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BC students capture honor from Toshiba

By HEATHER BROCKBANK

Four Bethlehem Central High School students wouldn't mind taking a break from AP American history reading assignments. In fact, they've devised a way to avoid studying altogether — and they are receiving national recognition for it.

Rodrigo Cerda, Mike Wan, David Perlmutter and Zhenxiang Zhao think they know the technology of the future — a hard drive for the brain. No longer would students need to pour over books, but they could download information onto digital brain chips during sleep.

No longer would the elderly suffer from dementia or those with Alzheimer's lose their memory — a chip inserted into the brain would preserve it.

While all of this may sound like a great science fiction novel, these students have the facts to show that it really could happen. Their science research project, entitled "A Hard Drive for your Brain?" is based upon worldwide scientific findings and technologies. Their coach and adviser, George Seymour, is pleased

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V'ville school expansion plan goes to voters

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

After years of planning and redrawing plans, acrimony over eminent domain proceedings, and countless school board and public meetings to discuss the project, Voorheesville voters will finally decide whether or not they want to build an addition to the junior-senior high school.

A special bond issue vote will be held on Tuesday, March 28, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the foyer of Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

There will be two propositions on the ballot. The first, at a cost of \$15,984,000, provides for an addition to the high school, renovations to the elementary and high schools and the bus garage, and purchase of a little more than 28 acres of land about 200 yards from the high school. The land currently belongs to the Edmunds family, which is willing to sell to the district.

If the bond issue is approved, 18 classrooms will be added to the high school, which will allow for the creation of a cohesive middle level program at the high school. Sixth graders will be moved from

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Fashion statement



Bethlehem Central Middle School thespians rehearse for a performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes." See story on page 5.

Jim Franco

Taxpayer group opposes 'bloated' proposal

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Armed with statistics, Voorheesville Taxpayers Association board member Larry Bonham explained his organization's opposition to the Voorheesville school district bond issue vote on Tuesday, March 28.

The bond would mainly finance an addition to the junior-senior high school.

"There's an illusion that kids are falling out the doors at the high school," Bonham said. "That's not the case."

Frustrated by Superintendent Alan McCartney's inability to tell him the district's exact enrollment when he asked about it at a school board meeting, Bonham requested the information via the Freedom of Information Law.

Bonham pointed to a 30-year enrollment survey he later received from the district which showed that since the 1974-75 school year, enrollment has dropped by 619 students.

"That's a 32 percent decrease in enrollment," Bonham said. "And in the early '90s, the district built a new wing on the school, a music room and expanded the cafeteria."

Bonham said the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association thinks a pool is a good

idea, but would rather see the community fund it.

"We've also gotten a lot of calls from sixth-grade parents," Bonham said. "They don't want their kids at the high school, or riding the bus there."

He expressed concern that the school budget continues to increase every year.

We've had two public meetings about the project, and there wasn't anybody from any group that showed up and had comments.

John Cole

In 1985, Bonham said, the budget was \$5.9 million. The proposed 2000-01 budget of \$13,998,598 would make for a 133 percent increase in the last 15 years.

A statement from the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association noted that the school tax rate in New Scotland is \$19.90 per \$1,000 assessment, one of the highest in Albany County.

Bonham said the district had incurred large legal fees in its pursuit of John O'Connell's land via eminent domain.

He was also critical of the district's

planned use of the capital reserve fund, and the assertion that it will save taxpayer money. Bonham pointed to a 1998 letter from the state Education Department informing the district that its unreserved fund balance exceeded 2 percent.

To get its word out, Bonham said, the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association, which has a mailing list of 200 names, will be distributing fliers door to door. A large sign stating the group's opposition to the bond issue is hung from the porch of a house across from Stewart's on Maple Avenue.

School board president John Cole defended the district's decision to go ahead with the bond issue vote, and wondered about the number

of members in the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association.

