. We were certain our children were ready to enter that world with us.

Not entirely, we learned. What's fascinating and rewarding to us proved to be terrifying and isolating for them. At Uli and Barbara's lovely house in a part of Berlin more suburban than urban, Cormac tried his hardest to connect to Viktor and Leon, their twins just a little bit older than he.

Even with my help, the language barrier, combined with their intense twin closeness, proved too strong to break through. Our boys were appalled

that Viktor and Leon liked Teletubbies; what self-respecting almost-8-year-old could admit to liking Tinky Winky?

"European children just aren't as evolved as American children," Christopher concluded derisively.

We had vowed to make the vacation as kid-friendly as we could, and after spending part of each day in a playground or renting boats in the Tiergarten, and letting the boys have time to read and play, we ventured, tourist-like, into this ever-changing city. We went to the Brandenburg Gate, which, 10 years before, we'd only seen from behind the Berlin Wall. Now, people move from east to west at a city pace.

We savored reunification as a victory for Western democracy, strolled slowly Unter den Linden

and recounted the time we'd stood on a viewing platform in the cold and snowy West, looking across the Wall to the no-man's land beyond, at the houses whose residents could see us but could never stand where we were.

Then one day, they could, and the Cold War was over. Our children, though, wanted to savor the city's flavor, and so we cut short our triumphal gazing and went to buy ice cream.

We went to the top of the Siegesäule, to see the city's broad boulevards stretch around us. We went to the Reichstag, on the day before the nation's chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, took up office in Berlin. We talked about Hitler, and how he had had the Reichstag burned and blamed a Dutch tourist.

The museum at Checkpoint Charlie was our greatest success, with all its depictions of people escaping to freedom. The dummies folded into the trunks of cars, and the display board of the man whose mini-submarine took him across the Havel to West Berlin, helped the boys finally understand how coveted freedom is.

The remains of the actual checkpoint, surrounded by a chain-link fence in a weedy lot, showed the final demise of East Germany even to their young eyes. And Cafe Adler, where once Chris and I had drunk coffee and watched Americans cross into East Berlin, served each boy's favorite kind of cake.

Perhaps their contentment also came from the new Lego robots they'd purchased at Berlin's biggest department store, "Kaufhaus Des Westens."

The city of Potsdam, just outside Berlin, was another excursion; at Cecilienhof, the boys listened semi-patiently as Dad talked about the Potsdam conference, and looked with interest at the rooms that Churchill, Stalin and Truman had used as they discussed the postwar settlements of Germany and Berlin.

But, no doubt, the best part of Potsdam to them was the pizza. And, while Chris and I marveled at the changes in Berlin, and our friend Uli joked with us about the final Western conquest of that city, the boys found the true sign of change in Berlin, and the thing that made their visit even the slightest bit tolerable: Pokemon.

It may have started in Japan, but surely American youth have taken this fad to an obsession. As luck would have it, on their very first day in Berlin, they'd spotted a poster for the opening of the Pokemon Center. We knew the best course of action was to go there immediately. We were greeted by a big purple Pokemon character, and invited upstairs.

"It's the launch of Pokemon in Germany," a young man told me over the noise of Game Boys, video games, and the cartoon show blaring on a large screen. In front of it sat about 10 kids, all slack-jawed and mesmerized, among them our boys, now willing to give the German language a chance.

"Well," Chris said resignedly, as we stood in the newly-opened Pokemon Center just minutes from the Ku'damm, where the Memorial Church stands, left in its bombed-out state as a reminder of the horrors of war. "You just haven't lived till you've seen Japanese cartoons dubbed into German."

COMMENTARY:

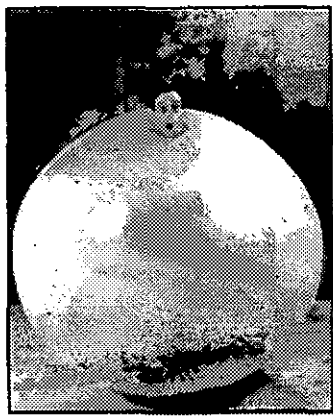
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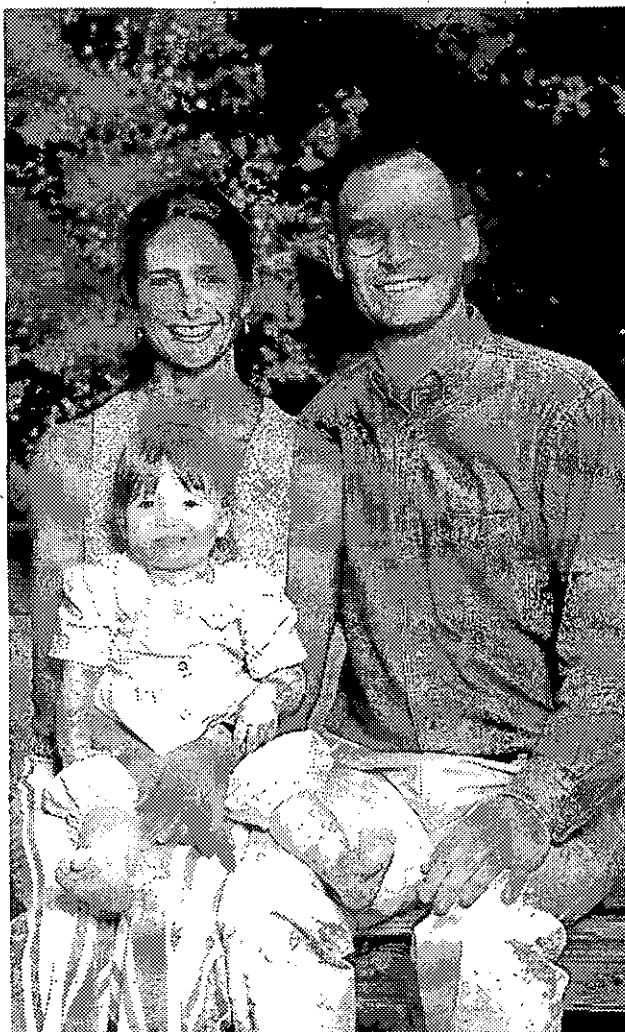
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Film festival slated

Keep your calendars open on the second weekend in October for "Exit Laughing: Comedy in Film," a weekend of comic film classics and free popcorn at the library on Oct. 8 through 10.

Complementing the films is a talk by Union College professor Peter Heinegg on the following Thursday.

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

Here is the schedule:

Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. — "Gold Rush" (1925 16mm, black and white) Charlie Chaplin's silent classic starring the Little Tramp himself, with Mack Swain and Georgia Hale.

Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. — "Bringing Up Baby" (1938, black and white video) Howard Hawks' classy comedy starring Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn.

Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. — "Sleeper" (1973, 16mm, color) Woody Allen's scifi satire starring Diane Keaton and Allen.

Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. — "Comedy in Film: with Peter Heinegg.

Heinegg is a past recipient of summer fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Last year at Union, he designed and taught a survey of comedic literature from ancient Greece to 20th century America. He has presented lectures in the humanities at Capital District public libraries since 1989.

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Our festive films are free family events" the lecture is appropriate for adults. Call 439-9314 to register. The festival celebrates State Humanities Month and is made possible with funds from the New York Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Louise Grieco

Historian to discuss USS Slater

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Al Van Derzee, a member of the Destroyer Escort Historical Foundation, will give a talk and video presentation on the historical significance of destroyer escorts and the history of the USS Slater and her restoration.

Of the 565 destroyer escorts commissioned by the Navy, the Slater is the only escort still in its original state and still afloat.

The ship is currently in the Port of Albany, where it is undergoing restoration work with the assistance of local veterans and volunteers. The program will include a photo display showing the restoration.

Veterans and military history buffs should be especially interested in this special program, which begins at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For information, call 765-2791.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, village historian Dennis Sullivan will conduct a walking tour of historic buildings in the village of

Voorheesville Public Library

Voorheesville. Participants should meet at 10 a.m. at the library. Wear comfortable shoes. Refreshments will be served at the library after the walk. Sign up is requested by calling 765-2791.

The Friends of the Library annual book sale is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 29 to 31. Donations of used books in good condition are being accepted at the library. Please no magazines, encyclopedias, condensed books or dated material. Children's books are especially welcome —

it's time to clean out the kids' bedrooms and bookshelves. Volunteers are needed to sort books and run the cash register during the sale. Call the library and leave your name and number if you can help.

Barbara Vink

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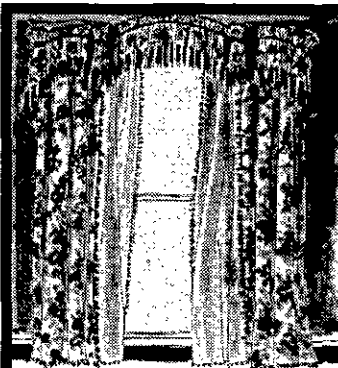
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Matters of Opinion

It's budget time

Town of Bethlehem officials began the annual budget process last week and project a modest increase for the upcoming year. Given the excellent services the town provides, a 5 percent increase is one most residents can support.

Town officials have traditionally held the line on spending, and this year's budget package is in keeping with that philosophy.

Disturbing, however, are hikes in engineering and legal fees, resulting from the town's lawsuit against design engineers of Schermerhorn Island water plant. Legal fees will more than double moving from \$40,000 to \$85,000 in the proposed plan. Another water related cost is a jump from \$165,000 to \$550,000 for water purchased from the city of Albany. Delays in implementing improvements at the plant and the drought, have been cited as reasons for this dramatic increase. What a shame to have to shell out money for these reasons.

Residents will have an opportunity to offer input on the budget on Oct. 27 when a public hearing will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. at town hall on Delaware Avenue. Prior to that, there will be budget information sessions on Oct. 5, 7 and 12.

Celebrate the library

Bethlehem Public Library's creative celebration of Library Week is ongoing through Oct. 1. The electronic celebration is being broadcast on TV-31 and at the library, and a video of the event will become part of the library's permanent collection.

The presentation is a great way for newcomers to get to know what this community is all about and a chance for the rest of us to get an in-depth look at some of our most active groups and clubs in action. Some 11 groups in all, representing a host of interests and activities, are part of this year's celebration, which really helps us appreciate the fabric of this community.

The sense of involvement is contagious and most of the groups featured in the Library Week video welcome new members and new ideas.

We salute the Bethlehem Public Library for its innovative manner of showcasing not only itself, but the makeup and variety of the Bethlehem community during Library Week.

Spruce it up

Don't miss out on some helpful home improvement tips in this week's special supplement. Fall is a great time to spruce up the house. And remember to support our advertisers.

Editorials

Fun should be part of kids sports

By Bill Fonda

The writer is editor of the Clifton Park Spotlight

Over the course of my nearly 21 months here at Spotlight Newspapers, I've had a chance to dabble a little bit in my first love, sports.

I've met people like Mike Trefiletti, whose devotion to the Clifton Park Baseball League as coach, field designer and groundskeeper is so thorough that the field his Babe Ruth World Series team played on in August at Clifton Common is named after him.

I remember talking to him on opening day of the tournament about waiting for his team's first game, scheduled to be the last of the day, when he told me, "I could do this all day, every day." And you know what? I bet he could.