"We've had two public meetings about the project, and there wasn't anybody from any group that showed up and had comments," Cole said. "We had individuals who weren't supportive of the project, but the majority were. During the development of the proposal, which has gone on for several years, and intensely for the past year, the only negative response we were getting was the way we were going to acquire the land."

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Police arrest two on DWI charges

By Joseph A. Phillips

Two Albany residents were arrested by Bethlehem police and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) in separate incidents last week.

The first occurred on Sunday, March 12, near Delmar's Four Corners.

On patrol on Kenwood Avenue shortly before 8 p.m., Officer Christopher Hughes spotted a vehicle driven by John Frederick, 47, of 14 West Dillenbeck, operating without taillights and driving onto Adams Street.

According to the police report,

Hughes pulled the vehicle over and, running a registration check, determined it was operating with plates that had supposedly been surrendered a month earlier.

After administering field sobriety tests, Hughes arrested Allen for DWI as well as license plate and taillight violations.

On Thursday, March 16, shortly after 8:30 p.m., Hughes responded to a call from a Delmar resident reporting a vehicle stuck on the lawn of 1007 Delaware Ave.

There he found a car driven by Robert Abraham Mitchell, 41, of 20 Myrtle Ave. Mitchell appeared to have attempted to use the drive-

way of the residence to turn around, had struck a vehicle in the driveway and got stuck in mud in the rain-drenched front yard.

After administering field sobriety tests and a pre-screening, Hughes arrested Mitchell and charged him with DWI.

Upon inventorying Mitchell's vehicle, two bags of marijuana were allegedly found, and Mitchell was also charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Both Allen and Mitchell were ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on April 4.

Court cases adjudicated

Several individuals charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) in Bethlehem and New Scotland recently entered guilty pleas, including two felony cases transferred to Albany County Court last month.

James M. Reichert, 36, of 214 Whitehall Road, Albany, pleaded guilty on Feb. 3 to a felony DWI count, stemming from his arrest by Bethlehem police on Oct. 17. His case had been transferred to County Court from Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 1.

Reichert was sentenced on Thursday, March 16, to 30 weeks at the Albany County Correctional Facility, and began serving that sentence last weekend. He was also fined \$1,500.

Daniel H. Wasielewski, 25, of 217 Surrey Court, Voorheesville, whose case was transferred from Voorheesville Village Court last

month, pleaded guilty in County Court on Feb. 24 to a DWI felony count, stemming from his arrest by Albany County sheriff's deputies Oct. 24.

Wasielewski is scheduled for sentencing by the County Court on April 13, pending a pre-sentencing report from the county Probation Department.

In a Bethlehem Town Court appearance on March 7, Christine A. Porzusek, 21, of 1715 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pa., pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired (DWAI), stemming from her arrest on Feb. 5.

Porzusek was fined \$300 and a \$30 surcharge and had her license suspended for 90 days.

All three were also ordered to face a victim-impact panel and undergo a drinking-driver remediation program.

Breast cancer program slated at Steuben Club

To Life! and Capital District Physicians Health Plan will present "Breast Cancer — Living with the Fear" on Wednesday, March 29, at the Steuben Athletic Club in Albany.

Registration will be held at 5:30 and the program will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

It will feature three topics. Psychologist Lauren Ayers will discuss "Normal fear or cancer phobia?"

Oncologist Dr. Arthur Sunkin will talk about what signs and

symptoms should be reported to your doctor, as well as what tests are good for diagnosing a recurrence of breast cancer.

And, three breast cancer survivors will give a talk entitled "Whatever gets you through the day."

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Board OKs request after heated debate

By Joseph A. Phillips

The same recent Bethlehem town board meeting that provoked controversy over the state of the town's zoning law also produced almost an hour of heated discussion and an unusual 3-2 board vote on a proposed home building project.

At issue: a request by homeowners Jason Minnick and Judith Sternlicht of 75 Meadowbrook Drive for permission to build a 13-by-15-foot addition on the rear of their home in the Eastmount subdivision, which was developed by Minnick in the 1980s.