I don't know if Trefiletti and Jesse Braverman have ever met, but if they haven't, they should. I've only met Jesse in passing, when he has come to our office in Delmar or talked to me about his Mickey Mantle squad when I edited our sports pages, but I've certainly heard enough about him.

My job doesn't allow me to have three months off every year, but if it did, I sure as heck wouldn't get up early every morning to play baseball all day with the neighborhood kids, but Jesse does.

And there are people who want him to give up the Mickey Mantle team or the Bethlehem Central School varsity baseball team because of a Suburban Council rule that may not even be a rule? To me, it sounds misguided, at best.

Vern Fonda (no relation, even though he once said he spent more time with me than his own family) is a physically imposing guy, but one thing I learned in all of the time I covered his activities on the South Colonie school board and as president of South Colonie Pop Warner is that he is a gentle man who just loves kids.

When South Colonie Pop



Point of View

Warner found itself \$26,000 in debt last year, he led the charge to get the league out of the red and pay all of its bills. He succeeded, but insisted on telling me, "It's all for the kids" 100 times if he told me once.

I went to the league's opening day last year to write a wrap-up story on its return to solvency, and I think Vern was having as much fun as any of the kids.

Participating in sports is one of the greatest things children can do, as long as the adults don't screw it up.

Those are the guys who do it right, along with the vast majority of the coaches, volunteers and moms and dads, who just want kids to have fun and enjoy all that sports has to offer.

But then there's people like Ron Fahd. The major reason I was writing about Vern Fonda's work restoring South Colonie Pop Warner's financial stability was because Fahd, the former president, stole more than \$12,000 from the organization.

I never got to speak to Fahd, so I never found out why he did what he did, but his attorney assured me that he regretted what he did, and would make restitution. That's all well and good, but he stole money from little kids.

Did he never think about the times he watched the boys and girls with their little uniforms and big dreams of someday being like Emmitt Smith or John Elway before he skimmed those checks? Did he think about what that might do to them?

Although I don't have kids of my own, I certainly know that it is difficult for families when the children play sports. There were certainly plenty of rushed meals, late meals and trips to practices and games around the Fonda household when my brother Dan and I were growing up.

But my family doesn't even compare to some of those profiled in the July 12 issue of *Time*. For them, year-round play, camps and traveling hundreds of miles per weekend is the norm. It all adds up, but that's OK, so long as the kids enjoy it and the parents don't mind.

The problem starts when parents do some of the things mentioned in the article—ranting and raving after mistakes, brawling with opposing parents, attacking teen-age umpires and encouraging their kids to play dirty. I saw similar behavior, although not always in the same degree, during the years I played sports.

Personally, I think it's because a lot of parents don't understand the difference between supporting their children and living vicariously through them. They

seem to have this idea that if Johnny hits a home run during his Little League game, it makes them better people. Well, it doesn't, and it doesn't make them failures if he strikes out.

What's even worse are the parents who see their children as gravy trains when they realize the kids might have a chance of hitting that billion-to-one jackpot and becoming professionals. There have been numerous accounts of this type of behavior over the years, particularly in women's tennis and gymnastics, where most of the top performers are teenagers.

An athlete doesn't even have to necessarily be a professional before the parents start trying to feed from the money trough. In "Raw Recruits", a book I recently finished reading about the sleaze in college basketball recruiting, there are stories of parents and coaches who insisted on "being taken care of" in exchange for steering players toward a particular school.

These people really need to get a life, preferably one of their own.

Unfortunately, that's not even the worst of it. Some people involved in youth sports may be leeches, but others are predators.

Sheldon Kennedy, a former hockey player for the Boston Bruins, caused a huge stir in his native Canada several years ago when he revealed that he was molested as a teen-ager by his celebrated former junior hockey coach, Graham James.

To truly understand the magnitude of the case requires the knowledge that hockey is darn near a religion in Canada and knowledge of the country's junior hockey system. Instead of playing for local teams, promising teens often move hundreds of miles from their families, which turns their host families and coaches into surrogate parents.

Those kinds of close relationships are fertile ground for potential child molesters, as a cover story in the Sept. 13 *Sports Illustrated* shows.

The article tells of coaches, primarily Little League coaches, who have molested their players after gaining their trust with gifts and movies, or just by being friends. One of them, now serving an 84-year sentence in a California prison, coached not far from where he had been treated in a mental hospital for molesting children.

I played both baseball and basketball for a coach who had the same kinds of friendships with some of his players, and was later arrested for allegedly having an improper relationship with one of them. He was arrested several years after I played for him, and I don't know how the case was resolved.

It's vital to note once again that these examples represent a distinct minority, and they will remain that way as long as adults remember a simple premise—participating in sports is one of the greatest things children can do, as long as the adults don't screw it up.

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Your Opinion Matters

BC board should adopt its own rule

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was confused about the thrust of your article "Sparks fly at BC school board meeting," until I read your editorial, "Argue case in court."

As one of the so called "combatants" in your article, I must say I think your reporter got it wrong. I did not "very nearly come to blows" with Mr. Elefante. It was a spirited and, yes, heated discussion after the board meeting. But I bear Mr. Elefante, who I never met before, no ill will. I respect his passion even as I disagree with his conclusion.

The post-meeting discussion resembled CNN's "Crossfire" more than the "Jerry Springer Show." Less dignified than I had hoped, but neither Mr. Elefante nor I made any menacing gestures toward each other, as your article suggests.

In reality, however, your article did set the table for your editorial "Arguments in the Braverman case should be made in the courts, not at school board meetings." I obviously disagree.

The problem here is that the board of education unintentionally finds itself enforcing the guidelines of the Suburban Council, but ignoring the rules of the Public High School Athletic Association (PHSAA), which are promulgated as the rules of the commissioner of education. I believe that Rule 23(d) of the PHSAA regulations, clearly allows coaches like Jesse Braverman and Bill Silverman to coach non-school sports teams, so long as they don't mandate student participation in the activity.

Furthermore, the Suburban Council was prohibited by law from issuing regulations or guidelines several years ago, because they found them to be unenforceable. Thus, I feel that the inconsistency is obvious, between the Suburban Council guidelines and the actions as well as the regulations of the PHSAA.

My suggestion to the board was to stake their legal ground on compliance with the rules of the PHSAA, not the Suburban Council guidelines. Why expose the school district and its taxpayers to legal liability on something so clear? Should we all really wait, as your editorial advises, until Federal Court reads the law and assesses legal costs and damages?

Do we really want to enforce Suburban Council guidelines, which protect some coaches' money-making opportunities for select teams and summer camps, but give the shaft to volunteer coaches in club programs? I felt most members of the board and Dr. (Les) Loomis were at least

listening, and I appreciated their patience.

Thus, I offered the board an alternative to get itself out of this legal thicket — the creation of a Bethlehem rule, based on the enforcement of a strict no pressure, no preference policy. A policy that would be fully consistent with the PHSAA regulations. Furthermore, this no-pressure, no preference policy, would still allow volunteer coaches like Jesse Braverman and Bill Silverman (who have never been accused of pressuring students) to continue their fine work.

In fact, Mr. Elefante and I agreed on one fundamental fact: we don't want Bethlehem taxpayers to pay the bill for someone else's violation of state law. He and I only disagree on who is breaking the law. He thinks it's Jesse Braverman. I believe it's the Suburban Council through its inconsistent guidelines or anyone who tries to enforce those guidelines.

Bruce Gyory
Delmar

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Barb Stevens
and Ruth Zinzow
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County

Candidates say thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for our victory in the Conservative primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

We are grateful for the overwhelming support and significant vote of confidence which we received.

We look forward to the challenges of a vigorous and exciting

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Matters of Opinion

Committee deserves credit

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must amend the article Joseph Phillips was good enough to write for *The Spotlight* of Sept. 15 pm the subject of Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning and its courses in order to praise the work of HILL's intelligent, loyal, hard-working, self-sacrificing volunteer committee — Murray Block, Gytelle Bloom, Nan DeSantis, Roz Faust, Mary Jeram and Natalie Weinstein — all worthy of high praise and community recognition and without whom the real work of HILL would never be done.

At great personal cost these stalwarts have audited and interviewed for faculty choices, arranged public displays, managed the considerable correspondence, hung posters, registered the student body, spent countless phone hours managing the mechanics of HILL, searched for meeting places, handled the finances, moved hundreds of chairs at the

town park and wherever else that was required, met regular and last-minute emergencies, attended long and regular meetings throughout the year, analyzed student surveys, took attendance at all classes, and persevered through the omnipresent tasks related to the running of the organization.

The ideas and hard work of these five conscientious and determined committee members have brought the Capital District the benefits of HILL. So I welcome this opportunity to thank and say publicly that without these dedicated believers in local adult humanities education, HILL would have been "a dream deferred."

Thank you, every one of you.

Helen Adler
Delmar

Player is grateful for great coach

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was on Jim Dombrowski's Grand Slam 12-and-under softball team this season. We had a wonderful time, and also made our way to first place in the regular season. We went a long way, but Jim really helped us and encouraged us to do better.

During the playoffs, many games were cancelled, due to the weather. As a result, when it came down to our final game, we were still in first place. However, it was the Friday of the 4th of July weekend, and most of my teammates were going on vacations. We were forced to forfeit that Friday night game. It really got to me because I believe that we earned all the games that we played and won.

I want to say thanks to Jim Dombrowski for being a fantastic coach, and to my team, who won, in my heart, first place!

Megan Di Maggio

Housing development will swell BC classes

Editor, The Spotlight:

There's something wonderful about autumn in this little town.

After the hurricane, everything smells so clean and fresh.

We took a ride around last Sunday, and I was astonished to see the many, many new housing developments going up. It's obvious that no one on the planning board has any children. Or possibly they think it will be grand to see their kids in the middle school and high school with 79 other kids in their class.

Build more residential housing! What an excellent idea. Clear out every last tree and stick a house where it used to stand. What's so great about uncrowded

schools anyhow? We need lots more traffic here, that's for sure. But you have to give 'em credit. The same people who were down on Stewart's moving near the high school (because they might sell cigarettes to the students) sure were thinking when they approved the new and shiny "Cheap Cigarettes" store in Delaware Plaza. That sure is appealing and real classy, don't you agree?

At least when my daughters are crunched together in overcrowded classrooms, I'll sleep soundly at night knowing that they'll be able to get a pack of smokes cheap here in Delmar. Gotta love this town.

Helene Sovern
Delmar

Residents say thanks for aid

Editor, The Spotlight:

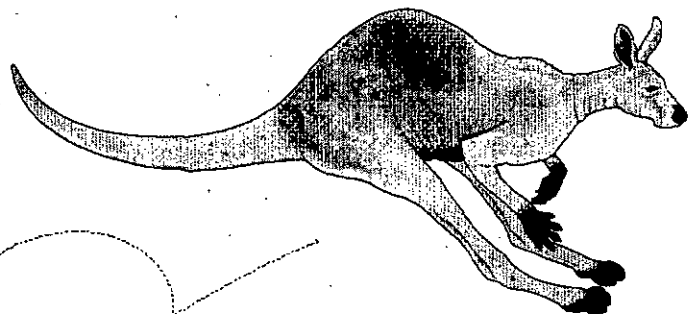
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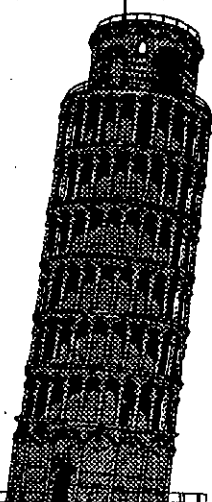
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Your Opinion Matters

School board bashing ad should never have run

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your Sept. 1 edition contained a public service ad on behalf of the national Connect for Kids campaign that is gratuitously insulting to school board members. In the name of "humor," it portrays school board members as part of the problem of neglected children when, in fact, school board members, as parents, as selfless volunteers and as concerned citizens, are among the most steadfast advocates for children.

This misleading ad was a joint undertaking of the Ad Council and the Benton Foundation. When school boards throughout the nation complained about its content, the Connect for Kids campaign agreed to withdraw the ad and alert news organizations of their decision. Nevertheless, some ads did appear, yours among them.

I believe citizens in Bethlehem

and elsewhere recognize that school board members typically are motivated by their love and concern for children, their own and others'. They sacrifice innumerable hours of their own time to set sound policies for their school district, assemble the best management team, protect the interests of both children and taxpayers, lobby their elected officials and improve the knowledge and skills that good board members need. Their reward is the knowledge that they are helping children grow to become productive citizens. For this, they should be thanked, not called silly names.

David Ernst

Director of communications

New York State School

Boards Association

Editor's note: Other readers brought this ad to our attention. We have taken the ad out of our files.

Homes needn't be rubber stamps

Editor, The Spotlight:

A few weeks ago Terry Rooney wrote about the "vinyl covered boxes" sprouting up all over the countryside. I have to agree with his terms of sterile and monotonous. My personal description is expensive cookie cutter homes.

The unfortunate part is new housing areas do not have to look that way. I have spent a number of vacations in the South and have looked at various housing options as my long-term plan is to move where I can retire my snow shovel. I have seen my share of cookie cutters down there too, but I have seen some well-thought-out subdivisions. There are sufficient varieties of house plans plus most of the better developers will work with your own plan, so that repetition is not a problem. One developer in Carolina Forest, a new township in Horry County, S.C., has strict rules about repeating the same house plan too close to an existing one. I applaud the efforts of our business community to try to create the village look in the center of Delmar.

Maybe it is time for the developers in this area to get out and see what the competition in other regions of our country is doing before it is too late to reverse the trend.

Ann Rymski
Slingerlands

Thanks to Mangia for water

Editor, The Spotlight:

Again this year, the tremendous, albeit low visibility community service provided by Mangia in Slingerlands warrants a sincere thank you.

This service is the yellow and red canteen filled with water this establishment places on the street corner in front of the restaurant for joggers and walkers.

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Thank you for your wonderful thoughtfulness that is all too rare.

Hank Steadman

Delmar

Praise to storm workers

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a resident of the town of Bethlehem, I am writing to commend our local volunteer fire departments, emergency services personnel and town police and highway departments for their efforts during the recent violent storm.

These men and women, both volunteers and employees, worked tirelessly for long hours helping our neighbors clear debris and pump out flooded base-

ments and roads.

Again, I would like to extend my thanks and sincere gratitude to all those who helped ensure the safety of the community.

David Young

Albany County legislator

Physically Speaking



by Nick
Valenze, P.T.



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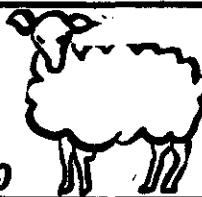
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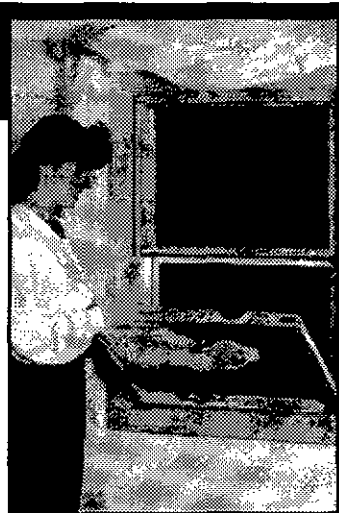
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Firefighters planning annual Harvest Ball

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The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer, set-ups and appetizers.

Pam Pardee will be the DJ.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any fire department member. The dance is open to the public.

Open house set for second and third grade

Open house for parents of second- and third-grade students will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at

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the elementary school.

Parents of second-grade students will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Open house for parents of third-grade students starts at 7 p.m., also in the auditorium.

Senior high slates open house

Open house for parents of ninth- through 12th-grade stu-

dents is set for tonight, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

School pictures scheduled at elementary school

Elementary school pictures will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29 and 30.

Historical group offers talk on steam boating

Don Eberle will offer a multimedia presentation on steam boating on the Hudson at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

Eberle is the past president of the Steamship Historical Society of America.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

PTA to sponsor book fair

The PTA will hold a book sale on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 3 following Masses at St. Matthew's parish center.

The sale will offer a range of fiction and non-fiction books for children, CD-ROM's, and teaching resources. Proceeds will benefit the Voorheesville PTA. The sale is open to the public.

Walking tour on tap

Village historian Dennis Sullivan will conduct a walking tour of Voorheesville on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m.

The tour will meet in the parking lot of the library and end with refreshments at the library. For information or to sign up, call the library at 765-2791.

Garden club sets meeting

Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

Guest speaker Robin Wolfe will talk about "putting your garden to bed."

Refreshments will be served.

The meeting is free and open to the public. New members are welcome.

School board to meet

The school board will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Bottle receipts to benefit library

October's bottle return receipts at SuperValu Foods will be donated to Voorheesville Public Library. November receipts will be donated to the local food pantry.

Delmar Writer's Group seeks new members

The Delmar Writer's Group, an organization for published and soon-to-be-published writers of fiction, nonfiction and poetry, has openings for new members.

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Otto Schultz, left, looks on as his wife Esther Schultz accepts an engraved clock from William Johnson. Schultz, a 1929 graduate of Delmar High School, attended a reunion with other early BCHS and Delmar High grads. Constance Lupe

RCS community to honor Schwartz

Members of the RCS community are invited to a gala thank-you party for outgoing school Superintendent Bill Schwartz.

Schwartz provided educational leadership to the RCS community for more than two decades, serving as high school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

The gala event, entitled "Thanks for the Memories," will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, starting at 6 p.m. at Herbert's at Birch Hill in Schodack. Tickets are \$33 per person or \$60 per couple. Checks should be made payable to Bill Schwartz Retirement Fund. For information, call Joan McNessor at 756-5201.

Magazine drive under way at middle school

The middle school's annual magazine drive will continue through Friday, Oct. 8. This is an excellent opportunity to subscribe to magazines and help the middle school raise money.

Fifth grade to host movie night

RCS fifth-graders are planning a movie night for Friday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

The class of 2000 is also sponsoring a movie night after the football game on Oct. 1 from 8 to 11 p.m.

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The program is free and open to all preschoolers who are accompanied by an adult.

The library is collecting books for its upcoming sale. Book donations are being sought in all categories — children's, adult, fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks and hardcovers — no magazines.

The book sale will be on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena (in the back of the village hall).

Apple barn open

Boehm's Apple Barn on Route 143 in Ravena is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

RCS sports group to meet

RCS Sports Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at the high school. All community members are welcome to attend.

Community library news

RCS Community Library offers preschool story times on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7, will be "Al-

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Feura Bush church to serve fall supper

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The menu includes roast pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, tomato juice, rolls and butter, and coffee, tea or milk. Dessert includes homemade apple or pumpkin pie with topping.

A bake sale begins at 4:30 p.m. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free.

For reservations, call Pat Gardner at 439-2212.

Village Volunteers seek new members

The Village Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps will hold its annual open house and recruitment on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Children who will be 10 or older by next May, or adults of any age, are welcome.

A musical background is helpful but not required, and free instruction is provided.

For information, call 861-6708

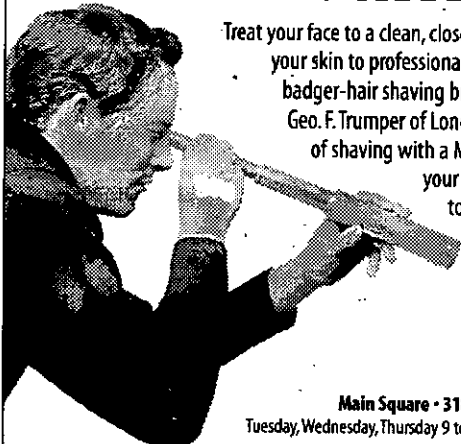
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Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. will host its monthly home-style breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 24, from 7 a.m. to noon, at Clarksville firehouse on Route 301.

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Sports

Lady Eagles volleyball team serves up a win at Columbia

By Noah Feit

At Columbia High School on Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Bethlehem Central High School varsity girls volleyball team (4-2) prepared for their match against the Blue Devils.

"Are you ready to play, if we are going to win this game you better be ready," BCHS head coach Deb Elmendorf said to her team be-

fore they took the floor. In the games that followed the Lady Eagles answered their coach's question with deeds, not words as they swept their way to victory, defeating Columbia in three straight games; 15-13, 15-4 and 15-6.

Led by the serving of Val Messina the Lady Eagles stormed out to an early 14-5 lead in the first

game of the match. The right arm of Messina had Bethlehem in good shape all day long as the team rode her well-targeted, high velocity serves that perilously spiraled to the Blue Devils ankles. At one point in the first game Messina, junior, won six points in a row on her serve including an ace. Columbia's Danielle Corellis high powered booming serves had BCHS scrambling, but the Lady Eagles were able to fend off a late charge by the Blue Devils to hold on and win, 15-13.

Bethlehem captured the sweep handily winning the second and third games of the match. The Lady Eagles were not dominating, but very steady. BCHS won

the match with its play below the net, using fine touch and marksmanship rather than employing high-flying acrobatics or sheer brute strength. It was Bethlehem's consistency that made them victorious.

"We did play well and didn't miss on serve," Elmendorf said reviewing the Lady Eagles play.

In addition to strong serving, BCHS acted like a brick wall constantly keeping everything in play, patiently waiting for a Blue Devil error. The height of Bethlehem juniors Megan Fish and Jessica Eggleston had BCHS in control at the net while the fine all-around play of junior Jen Macri and senior Jenna Grant maintained the

backline with nice digs.

Their crisp execution, fluid movement and accurate passing reinforced Bethlehem's consistency. Junior Allissa Bango added some deceptive slight of hand using misdirection on her shots and fake attempts at the net. The Lady Eagles were the very essence of a team, relying on each individual member to do her own part in order for the group to succeed.

Elmendorf and the Lady Eagles look to continue their winning ways Thursday, Sept. 30, on the road against Shenendehowa.

BCHS swim team victorious again

The Bethlehem Central High School girls varsity swim team continued their winning ways recording victories over Mohonasen High School and the Albany Academy for Girls this week.

The highlight of the week came at the Mohonasen meet when Elyse McDonough, Courtney Arduini, Becky Corson and Meredith Singer broke the Bethlehem Central High School pool record in the 200-yard medley. The girls established a new time of 1:55:05.