Eastmount, in North Bethlehem, is one of the town's nine Planned Residential Districts (PRDs), a zoning designation that establishes special conditions governing the character of the development, including the appearance, size and upkeep of individual lots.

Each PRD's building project approval (BPA) document requires that the town board pass judgment on future alterations to, among other things, the height or exterior dimensions of any given home. The Minnick addition would add slightly more than 100 square feet, so the Minnicks submitted their initial request to the board last June.

At the time, the board tabled the matter when Town Building Inspector John Flanigan raised objections to the board's proceeding without a planning board review of the proposal.

The board took up the matter again on March 8, when lawyer Donald Zee, representing Minnick, was present. Flanigan also appeared at the meeting and repeated his earlier objections.

Citing other language of the BPA, Flanigan urged the town board to refer the matter to the planning board to determine whether the change Minnick and Sternlicht sought ought to apply to

all Eastmount residents with similar-sized homes.

"If you're going to let Mr. Minnick do it, you should go through the process and make it so anyone with that type of unit can do it," he said.

Flanigan's argument found a receptive audience in the two board members who have served on the planning board, George Lenhardt and Doris Davis.

"My hang-up is the process, not necessarily the particular application," Lenhardt said.

But Zee and Sternlicht argued that PRD homeowners already have an avenue for doing the same thing Minnick proposed — applying to the town board. Under the existing BPA, Zee argued, the board has the authority to grant the application without resorting to so sweeping an action as amending the BPA itself.

The delay of sending the matter to the planning board, Sternlicht said, would be an inconvenience to Minnick, who was homebound and unable to attend the board meeting. The extension, she said, was intended to permit him to establish a home office.

After a lengthy, and inconclusive, discussion of exactly how to proceed, Lenhardt and Davis moved to refer the matter to the planning board — and were voted down by Supervisor Sheila Fuller and board members Susan Burns and Daniel Plummer. The board then voted by the same margin to grant Minnick's request.

"You're not following your own rules!" said Flanigan before walking out of the meeting.

Zee said later he was "pleased with the board's actions" and expected Minnick and Sternlicht to seek building permits soon. As for the board members, there was much head-scratching in the aftermath of their vote.

"I felt, having been on the planning board and the town board, that the planning board can perhaps be more efficient in evaluating this kind of thing," Davis said. "But I'm not unhappy about the final decision."

"Frankly, I think everyone on the board was trying to find a way to help the Minnicks," Plummer said. "The question was, what was the process going to be? They had been before the board back in June, and I didn't feel it was fair to send them back before the planning board and make them wait any longer, when the town board has the ultimate authority."

Lenhardt expressed concern with the outcome. "We didn't even afford the public any input on this issue. The board just granted it. I feel, at a minimum, we should have held a public hearing."

The action, he said, created a precedent that could open up the floodgates to other PRD landowners, who could bog down the board in reviewing home building projects.

"In effect, because of the way this was done, we were acting like a zoning board of appeals ... I'm afraid we'll be doing this sort of thing more than we ought to. We have other boards to review these things," he said.

Asked if she expected a future wave of project approvals before the board, Davis was cautious: "I certainly hope not."

Burns dismissed the possibility, calling the Minnick request an "extraordinary situation ... but if they come, I'll listen to each of them individually."

Fuller likewise doubted the board agenda would soon be awash in approvals of decks, swimming pools and sun rooms. As for the split vote, she called it "a perfect example of individuality on the board in thinking this through."

BC board reviews staffing costs

Heather Brockbank

The Bethlehem school board made tentative decisions regarding instructional staffing expenditures for the upcoming school year at its March 14 budget session.

Superintendent Les Loomis expressed concern that the recent newspaper survey of teacher-to-student ratios may have shown a bleak picture of the district's staffing issues. He referred to Suburban Council surveys of staffing ratios and class sizes.

According to Loomis, the surveys show Bethlehem Central is above average for high school classroom teachers per 1,000 pupils. The Suburban Council also ranks Bethlehem Central third of 11 districts for K-12 professional

and instructional staffing per 1,000 students, he said.

"It's those figures that I have a lot more confidence in," Loomis said. "These are things which I think most Suburban Council districts pay pretty close attention to, because they are a good point of comparison."

Board President Happy Scherer said that staffing positions have increased in recent years. "We've been incrementally adding professional staffing at the high school," Scherer said. "So we're trying to respond to the numbers and the needs."

At the meeting, the board tentatively approving instructional staffing to implement the house plan at the middle school. It added 1.4 house leader positions and a .4 guidance position. The board also tentatively approved a .3 teaching position at the high school to respond to increased enrollment and course demands.

High school Principal Jon Hunter said there is high demand for courses at the school. Students are required to take five courses plus physical education, yet when the school performed an analysis of course sign-ups, students signed up for an average of 6.3 courses, excluding phys ed.

"We're pleased by the motivation our teachers had in reaching out to our students and the way students responded," Hunter said.

Also, the board tentatively approved a .4 psychologist position to help with special education referrals. While most board members seemed positive about approving a .2 guidance counselor position at the high school, they will hold their votes until they receive more information regarding state and town revenues allotted to the district. The board also postponed voting on a .5 nurse position at the high school.

The board voted to remove a .2 high school orchestral position from the priority-two list, as suggested by Music Supervisor Michael Tebbano.

According to Loomis, Tebbano asked the board to first consider other priorities within the music department. Tebbano still plans to have a second orchestra at the high school — even without the extra staffing time.

On March 22, the board will make its final round of decisions and consider all issues previously held for consideration. The budget will be adopted on March 29 and presented for public vote on May 16.

Perched eggs



Elaine Kehoe ponders about where to hang her next Easter egg, while her father Paul Kehoe steadies the ladder at their Elsmere Avenue home.

Jim Franco

N. Bethlehem neighbors object to operating business in garage

By Joseph A. Phillips

North Bethlehem residents turned out at a public hearing before the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals last Wednesday to voice their opposition to a Schoolhouse Road neighbor's use of a residential garage as a business.

Joseph LaJoy Jr., owner of 241 Schoolhouse Road, less than a block from Flieger Road and the Guilderland town line, is a 10-year employee of Hippo's Home Entertainment Center at Stuyvesant Plaza.

Together with Anthony Hazapis, owner of the electronics business, LaJoy applied to the zoning board in February for a use variance to permit him to continue to use his garage to install car stereos and related equipment for Hippo's.

After hearing the complaints of LaJoy's neighbors, several of whom addressed last week's public hearing, the zoning board adjourned the hearing until April 18, at which time LaJoy and Hazapis can resume making their case.

The property on Schoolhouse Road is zoned Residential A, although the same block includes both Schoolhouse Road Automotive, a licensed repair shop, and a former firehouse, now serving as offices for Kaiser Ophthalmics, an eyeglass lens maker, and Take-out Taxi, a small firm providing delivery vehicles for takeout-food businesses.

LaJoy said he had purchased the property at 241 Schoolhouse in November 1998. He said he offered Hippo's temporary use of his garage last year when they lost an auto-installation space at Stuyvesant upon renewing the lease for the retail location there.

But, "with the proximity (of the property) to the store and the lack of suitable alternative space, this project seemed to evolve," said Hazapis, who now seeks to make the temporary use permanent.

"We've made every attempt we can think of to be good neighbors and less intrusive ... and we would be prepared to do any and all things the neighbors might want us to do," Hazapis said.

But, zoning board Chairman Michael Hodom pointed out that an applicant must demonstrate that use of the property as currently zoned poses a hardship — and not merely an inconvenience — to the current resident.