Also in the meet against Mohonasen Arduini, a freshman, won the 100-yard breast stroke event with a 1:11 time, only seconds off the fastest time in Section II history.

At the Albany Academy meet senior Tara Ornoski won the diving competition with a total of 171.8 points.

Senior Beth Malinowski won her 25th consecutive Section II 500-yard freestyle event, recording a season best time of 5:11:05. Malinowski also won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00:40.

Sophomore Ellen Bandel won the 200-yard individual medley by recording a time of 2:24:20.

McDonough, a senior, also broke the school record in the 50-yard freestyle with the winning time of 24.2.

The Lady Eagles will continue their season with meets against Albany High School, Guilderville and Burnt Hills.

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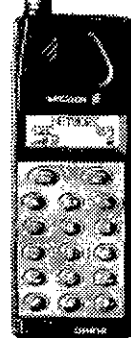
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The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Fordham University School of Law.

She is an associate in the litigation department at Cravath,

Swaine & Moore in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University of Michigan and New York University School of Law.

He is an associate in the corporate department at Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

The couple plans an April 15 wedding.

Delmar woman earns foundation award

Mara Ginsberg of Delmar has been named as the recipient of the annual Kellogg's "You Can Make A Difference" Award by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, sponsors of the Oct. 2 Race for the Cure in Albany's Washington Park.

Ginsberg, a Delmar resident and breast cancer survivor, will accept the honor at a special Race For The Cure survivors' luncheon today, Sept. 29, at The Desmond in Colonie. She is founder of the breast cancer education and support group To Life!

The award is presented to honor those who advance the is-

ssues of breast cancer survival and demonstrate a commitment to educating the public about early detection and lifestyle choices related to the disease.

To Life! has trained hundreds of Capital District women in properly conducting breast self-examinations, instituted a mentoring program of newly-diagnosed patients with others who have been through surgery and treatments, and advanced awareness and education efforts through various community groups.

The Race for the Cure is a 5K walk and run that helps raise funds to fight breast cancer.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Cody Ray Meyer, to Lynn and Ed Meyer of Delmar, Sept. 10.

Boy, Geoff Oskar Heller to Roxanne Osborne and Scott Heller of Delmar, Sept. 11.

Girl, Michaela Reed Ortale, to Kimberly Reed-Ortale and Michael Ortale of Albany, Sept. 12.

Boy, Aaron Philip Smith, to Shani and Ronald Smith of Delmar, Sept. 14.

Boy, Matthew Janson Harrigan-Fros, to Kate Harrigan and Janson Fros of Delmar, Sept. 14.

Boy, Isiah Antonio Ravelo, to Stephanie Maldonado-Ravelo and Virgilio Ravelo of Delmar, Sept. 15.

Boy, Ryan Patrick Schenmeyer, to Patricia and Keith Schenmeyer of Voorheesville, Sept. 16.

Boy, Jared Elijah Haas, to Britt and Matthew Haas of Albany, Sept. 17.

Girl, Kayla A. Scott, to Jennifer Scott and Richard Petri of Delmar, Sept. 18.

Boy, Brendan James Cartwright, to Elizabeth and Larry Cartwright of Bethlehem, Sept. 19.

Glenmont School plans Fall Festival

Glenmont Elementary School PTA will hold its second annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 3, from noon to 5 p.m.

The festival will include family activities including scarecrow-making, games, line dancing, raffles, a bake sale and more. It will also include a luncheon with seatings at noon and 3 p.m. by the Outback Steakhouse on Wolf Road in Colonie.

The donated food items on the menu will include chicken-on-the-barbie, a Steakhouse steak special, ribs, salads, bloomin' onions and refreshments. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for a child-sized portion of an adult meal, or \$5 for a kid's meal.

Meal tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket information, call Peggy Carroll at 434-3473.



Marian and Herman Pfeiffer

Pfeiffers celebrate 40th

Herman and Marian Pfeiffer of Clarksville celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 5 with a party at the Olive Garden in Colonie.

The Pfeiffers formerly lived in Voorheesville. They also have a

home in Lake Placid, Fla.

The couple have a daughter, Joyce McMillen of Clarksville; a grandson, Craig McMillen of Clarksville; and a granddaughter, Chelsie McMillen, also of Clarksville.



Brooks Barbecue

To Benefit the
Bethlehem Soccer Club

Featuring Chicken or Ribs

Saturday, October 16, 1999
Elm Avenue Park Pavilion
12-3 P.M.

Meal Includes: ½ Barbecued Chicken OR Barbecued Ribs, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, and Buttered Roll

Chicken Dinner: \$6.75 advance \$7.75 at the door
Rib Dinner: \$7.50 advance \$8.50 at the door

Pre-ordered dinners must be picked up by 2:00 P.M. on the 16th

½ Chicken Only: \$4.50

Ribs Only: \$6.00

Plan to order early to reserve your chicken or ribs. Eat at the park (large pavilion) or take your food home. Soda will be available, along with a bake sale. By making an advance reservation, your meal will be waiting for you. Meals will also be sold "at the door" on a first-come, first-served basis on October 16th. "At the Door" orders must be placed by 1:30 P.M. For more information, call Tracie Lewis at 439-5883. To order in advance, mail the form below to: Tracie Lewis, P.O. Box 264, Delmar, New York 12054.

Don't forget to order extra for your freezer! Deadline for advance orders is Friday, October 8th.

Bethlehem Soccer Club Brooks Barbecue Reservation Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
of Chicken Dinners _____ \$6.75 each \$ _____
of Rib Dinners _____ \$7.50 each \$ _____
½ Chickens Only _____ \$4.50 each \$ _____
Ribs Only _____ \$6.00 each \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Bethlehem Soccer Club
Mail form to: Tracie Lewis, P.O. Box 264, Delmar, New York 12054

Bethlehem Grange to serve dinner

Bethlehem Grange on Route 396 at Beckers Corners in Selkirk will serve a family-style roast pork dinner on Oct. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Grange Hall, which is wheelchair-accessible.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. For information and reservations, call 767-3342.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

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Capital Ideas: Educational Finance Reform
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Legendary Lighthouses
Thursday, 8 p.m.

Battlefield: Battle for Italy
Friday, 8 p.m.

Ballykissangel
Saturday, 7 p.m.

In the Wild: Zoo Babies with Whoopie Goldberg
Sunday, 8 p.m.

Red Files: Soviet Sports Wars
Monday, 9 p.m.

Frontline: Taking on the SAT
Tuesday, 10 p.m.

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Obituaries

Marilyn J. Cross

Marilyn J. Cross, 69, of Selkirk died Sunday, Sept. 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was raised in Feura Bush and was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mrs. Cross was a rural carrier for the Postal Service before she retired.

Survivors include her husband, Martin J. Cross Jr.; four sons, Martin J. Cross III, Nick Cross and Ron Cross, both of Selkirk, and Jim Cross of Coeymans Hollow; a daughter, Marge Sagendorph of Delmar; and nine grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Sept. 29, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany or the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

William Doetsch Jr.

William F. Doetsch Jr., 85, of Selkirk died Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Weston Hadden Convalescent Center in Bennington, Vt.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

He was an Air Force veteran, serving in New Guinea.

Mr. Doetsch ran a fuel oil and coal business before he retired.

He was a member of the Greater Ravena Area Lions Club and the Selkirk Fire Co.

He was husband of the late Geraldine Doetsch.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathleen D. Blakeman.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Sept. 29, at the Babcock Funeral Home, 19 Pulver Ave., Ravena.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Greater Ravena Area Lions Club, PO Box 201, Ravena 12143.

Morton Jackson

Morton B. Jackson, 77, of Albany died Tuesday, Sept. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he attended public schools in New York City.

Later on in his life he earned a bachelor's and master's degrees from the University at Albany.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific.

Mr. Jackson was the proprietor of a number of women's millinery stores, including Chic Hat Shop and the Hat Box. He taught business at Philip Schuyler and Albany high schools for many years. He also taught at the Menands Workshop.

He was a member and former officer of Congregation Ohav Shalom. He was active in the Jew-

ish War Veterans, serving as commander and quartermaster of Albany Post 105.

He was husband of the late Natalie Pomerantz Jackson.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine Cape of North Bethlehem and three grandchildren.

Services were from Congregation Ohav Shalom.

Burial was in Ohav Shalom Cemetery in Gunderland.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Road, Albany 12208 or Post 105, Jewish War Veterans, c/o Sidney Cohen, 12 Friebeil Road, Albany 12208.

Rita McManus

Rita Adair McManus, 83, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Sept. 26, at Gunderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Brockton, Mass., she was a longtime resident of Slingerlands.

She worked for the state Department of Taxation & Finance for 35 years before she retired.

Survivors include four nephews, Robert Donato, Andrew Donato, David Donato and Phillip Donato; and two nieces Diane Donato and Rosemary LaMarre.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Iola Lockskin

Iola Salisbury Lockskin, 89, of Old Town Road in Selkirk died Thursday, Sept. 23, at Daughters of Sarah Health Center in Albany.

She was the widow of Charles Lockskin.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Underwood and Loretta Gonyea; three sons, Edward Lockskin, Robert Lockskin and Raymond Lockskin; three sisters, Irene Siebert, Peggy Ray and Lucy Morocco; 26 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Margaret Mader

Margaret W. Mader of Saratoga Springs and formerly of New Salem, died Thursday, Sept. 23, at Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs.

Mrs. Mader was a longtime member of New Salem Dutch Reformed Church.

She was the widow of Gene Mader.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Reeves of East Greenbush, Emily Mattox of San Antonio, Texas, and Linda Mader of Greenville, S.C.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the With a Heart, Choose a Friend Fund, Wesley Health Care Center, 131 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs 12866.

School taxes due by Thursday, Sept. 30

School taxes are due at the Bethlehem tax receiver's office on Thursday, Sept. 30, and the office will be open until 5:50 p.m. on Thursday to accommodate homeowners making tax payments in person.

Payments mailed to the office require a postmark by Sept. 30 in order to avoid a 2 percent late charge.

Taxpayers should walk payments into the post office and request a hand-stamp. The postmark determines the timeliness of delivery; October postmarks or late in-person payments will result in the 2 percent penalty.

For information, contact Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick at 439-4955, ext. 177.

Delmar church offers workshops

A three-part series of workshops on mental health start Sept. 29 at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, co-sponsored by the church and the Mental Health Association of Albany County.

The first workshop will focus on the myths and facts about mental illness. Subsequent workshops on Oct. 6 will focus on diagnosis and treatment, and on Oct. 13, the impact of mental illness on families.

All three workshops will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. For information, call 439-9252.

Five Rivers offers Early Birder walks

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, at 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, will conduct its final Early Birder guided trail walk of the season on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 a.m.

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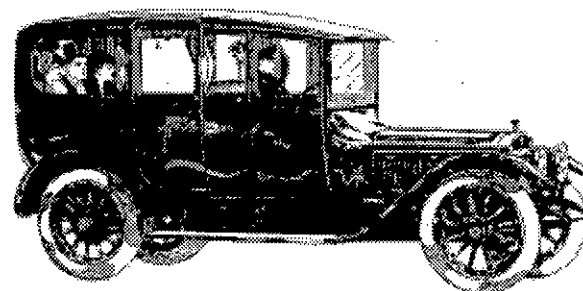
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Seeing is believing

Exhibit features the odd, the unique & the just plain goofy

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Some people just have way too much free time on their hands.

What else is one to make of anyone who would permit themselves to be photographed hopping down a flight of stairs on their head? Or anyone who would invest the time to photograph such a thing?

Of, for that matter, anyone who would stare at such a photograph?

"We seem to be attracted to people who are constantly redefining themselves vis-a-vis their culture," says photographic historian Mark Sloan. "And all of us have a desire to stand out, if only for a moment, and even if only for doing something silly." Translation: many of us like doing weird stuff — and most of us like to watch.

The Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield is offering an opportunity to ponder the mystery of our fascination with doing something, anything, different, through a travelling exhibit on display through Oct. 24. Co-curated by Sloan, director of the Halsey Gallery at South Carolina's College of Charleston, and two colleagues, it is called "Dear Mr. Ripley."

A half century after the death of Robert Ripley, the famous collector, verifier and publicist of all things odd, the

exhibit mines an historic mother lode of photographs and documentation of the weird and the wonderful.

Witness the testimonial of a certain Mr. and Mrs. Wiser who felt compelled to name their child — brace yourself — A. Little Wiser; or the West Virginian who swore his dog could smoke a pipe and tell the time of day. Observe the Baltimorean who billed himself as "The One and Only Human Cork" because he could eat, drink and sleep while afloat. Wonder and wince at the man who could drive 60-penny nails through his nose without apparent discomfort. Step right up and marvel at the man whose sole claim to immortality is that he used the same pencil for a half century.

All were celebrated in the famous Ripley's Believe It Or Not! cartoons, launched by the artist and oddity-hunter in 1918 and, by the time of his death in 1949, syndicated in newspapers around the world. Once a week, his drawings juxtaposed fascinating factoids, odd historical tidbits and unusual physical feats performed by the humble and the half-baked.

Nothing was beneath Ripley's fascination, not the gourd growing in the shape of a baseball bat, nor the Texan who could balance a quarter on his nose for half a minute, nor the calf born with a swastika on its forehead. In the age

between the world wars, before TV and mass-circulation print media, Ripley's became what today's home-video TV anthology shows are now: the little guy's way of grabbing a moment, however embar-

assing, in the limelight.

Ripley's critics considered much of what found its way into his weekly compendium to be little more than bunk. But "Ripley always claimed he could provide proof of his claims, and mostly, those proofs were in the form of photographs sent him by the claimants," Sloan says.

At the height of his fame Ripley received more than a million letters a year from ordinary folks, backing their claims that they could, say, stand on their chin, or ice-skate toting 265 pounds. All of which documentation Ripley carefully filed away for posterity and against the possibility of challenge.

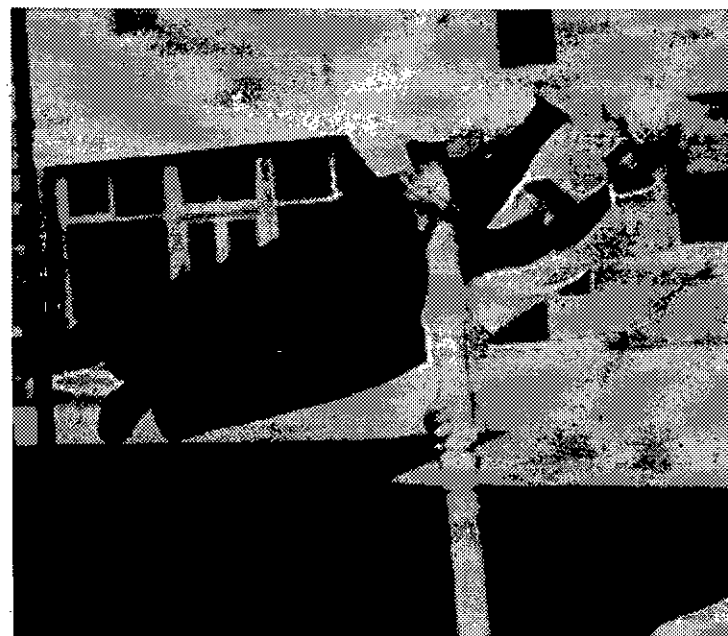
Since his death, the Ripley's franchise has continued, in print and paperback and even on TV. But the guardians of Ripley's legacy have been reluctant to open their archives to inspection.

That is, until a decade ago, when Sloan, his wife Michelle Van Parys, and Roger Manley, all academics, photographers and, Sloan says, "devoted students of American pop culture," set about to put together a book entitled "Hoaxes, Humbugs and Spectacles."

Their goal, Sloan says, was to showcase ordinary folks "making themselves the center of attention as a way to fame or on a dare. We travelled all over North America for four months, looking at pictures of people doing unusual things in front of a camera."

Their travels took them from the Niagara Falls Daredevils Museum to historical archives to the Circus Museum in Florida in search of such pictures. "If you can name a big picture resource in North America, we visited it," Sloan says.

Needless to say, they looked up the Ripley folks, and after 18 months of negotiation spent persuading them of their academic props, got a look at more than



100,000 photos. And that's just the stuff that eventually made it into the comic strip. There is more, much more, that has never before seen the light of day, Sloan says.

But he and his collaborators saw enough to prompt a second book devoted entirely to the Ripley horde — from which they culled more than 125 images that make up the museum show, now on tour for five years but never before exhibited in New England until now, believe it or not.

"What it really comes down to is, it's all about being human," says Sloan of his quirky gallery of human achievement. "It's what makes us special in the animal kingdom. There's a sense of one-upmanship at work, a quest for immortality, for fame, for wanting to stand out from others. In Western culture, this is quite common. It obviously taps a very deep reserve in human consciousness." Many of those immortalized by Ripley cited their fleeting moment of fame in their obituaries as one of their proudest achievements.

It's as American as apple pie, as P.T. Barnum and Allen Funt and "America's Funniest Home Videos." In concentrating on the years of Ripley's heyday, the exhibit provides "a time capsule of a much more innocent time," says Sloan. "We didn't have TV. Our amusements were much closer to home, more active, more communal." One doesn't get much more communal than committing one's lunacy to film and sharing it with newspapers throughout the world via a comic strip.

The exhibit has travelled to public libraries, county fairs and city halls north and south. But it's also hit museums like Atlanta's High Gallery. "Here was this highbrow museum, showing pictures of chickens smoking cigars," says Sloan with a laugh. "There was lots of scratching of heads — and lots of laughter. I gave a seminar and people felt so refreshed by it."

And those who feel guilty seeing so perversely plain an exhibit can always console themselves with this: think of it as performance art for Everyman.

The exhibit is free to Berkshire Museum members and children under three. Otherwise, admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students with ID, \$4 for children 3-18. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and closed Monday. For info, call 413-443-7171.



Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
BETHLEHEM
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
 Parks and Recreation Office,
 Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Also Tues., Thurs. Information,
 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
 Guest speaker Marta J.
 Jaremkio; Board room,
 Bethlehem Public Library, 451
 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m.
 Information, 768-2624.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP
 Part 1 of 3: "Myths and Facts
 About Mental Illness." Delmar
 Presbyterian Church, 585
 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-8:30
 p.m. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 30
BETHLEHEM
EARLY BIRDER WALK
 Participants should dress for
 outdoors and bring binoculars.
 Five Rivers Environmental
 Education Center, 56 Game
 Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 a.m.,
 refreshments at 7 a.m. Informa-
 tion, 475-0291.

COMMON UNITY BIBLE STUDY
 women's Bible study, 9:30 to
 11:15 a.m. or 6:45-8:45 p.m.
 children's program and nursery
 provided for morning session.
 Bethlehem Community Church,
 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-
 3135.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
 Skill demonstrations and
 campus tours. Glenmont Job
 Corps Center, 822 River Road,
 Glenmont, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

RECOVERY, INC.
 self-help for chronic nervous
 symptoms, First United Methodist
 Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10
 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
 Delmar Chabad Center, 109
 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Informa-
 tion, 439-8280.

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

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 1
BETHLEHEM
BOOKS IN THE MORNING
 Discussion group to focus on
 "Persuasion" by Jane Austin.
 Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:15

 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Information,
 439-9661.

PRESCHOOL FILMS AT LIBRARY
 30-min. program of three films,
 drop-in for children aged 3-6
 and caregivers. Bethlehem
 Public Library, 451 Delaware
 Ave., 10:30 a.m. Information,
 439-9314.

AA MEETING
 First Reformed Church of
 Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
 Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER
 Friday services, discussion and
 kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere
 Ave. Information, 439-8280.

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

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2
BETHLEHEM
OUTDOOR WALK
 Study of wild fruits and nuts and
 their importance as food
 sources for wildlife. Participants

 should dress for outdoors. Five
 Rivers Environmental Education
 Center, 56 Game Farm Road,
 Delmar, 2 p.m. Information,
 475-0291.

FAMILY-STYLE DINNER
 Roast pork dinner, Bethlehem
 Grange Hall, Route 396 at
 Becker's Corners, Selkirk, 4-7
 p.m. Adults \$8, children \$4,
 wheelchair accessible.
 Reservations, 767-3342.

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

NEW SCOTLAND
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
 Nature photography with
 Warren Burton; bring 35mm
 camera and tripod. John Boyd
 Thacher State Park, New
 Scotland, 9 a.m. to noon. Call
 for location, 872-1237.

V'VILLE WALKING TOUR
 Tour of historic buildings by
 village historian Dennis Sullivan;
 meets in parking lot of
 Voorheesville Public Library, 51
 School Road, Voorheesville, 10
 a.m. Refreshments after tour.
 Information, 765-2791.

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 against the LLC served upon him:
 c/o USA Corporate Services Inc.,
 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany,
 NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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 Croydon Trading LLC was filed
 with SSNY 8/19/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Cornell Consultants LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/19/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Astill Developments LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/19/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Brennan Trading LLC was filed
 with SSNY 8/19/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Everett Management LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/19/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Everett Import/ Export LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/19/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-

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 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor,
 Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Larsen Developments LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/13/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor,
 Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

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 Inston Services LLC was filed with
 SSNY 8/13/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor,
 Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Hadley Treading LLC was filed
 with SSNY 8/13/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor,
 Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Lucas Developments LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/13/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom pro-
 cess against may be served. The
 P.O. address which SSNY shall
 mail any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd Floor,
 Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Harmone LLC was filed with SSNY
 8/13/99 Office: Albany County.
 SSNY designated as agent of LLC
 whom process against may be
 served. The P.O. address which
 SSNY shall mail any process
 against the LLC served upon him:
 c/o USA Corporate Inc., 46 State
 St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

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 Ivory LLC was filed with SSNY 8/
 13/99 Office: Albany County.
 SSNY designated as agent of LLC
 whom process against may be
 served. The P.O. address which
 SSNY shall mail any process

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 against the LLC served upon him:
 c/o USA Corporate Inc., 46 State
 St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Harriss Developments LLC was
 filed with SSNY 8/16/99 Office:
 Albany County. SSNY designat-
 ed as agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Inc., 46 State St., 3rd
 Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

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 Carrion Services LLC was filed
 with SSNY 8/13/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

 Feltn Management LLC was filed
 with SSNY 8/13/99 Office: Albany
 County. SSNY designated as
 agent of LLC whom process
 against may be served. The P.O.
 address which SSNY shall mail
 any process against the LLC
 served upon him: c/o USA Cor-
 porate Services Inc., 46 State St.,
 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF
 FORMATION OF LIMITED
 LIABILITY COMPANY PRIME
 ASSOCIATES LLC**

 Dated: Albany, New York
 September 8, 1999
 Notice is hereby given of the for-
 mation of the above - named lim-
 ited liability company for the trans-
 action of business in the State of
 New York and elsewhere. Pursuant
 to Limited Liability Law Sec-
 tion 206(a)(8)(b), your attention is
 directed to the following facts:
 1. The name of the limited liability
 company is Prime Associates LLC
 2. The Articles of Organization of
 Prime Associates LLC were filed
 with the Secretary of State on
 September 2, 1999.
 3. The county in which the princi-
 pal place of business of Prime
 Associates LLC shall be located
 is Albany.
 4. The Secretary of State has
 been designated as agent of the
 limited liability company upon
 whom process against it may be
 served. The Secretary of State
 shall mail a copy of any process
 against it may be served. The
 Secretary of State shall mail a
 copy of any process against
 Prime Associates LLC to the fol-
 lowing post office address:
 Dreyer Boyajian, LLP

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 75 Columbia Street
 Albany, NY 12210
 5. The name and business or resi-
 dence address of each member
 is available from the Secretary of
 State.