"The problem here, is that the use variance you're asking for is not going to attach itself to the person (owning the property). It's going to attach itself to the land," added member Richard Lewis.

Should the zoning board grant the variance, the property will forever be eligible for a similar commercial use whether LaJoy continues to own it or not.

Hazapis said he had "misinterpreted the spirit of these guidelines," and readily accepted Hodom's suggestion that the hearing be adjourned so he can reframe his argument.

But several residents said that the five or six cars a day that LaJoy would service at his garage, across from the entrance to Frances Lane and just a block from a blind curve as Schoolhouse crosses into Guilderland, would pose a traffic hazard on the busy, narrow road.

"My concern is my grandchildren, the safety of my community and myself," said William Beattie of 234 Schoolhouse Road.

Anthony Tortora of 14 Flieger

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With kids, sometimes all you can do is pray

By Katherine McCarthy
Dear God:

Here I am again, a tired and dispirited mother. My children are growing up so fast, and sometimes I feel like I'm doing everything all wrong.

Here are my petitions this week, and I apologize in advance if everything sounds repetitious.

Please grant me patience. And more patience and more patience. And more patience when that's all run out.

Please give me boundless energy. Wake me up cheerful at the prospect of each day, let me not flag and depend on Oreo cookies to get me past 4 p.m., and let me go to sleep each night pleased with the day gone past.

Please help me to see things through my children's eyes. Let me remember the time when seeing the end of the cartoon was

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more important — and certainly more fun — than coming to dinner.

Let me find things to cook that my kids will eat and that are good for them. They've seen through chocolate-covered bananas and chocolate-covered strawberries and they're too old for sandwiches shaped like soldiers. Please imbue in my children a great fondness for vegetables.

Please send them out to play sometimes. Let them not always be so tempted by Game Boys, Nintendo 64, Cartoon Network and the Internet.

Help me find a way to teach them that things don't equal love, and that I love them even if I don't instantly grant their every wish.

Please stop the toy, candy and electronic device manufacturers from producing and marketing so many products to children. Provide my children with a filter so that they really don't think that chewing Trident is as much good as brushing their teeth.

Please let all the nation's governors and gun manufacturers understand that stricter gun control laws and trigger locks are a really good way to keep all of our children safe.

Help me to calibrate things. Please help me not to get as upset about clothes not making it to the hamper as I do about homework not being finished.

And while we're on the subject of homework, could you make them do it cheerfully, or at a minimum not begrudgingly, every once in a while?

Please freeze my vocal cords every time I start to yell. Thaw them only when I'm ready to say "I love you."

Let them have a million friends, from many different kinds of families and places, with a million different interests.

Let all their teachers be brilliant and kind and have the time in their crowded days to find that

something special I see all the time in my children.

Help me remember that "No" isn't the worst thing my children will ever say to me.

Remind me again why saying "No" to my children is sometimes a good thing, then deafen me each time they scream, yell, and sulk when I say it.

Help me to say "Yes" to them as often as I can.

May our little family find one activity that we all enjoy doing together.

Let me understand that it's normal for children to not always want to spend time with their family.

Grant me the ability to listen attentively and laugh at the appropriate parts when they tell me about entire episodes of "Cow and Chicken."

Let me help them find their own way without pushing them too hard in the direction I think they should go.

When they are angry and fresh, let me see beyond it to the hurt that is driving that behavior. Help me find the way to soothe them.

Make me able to fix everything, from broken toys to broken hearts.

Please curb my temper. Keep me from threatening stupid punishments I will never follow up on.

Let my involvement in their lives be healthy, not smothering. Help me find ways to grant them more independence before they're chafing at not being able to grow on their own timetable.

Let me not notice the disapproving stares of fussy budget strangers, people who think a good spanking is all they need, and all the well-meaning people who don't understand why my children act the way they do sometimes.

Let me remember once each day what it was like to be a child wishing I was an adult.

Please let my children know that I would walk through fire for them, but don't have them ever make me do it.

Please let me figure out the times that I should stick up for them, and the times I should let them work it out themselves.

Let me be there to catch them when they've learned from their own mistakes. Please don't let those mistakes be too painful, and shut my mouth from preaching about the lessons they've learned.

Please let them grow up full of confidence and joy in the world.

When they have children of their own, may they find all the answers right away.

Please take away some of my doubt, and let me trust the instincts child-rearing experts insist all mothers have.

Bless me with a hair colorist who can always cover up the grey hairs my children and all my worrying give me.

Please, God, keep my children safe from harm, help me to see how wonderful they are, and let me savor the time I have with them.

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New research indicates that older adults who walk or engage in other aerobic exercise think more clearly because they have more blood pumping to their brains. According to a study conducted by a cognitive neuroscientist, the improved blood flow most benefits the frontal and pre-frontal areas of the cortex. These are the parts of the brain that work when people think about several things at once, such as planning, scheduling, and looking up a phone number and remembering it long enough to call without writing it down. These activities are examples of "executive control processes," which among brain functions show the greatest decrease in efficiency with age. Walking and other mild aerobic activity can help prevent this decrease.

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P.S. It is still open to question as to whether greater amounts of aerobic exercise will improve brain function even more than the amount noted in the above-mentioned study.

Middle school thespians present 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

By Katherine McCarthy

About 100 Bethlehem Central Middle School students have been working on a play about a man with no clothes, and they'll present "The Emperor's New Clothes" Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the school on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

"There are 48 cast members," said Jennifer Grand, an English teacher who is directing the show with Spanish teacher Sara O'Connell. "With the tech crew, the ushers, the make-up people, and the kids who've worked on costumes, lights, and sound, we've

had over 100 kids involved."

Grand said the play fits the school's mission as a children's theater.

"We try to stay literature based, and perform something that children of all ages know and are excited about seeing," she said.

Grand said the play, which began rehearsals in December, provided a good opportunity for students who weren't involved in the school's recent musical, "Alice in Wonderland."

"Between the two shows, we try to get as many kids involved as

possible," Grand said. "A lot of the kids in 'The Emperor's New Clothes' haven't been on stage before. It works out well, and this is something the kids want to be involved in."

Enthusiasm is high among students arriving for rehearsals. It is the first play for Steve Hannigan and Mike Rooney, sixth- and seventh-graders who are cast as the swindlers Mr. Hog and Mr. Wart.

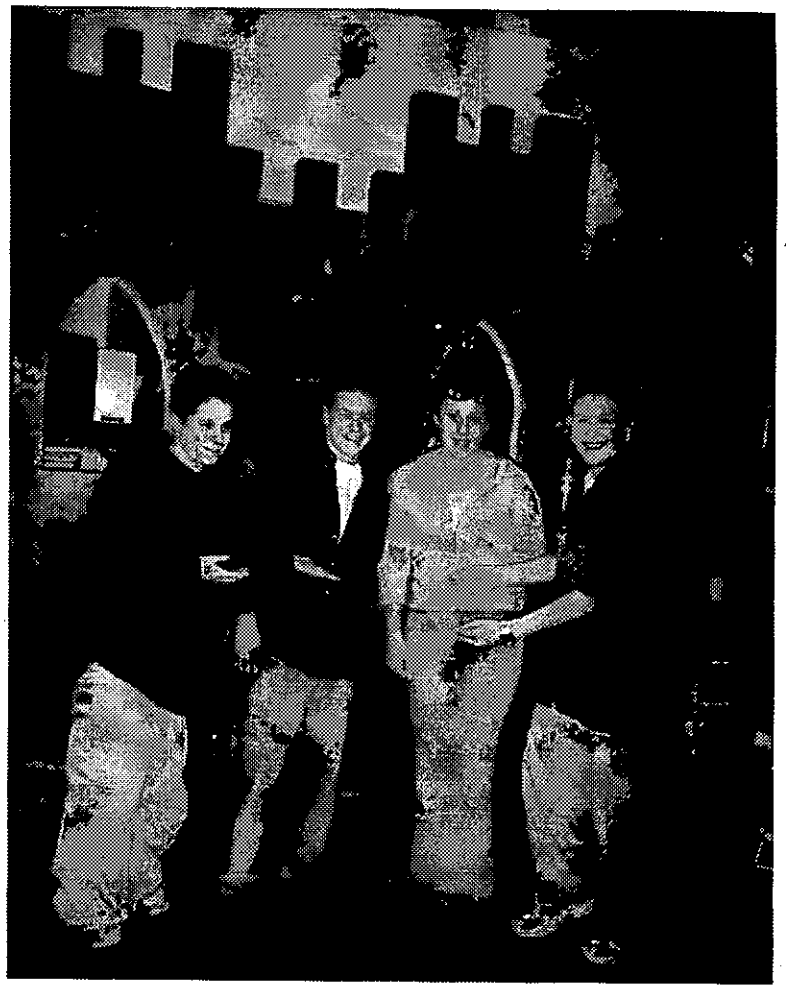
Eighth-grader Tim Hannigan, cast as the emperor, said the play has been a lot of work.