 6. The company does not have a
 specific date of dissolution.
 7. The character of the business
 of Prime Associates LLC is as fol-
 lows:
 To engage in any business per-
 mitted under the laws of the State
 of New York.
 (September 29, 1999)

**THE LIMITED LIABILITY
 COMPANY, RESULTS
 NETWORK, LLC**

 was formed on August 24, 1999
 by Steven V. Peterson. The ad-
 dress of the company is 47 Bea-
 con Road in the Town of
 Bethlehem and County of Albany.

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 The Secretary of State is desig-
 nated as agent of the company
 upon whom process can be
 served.
 (September 29, 1999)

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 MEM CO., LLC,**

 was filed with SSNY 9/16/99 Of-
 fice: Albany County. SSNY des-
 ignated as agent of LLC whom
 process against may be served.
 The P.O. address which SSNY
 shall mail any process against the
 LLC served upon him: The LLC,
 35 West Central Avenue, Pearl
 River, NY 10956.
 Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (September 29, 1999)

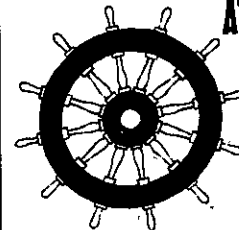
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1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is Buffalo Associates, LLC.
 2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is 5/3/99.
 3. Office is located in Albany County.
 4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.
 5. Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o Victor Caponera, Jr., 3 Atrium Drive, Albany, New York 12205. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.
 6. The Company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose and shall have all the powers set forth in Section 202(a) - 202(q) of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (September 29, 1999)

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1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is Loudon Realty LLC.
 2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is 7/6/99.
 3. Office is located in Albany County.
 4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.
 5. Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o Jeff Seymour, 34 Claremont Road, Stillwater, New York 12170. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.
 6. The Company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose and shall have all the powers set forth in Section 202(a) - 202(q) of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (September 29, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SMD SELECTIONS, LLC.

a Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 28, 1999, effective August 2, 1999. The name of the Limited Liability Company is SMD Selections, LLC. The Principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to do all things to the extent permitted by New York State and federal law. Management of the Limited Liability Company shall be vested only in a manager or managers and shall not be vested, either express or implied, in any member or members of the Limited Liability Company. The Secretary of State has been 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 Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 421 New Karner Road, Suite 9, Albany, New York 12205, Attention: Manager. (September 29, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BLUE LAGOON, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
 FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: BLUE LAGOON, LLC.
 SECOND: The principal office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County in the State of New York.
 THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without 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: Conway Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 450 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205.
 FOURTH: The Articles of Organization are to be effective upon filing.
 FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.
 SIXTH: The business purposes of this limited liability company are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized

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under the Limited Liability Company Law; provide, however, that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without first obtaining the consent of such body.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 2nd day of August, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
 s/ Rosemary Weaver McKenna, Organizer
 26 Russell Road, Albany, NY 12203
 (September 29, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF OHRD, 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 OHRD, LLC.
 SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
 THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
 FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon whom such Secretary of State is c/o OHRD, LLC, The Arnoff Building, 991 Broadway, Suite 207, Albany, New York 12204.
 FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 9th day of August, 1999.
 Vincent L. Valenza, Attorney-In-Fact
 (September 29, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VAN WIE GROUP, 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 VAN WIE GROUP, LLC.
 SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
 THIRD: The county within the State of the Company is to be located is Albany.
 FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon whom such Secretary of State is c/o Van Wie Group, LLC, 31 Balboa Drive, Latham, New York 12110.
 FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 10th day of August, 1999.
 Richard A. Langer, Attorney-In-Fact
 (September 29, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT
 1. The name of the limited partnership is "LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS, L.P."
 2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
 3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process

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against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 482 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
 4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
 Shopping Center Development Co., L.L.C.
 582 New Loudon Road
 Latham, New York 12110
 5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is August 1, 2009.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 28th day of July, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
 s/KENNETH B. SEGEL
 SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C.
 BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL, Member
 (September 29, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SIX CENTURY HILL PARTNERSHIP, L.L.P.

Under Section 121 - 1500(a) of the Partnership Law
 FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Six Century Hill Partnership, L.L.P.
 SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is: 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12210
 THIRD: The profession(s) to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is: Real Estate Holdings and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121 - 1500(a) of the Partnership Law.
 FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Six Century Hill Partnership, L.L.P., 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12110
 FIFTH: (Optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom and at which process against the registered limited liability partnership can be served against is:
 SIXTH: The future effective date, if the registration is not to be effective upon filing is:
 SEVENTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.
 EIGHTH: If all or specified partners are to be liable in their capacity as partners for all or specified debts, obligations, or liabilities of the registered limited liability partnership as authorized pursuant to Section 26(d) of the Partnership Law, a statement that all or specified partners are so liable.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed on by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
 s/ Joseph w. Zappone, Partner
 (September 29, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE HR CONSULTING, LLC

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 7/16/99. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. Richard E. Rowlands Esq., The Rowlands Law Firm, 26 Computer Drive, Albany, New York 12205 is the registered agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Human Resource Consulting. (September 29, 1999)

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LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MILLER FAMILY REALTY, L.L.C. (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 hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:
 The name of the company is Miller Family Realty, L.L.C. (the "Company").
 SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
 Third: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
 FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is: Miller Family Realty, L.L.C., 277 Clipp Road, Delmar, New York 12054.
 FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.
 SIXTH: The Company shall have the power or indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury, this 27th day of August, 1999.
 s/ Alan M. Jezierski
 ALAN M. JEZIERSKI, Organizer
 (September 29, 1999)

NAME OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: PT ED SYSTEMS, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization: August 9, 1999
 County in which L.L.C. is located: Albany
 The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the L.L.C. upon whom process against it may be served. The secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it to P.O. address 1176 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. The registered agent of the L.L.C. is Nancy T. Farina, 1176 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. The registered agent is to be agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The dissolution date is year 2050. The character and purpose of the business is consultation in connection with physical therapy. (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company (LLC) is G. and G. Storage Co., LLC.
 2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was July 21, 1999.
 3. The County within this State in which the office of the LLC is to be located in Albany.
 4. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it is: P.O. Box 10, Selkirk, New York 12158-0010.
 5. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a LLC may be formed under the LLC Law. (September 29, 1999)

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Notice is hereby given that a License number ZOZALBAWOO345341 for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and wine at retail, in a restaurant. Under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 333 Cafe 333 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054 Albany Co. for on premises consumption. (September 29, 1999)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF M.M. AUTOS LLC A NYS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Formation filed with SSNY on 9/22/99. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All lawful purposes. (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: ADDFLEX GAMING LLC. Articles of Organizations were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/12/99. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2098. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence P. Giardina, Esq., 8910 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (September 29, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIASOMERS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 9, 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. (September 29, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Shelter Cove, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 19, 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 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF H.T. APPAREL LLC NYS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Formation filed with SSNY on 8/31/99. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process to: 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All lawful purpose. (September 29, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA SLINGERLANDS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 19, 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 210 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, New York 12203. (September 29, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is MANNIX ROAD ASSOCIATES L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 15, 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. (September 29, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Gordon Rose L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 17, 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. (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 13th day of October, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 1 of 1999, Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:
 AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-33, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections as follows:
 Add stop sign on the following street entering Wellington Road: Sylvan Avenue at Wellington Road from the northerly direction. All intersected persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.
 The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439 - 4131. Advanced notice is requested.
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC/AEE
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: September 22 1999
 (September 29, 1999)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 8:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Joseph and Nancy Landrigan, 29 Elwood Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-66, Required Depths of the code of the town of Bethlehem for construction of a porch addition which would encroach into the front yard setback requirement at premises 29 Elwood Road, Delmar, New York. Michael C. Hodom
 Chairman
 Board of Appeals
 (September 29, 1999)

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Michael J. Houlihan/Wemple Road Developers, Inc., 750 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-18, C General Commercial District, B (15) of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for a motor vehicle sales agency to permit outside storage and display at premises northwest corner of Route 9W and Wemple Road, Glenmont, New York 12077.

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(September 29, 1999)

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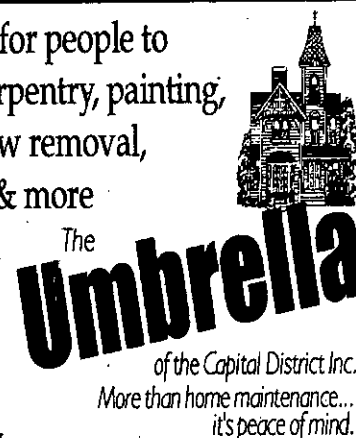
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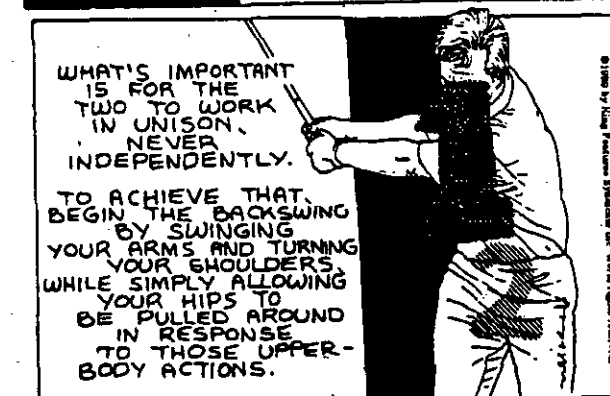
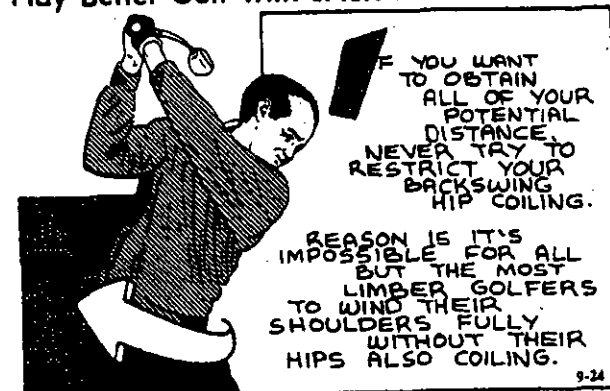
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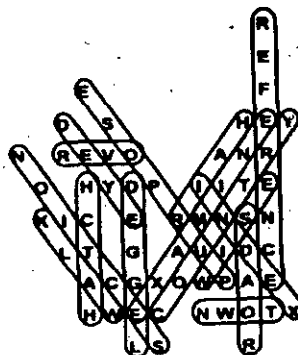
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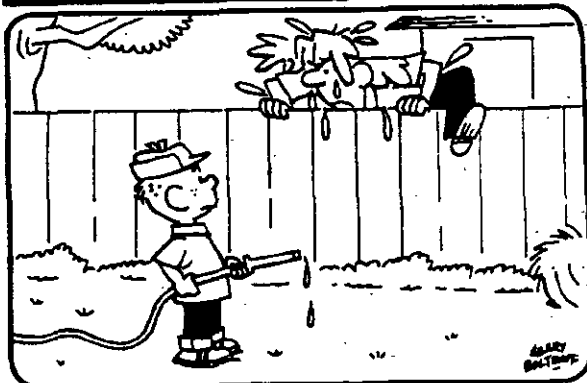