"You have to learn your lines, the hand motions, and things like that. I've learned a lot of teamwork, and I've liked working with people in other grades," Hannigan said.

Amanda Blanchard, also an eighth-grader, plays the empress.

"I've really enjoyed this," she said. "I was in plays all three years here. It's fun."

Tickets are \$4 per person and will be sold at the door.



'The Emperor's New Clothes' cast members, from left, Mike Rooney, Tim Hannigan, Amanda Blanchard and Steve Harrington.

Katherine McCarthy

Odyssey of the Mind team from Clarksville off to finals

On Saturday, March 11, the Clarksville Elementary School Odyssey Of The Mind team placed first in regional competition.

Team members are third-graders Michelle Kennedy, Lauren Kilpatrick, Carrie Jackson and Melissa Lawler, fourth-grader Meg McCarthy and fifth-graders Anna Scaife and Madison Serras.

The students have been working together since October. They met weekly after school and during recess. And, as the competition grew closer, they also met on weekends.

Teamwork and fast, creative thinking were the major skills that helped the team do so well in the competition.

Their task was to write a short play entitled "The Genie." The play had to address the notion of what would one do if they met a genie who would grant them three wishes, but with the condition that the wishes did not work out as planned.

The team had to generate all the ideas, write the entire play, design and make all costumes and props.

Team members incorporated humor and used a variety of theatrical techniques.

The students had to do all of

this completely on their own, without help from adults or anyone who was not on the team.

The other half of the competition involved the team having to solve a problem within a few minutes from the moment the judge gave it to them.

The team placed first out of a group of 12 teams from several local school districts and will go on to compete at the New York state Odyssey Of The Mind Tournament on March 25 at Binghamton University.

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Census silliness

The chorus of public officials is deafening — fill out your Census form, for your own good.

Of course, it makes sense to cooperate with the Census, so New York will have the most effective voice, i.e., the most representatives in Congress, possible.

Already, demographic estimates project that New York will lose at least one seat. How well the Census goes will determine if we lose another. Whether one or two, the lost representation will likely come from upstate.

It all goes back to the Constitution, which requires an "actual enumeration" every 10 years to ensure that representatives in Congress are apportioned equitably according to population.

But the Census has become one of the great cognitive dissonances that so often befall government, like subsidizing both tobacco farmers and anti-smoking campaigns or encouraging the sale of computer technology to China.

In this instance, we want people to do something that will obviously benefit them, but also make it difficult for them to do so. We're talking here about the Census long form, which one in six of us have received.

This 40-page booklet is unrelenting in its quest for personal information, the kind of stuff we are normally discreet about.