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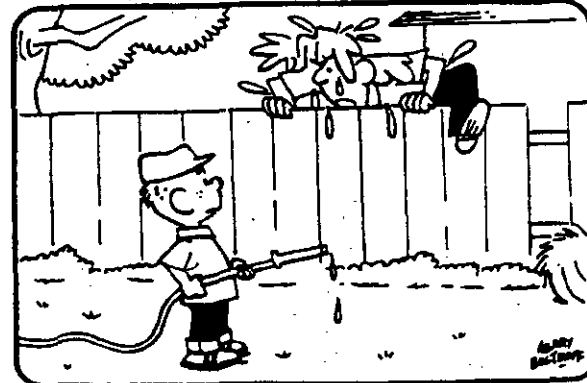
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Budget

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and occasional surpluses have boosted the town's capital reserves.

Those reserves are healthy enough, Kehoe said, to consider several off-the-budget capital projects for next year that would not require any bond financing. These include the purchase of software and related hardware for the building department that will enable it to interface with the

town's AS-400 central record-management system, and some much-needed maintenance for air conditioning, heating and ventilating and systems at town hall.

The parks and recreation department also hopes to reconstruct the basketball courts and several soccer fields at Elm Avenue Park, and the public tennis courts in Selkirk, to be funded through the town's recreation facilities reserve account. The department is also requesting addi-

tional fund transfers of more than \$260,000 to pay for future land acquisitions for parks, and anticipated facilities repairs.

Two other capital projects being considered, however, would require bonding authority or other funding sources, Kehoe said. One is a continued upgrading of the town hall computer network, projected to cost about \$340,000; the other is a \$350,000 upgrade in the town's emergency services communications equipment.

Damage to the town's communications tower last fall by lightning did result in additional revenue this year, as a result of insurance payments on the damaged equipment.

Within the proposed budget,

two areas saw substantial increases driven by outside factors. Contractual expenses for recycling will soar 32 percent, to \$1.33 million, as a result of increased use of the town's landfill by private haulers. This is largely offset by a revenue increase from tipping fees paid by those haulers.

The other major increase came in the water budget. Engineering consultant fees will climb from a currently-budgeted \$50,000 to \$80,000 in next year's budget, and legal fees from \$40,000 to \$85,000.

Kehoe said they reflect the costs of ongoing litigation involving the town's Schermerhorn Island aquifer and water processing plant, and an expectation that the litigation will not come to an end anytime soon.

Likewise, the public works department budgeted \$165,000 for water purchases from the city of Albany for 1999, but the recent drought and "delays in implementing source augmentation at the Schermerhorn Island aquifer," according to the department's budget request, have led to a \$550,000 projection for 2000.

Public Works Commissioner

Bruce Secor indicated that those costs, as well as the legal and consultation fees, will be added to the amount the town is hoping to recover from the defendants in its ongoing lawsuit against the plant's designers.

Otherwise, most departments' budget requests hew closely to the overall budget's pattern of moderate growth. And many of the larger increases reflect planned maintenance or the normal cycle of purchases.

For instance, Kehoe said, equipment-budget hikes for the police department, animal control, building safety inspection, senior services and the water department all reflect the purchase of replacement vehicles. Meanwhile, following the purchase of new vehicles in last year's budget, the public works and sewer treatment equipment budgets take similar drops this year.

Planned maintenance and repairs at town hall account for much of a 20 percent increase in contractual expenses for shared services.

The parks department's planned purchase of new maintenance equipment led to an increase in its equipment budget, and the fire prevention equipment and contractual expenses budgets more than doubled.

Expansion of services led to budget increases for the data processing department and public safety communications. In order to expand the town's e-mail and Internet capabilities to 24 hours a day, the management information services (MIS) department has requested additional funds for increased telephone lines.

And as the police department continues to phase out part-timers in the communications operation, additional overtime costs for full-timers produced a 12 percent hike in personnel costs.

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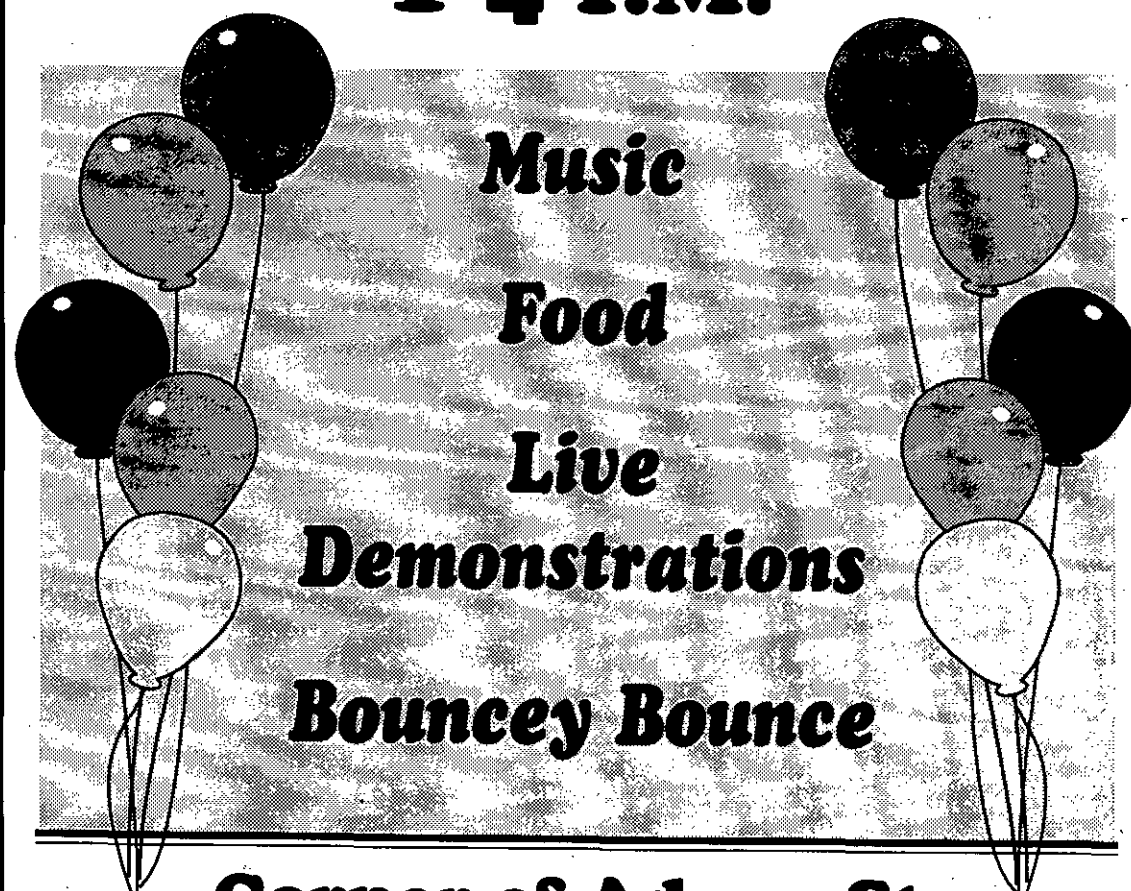
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Home Improvement

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Remodeling your kitchen — will it stand the test of time?

By Barbara Owens

WHETHER YOU ARE STARTING OVER FROM SCRATCH OR JUST looking to slightly modify your kitchen's appearance, there are a few things to know before you begin.

The first rule before you start remodeling is to come up with a budget. Determine the amount you want to spend before you go shopping. This will be your guideline as you begin and should keep you in a certain range while you are looking at appliances, cabinets, fixtures, or

whatever you have determined necessary to makeover your kitchen.

The big question on everyone's mind is "How much will it cost?" Of course, the answer depends on you. If you are hoping to get a new kitchen for less than \$5,000, you may want to rethink your budget and what you are trying to accomplish. While many home improvement stores advertise complete kitchens for that price, or even less, take a very close look at what you are getting, and remember, you get what you pay for.

When it comes to cabinets, there are a few options to consider. If you have well-made wood cabinets that are still in excellent shape, you may want to re-face the cabinet with a new exterior. This can be a much cheaper way to obtain a brand-new look and it takes less time than the installation of totally new cabinets.

As for those new cabinets, the selection is endless and the quality of craftsmanship can vary from one brand to the next. Material used in the construction of cabinets can consist of particle-board, plywood, or fine wood like ash, pine and maple. Tony Lontarto of Kitchens and Baths by Design in Delmar, suggests you examine your cabinets carefully. "Don't just look at the front of it," he said, "look at the construction." He also warns about those do-it-yourself cabinets, "if it's not put together when you buy it, it's not going to stay together. Consider it to be temporary."

Checking quality of construc-

tion is not only for cabinet shopping. It is just as important when looking for sinks, faucets, countertops, or anything else you are about to invest in. After all, most homeowners are looking for a new kitchen to last

for at least 15 to 20 years. Will the items you selected stand that test of

For many of us, our kitchen is a focal point of our house.

time? Are there any warranties on the products you've selected? Many manufacturers guarantee them for life.

Let's talk sinks. Did you know that stainless steel just means that it will simply resist staining? But it doesn't mean it won't rust. "If you have a lower nickel content in the steel, the higher the incidence of rusting," said Lontarto. Porcelain sinks can have some drawbacks too. Look at the thickness of the sink basin and also check the purity of the porcelain. The less pure the porcelain, the chances are greater it will begin to look "blotchy" over time. Solid surface sinks, like those made of Corian, seem to be the best choice, but also typically come at a higher price.

Concrete, ceramic tile or granite. They have something in common. They are all being used as countertops, along with Corian, marble, and that old stand-by, Formica. While each is unique, as with everything, they have their pluses and minuses.

Concrete and granite are very popular right now, however consider the obvious. Both of these products are porous and require a sealer to try to keep the moisture out. Should moisture somehow find its way in, both will likely stain. Another drawback to using rock hard surfaces is knicks and scratches, which cause irreparable damage. Tile can be similar to concrete and granite in that it can easily stain. However, it is easier to replace a few tiles than an entire section of countertop. Corian and Formica remain at the top of the list, but both are quite different when it comes to their function. Both resist staining and clean up nicely, however only Corian can be fixed should it become burned, scratched or knicked. The difference is, Corian, marble, granite and concrete can cost at least three times more than Formica.

For many of us, our kitchen is a focal point of our house, and like it or not, the place we spend a great deal of time. When you decide on your remodeling budget, take the time to sit down and make a list of the things you need in your kitchen. If you love to cook or bake, counter space for preparation may be your first priority. If you are constantly short on storage space, extra cabinets could be the solution to your troubles. Most important, be realistic with your needs and even more realistic with your budget.

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The right home lighting can make a difference in decor

By Barbara Owens

WHEN YOU SET OUT ON THE GRAND TASK OF REMODELING A room, do you consider what kind of lighting is right?

If you haven't thought about it, maybe you should. And it is not just the wattage of a bulb to consider. Think about the actual fixtures, as well as the source of light (fluorescence, halogen, etc.).

According to Mary Lou Douglas of Thorpe Lighting Gallery in Rensselaer there are

some standard rules when it comes to lighting certain areas. As an example, "you should place a hanging light between 30 and 36 inches above a dining room table," Douglas said.

Recessed lighting is very popular and can be seen in many of the new homes. The kitchen is the most common room where recessed lighting is used. Careful attention should be paid when determining the location for placement of the light.

"If not placed right, recessed lighting can be useless,"

Douglas said, "it can cast a shadow on your work area."

Most of us have had track lighting in one house or another, and it's not going away anytime soon, in fact, it's stronger than ever. Again, track lighting is one of those picky lights, if it's not placed right, it can be ineffective, especially if you are using it to highlight something like framed paintings or prints.

"When placed in front of glass, it can cause a glare, all you will see is the reflection of the bulb," Douglas said. She's

especially cautions about the dangers of halogen track lighting and oil paintings.

"If the light is too close, it can cause the oil to melt," Douglas said. The extreme temperatures of halogen lights cause the problem. Douglas also said that even very old paintings are not immune to the devastating effects of halogen.

Unfortunately, halogen lights have recently received a bad reputation for burning too hot or causing fires. More often than not, fires involving halogen lights are due to human error (typically from a scarf or other fabric being draped over the top of the light).

Douglas said, "halogen lights are a true white light, they are much brighter and very crisp... you can read better with these lights as your eyes will focus more quickly."

As for halogen recessed lights, "all have thermal protection and will automatically turn off when they become too hot," Douglas added.

Remember, your house isn't just what's inside, how about the lights outside? Many homeowners choose the elegant look of polished brass when it

comes to outside lights. However, according to Douglas, you may not get your money's worth. "Polished brass has a life span of about six to 12 months," she said, due to environmental conditions such as acid rain. A better choice to stand up to the elements is painted or darker finishes.

Another common outside lighting choice is a landscape kit to light driveways, walkways and highlight gardens or other landscape features.

However, "you should avoid the appearance of a landing strip, you should see what you're lighting, not the light itself," Douglas said.

Look at the style and period of your house and its furnishings. While it is all a matter of taste, if you own a contemporary home you may not want to fit it with antique fixtures, just as you would not want to hang a crystal chandelier in a log cabin. While that may seem fairly obvious, the main point is to try to keep a similar style throughout your home.

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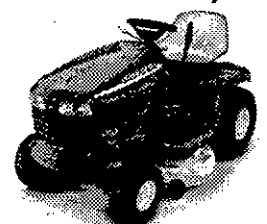
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- If the gas furnace is properly lit, be aware of a smell like a burning clothes iron. Such a smell may mean the furnace is burning too hot because of a dirty furnace filter.
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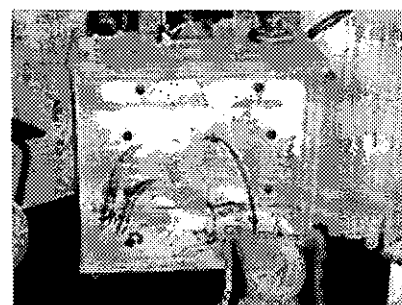
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Professionals offer flooring ideas

By Casey Cannistraci

LOOKING TO REMODEL THE FLOORS IN YOUR HOME? EXPERTS IN THE CAPITAL District have some suggestions.

When it comes to tiled flooring, Rocco Sciocchetti, the owner of Glenville Tile, at 287 Saratoga Road in Glenville, says that laminates are a well-kept secret to saving money in style.

A laminate, a new version of flooring, has a wooden appearance but is made of either pergo or formica.

Sciocchetti said that a lot of people are buying laminates

now who cannot afford real wood. The laminates sell, at his store, for \$3.49 a square foot.

He said that they are low-maintenance, having little necessary upkeep, and that homeowners can even install the floor themselves using an installation kit that is also sold in the store. The floor, of course, can be installed professionally for a better finished product as well. Laminates are attractive and used throughout the home in kitchens, walkways, bathrooms, living rooms and dining rooms.

Sciocchetti also recom-

mended using ceramic tile, an oldie but goodie that has a price range from \$2.30 to \$7 per square foot.

"People have finally realized the durability, long-lasting wear and beauty of a ceramic floor," he said. "It is fine-looking artwork and when it's done, it has a highly artistic quality."

He said that ceramic tile, which comes in all sorts of colors, shapes and patterns, is the best option for high-traffic areas of your home because it is considered the most durable of any flooring. Glenville Tile also carries ceramic tile in hand-



One popular flooring choice is laminate, a new version of flooring that has a wooden appearance but is made of either pergo or formica.

When Do-It-Yourself questions arise, the experts have quick answers to common problems about Home Repair & Improvements



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wood, ceramic and stone because of their longevity and their quality," Histed said. At an average installed price of \$6 per square foot, he says that the quality of these products is easily the best but admits they are the most expensive.

Another trend that Histed noted is the use of formica flooring or plastic laminate flooring. He explained that floating installation of this "fairly maintenance-free" product is attractive to buyers because the new material sits on top of an existing smooth surface. He said that the formica flooring sells at an average installed price of \$6 per square foot.

Histed added that if people want to get inventive, they can explore inlaying materials by installing ceramic or stone borders or wooden edges or trims. He warned that this is a difficult process because of the product mixing.

On carpeting avenues, Histed said that berbers are up and coming. These are level loop fabrics that are woven broadly and are popular for use in great room and living rooms. These go for an average installed price of \$15 per yard.

At Carbone's Carpets in Schenectady, Pam Carbone Anderson said that flooring customers today are trying to create "safe havens" for themselves and their families by focusing on cozy, relaxing, yet functional flooring.

"Broadloom, wall to wall, is still a wonderful alternative to the more expensive hard surfaces because of the endless styles, fabrics and colors available from the traditional plush to the very popular berber, sisal and textured look," Carbone said. "We believe that your home's carpeting and rugs should be an expression of your family personality and lifestyle."

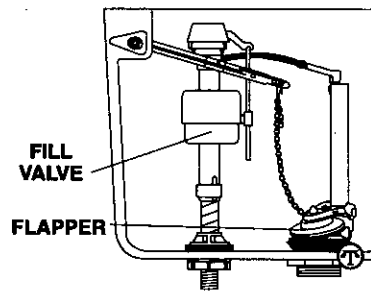
Carbone recommended customers bring in swatches of their furniture and any other colors and textures in the room when looking for new carpeting.

Toilet tips: do-it-yourself projects save money

IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING. UNDERSTANDING HOW PLUMBING WORKS—INCLUDING the timing in the toilet tank—can help keep homeowners from "taking a bath" on unnecessary repairs.

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Wall coverings and borders a popular choice for homeowners

By Katherine McCarthy

IN THESE GOOD ECONOMIC TIMES, DECORATORS ARE REPORTING AN INCREASE IN the use of wall coverings. There's also a shift away from

traditional wallpaper to textures, and paint applied with more than just a brush, which creates an interesting look.

Amelia Mayone of Custom Creations Interior Design says she goes back and forth on wall

coverings. "After a few years, no matter how well the wall covering is applied, it seems like a seam pops up," she said. In place of wallpaper, Mayone said she's doing a lot more faux finishes and textured painting.

"A faux finish gives you a texture that is subtle," Mayone explained. "If you apply the paint with a sponge, you get a marbled texture. If you use a rag, it gives you a parchment look, and using a plastic grocery bag gives the wall a crumbly feel."

In addition to the texture, Mayone uses a paint and polyurethane mixture, which provides a seal and is more easily cleaned. "This lets you remove fingerprints and black marks more easily," she said.

Susan Luria of Room Service Interior Decorating is also using more textures and faux finishes. "In the last year, there's been a resurgence in wall coverings, after a few years of more paint and an uncluttered look."

Today's look is more muted and quiet, Luria said, with a movement away from the pattern, contrast and color of the '80s.

"Home fashions tend to mirror clothing fashion," Luria said. "Throughout the '90s, green was a very popular color, and now we're seeing a move-

ment towards blue, in a number of soft shades - pastel blue, seafoam blue, grey blue. Another trend is towards a glamorous, almost shiny look."

Mayone said the subtle walls she's been creating have been big sellers. "I'm not making a major statement with my finishes," she said, "so I get a nice overall appearance."

Mayone has been a decorator in three Vanguard showhouses, decorated houses that raise money for the Albany Symphony Orchestra. In addition to her wall finishings, Mayone does hand-painting, and trompe l'oeil paintings. "You might have vines or other pictures painted on to the walls," Mayone said of her customized painting jobs that incorporate her graphic design degree with her 5 years of interior design work.

Luria said there is still a call for the borders and stenciling that have been popular in recent years. "People often use borders in a predictable way," she said, "putting them at the top of the ceiling. This lowers the ceiling visually, so something I've recommended is putting the border 12-18 inches down from the ceiling. Then you can put one wall paper from there to the ceiling and another from the border to the floor. This look

raises the eye, and makes the ceiling seem higher."

Luria visits her customers in a van equipped with over 7,000 samples. Another creative use for borders, she said, was to put them at the baseboards of a room.

Rick Telfian works on his own, doing wallpapering, carpentry, staining, and pressure washing. He, too, has seen an increased use of wall coverings in recent years. He echoed Luria's sentiments about not making a room seem too small, and has a basic suggestion for people redoing their homes. "Try to coordinate," he said. "If you're using one color on the walls, try to avoid different colors on the baseboard and trim," he said.

Telfian also advised letting the paperhanger or decorator get rid of past wallpaper. "If the walls haven't been sized properly," he said, "you can pull off some of the joint compound and leave pockmarks."

Telfian can be reached at 399-0591. Amelia Mayone of Custom Creations Interior is a full-service interior designer. Her phone number is 756-6847. Susan Luria's Room Service Interior Decorating Service is at 296-8556.

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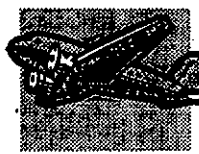
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