There are 53 questions in 10 pages (for one person) in the long form, including education, ethnic origin, disability status, military service, occupation, marital status, commuting time and method, housing, plumbing and kitchen facilities, heating costs and nine questions about income.

We don't like answering even one question about income, unless we have to on a 1040 form or credit application.

While calling this process "quick and easy," the Census Bureau estimates that the form should take 38 minutes to complete.

Speaking of Form 1040, it's even more burdensome that these Census booklets arrive in the middle of income tax season. Americans who do their own taxes are spending tens of hours of precious "free time" wrestling with their receipts and calculators, while millions of others have given up and pay tax preparers hundreds of dollars.

The Census long form bungle has become a hot topic on talk radio and Internet chat rooms, as many people simply do not trust the government to keep all this private data confidential.

With all the myriad ways that strangers with evil motives can find out about our personal lives, especially in this age when a hacker on his home personal computer can access secret government and business files, do we need to add the possibility of another?

So we say to the Census: Here we are, count us in, but don't make us waste more than half an hour telling the government things it already knows or has no right to know.

Editorials

Regents for All: Climbing the mountain

By Les Loomis

The writer is superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District.

Regents for All — for the state education commissioner and the Board of Regents, it is a call to action, a rallying cry. For many students, families, teachers and school districts, the Regents for All requirements represent a substantial barrier to graduation and a detraction from local educational programs.

None of us would argue with the importance of higher standards and heightened expectations. I certainly join the commissioner and the Regents in embracing this goal. Yet at the same time, I have serious questions and concerns about their approach. I want to express my thoughts from the vantage point of three central roles in my life: father, local superintendent, and participant on the state scene.

My wife Betsy and I have three children: Kate, who is 16; Mark, age 11; and Jeff, our youngest who is 10. This is my 13th year as superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District. For many of those years, I have also served as chairman of the Professional Development Committee for the New York State Council of School Superintendents. Through each of these roles, I have a real stake in the state's Regents for All agenda.

Using Bethlehem Central as an example, I want to acknowledge the significant positive contribution that the Regents for All agenda has provided across the state. At BC, the community is fairly affluent, our students are quite capable, parents are involved and our teachers are deeply committed. At the same time, we can sometimes be self-congratulatory and slow to change.

The state's push for higher standards, through the Regents for All requirements, and the release of the Report Card and other student achievement data, served as

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a wake-up call at Bethlehem and elsewhere in the state.

There is tremendous force and leverage in a plan and a program imposed by the state. At BC, we have seen a renewed focus on student achievement results that permeates all of our classrooms. We are now more committed to using student achievement data to make decisions about curriculum and instruction. Certainly, we are more dedicated about the pursuit of continuous improvement. I think other districts across the state have received a similar wake-up call.

But any statewide policy initiative like Regents for All, is a blunt instrument to use in achieving educational change. As an example, last year's fourth-grade English Language Arts test sent some strong signals about how a reform agenda can gather political momentum, which reshapes and distorts the original intention. A fourth-grade exam originally designed to determine which students needed help, turned into headlines about student failures and rankings depicting some schools as soaring and others sinking.

At BC, we can play that game. We may not have chosen to enter this contest, but we will play it competitively.

Bethlehem's fourth-grade results in both ELA and math distinguish us as among the strongest districts in the Capital District and the state. *The New York Times* ranked one of our schools, Elsmere, fourth in the state in terms of the ELA results. On the other hand, across the district, we have 74 students who scored in categories one and two and are viewed as in jeopardy of not succeeding with the Regents for All requirements. Our eighth-grade ELA and high school English Regents results are also strong. But in eighth-grade, we have 106 students who are in categories one and two. As you are well aware, this year all seniors must pass the English Regents in order to graduate, but there are still a few BC students who have not yet passed the test.

Now where does all this leave me as a father, a superintendent, and a Superintendents Council member? First, as a father, I am concerned about Jeff, our youngest child. Betsy and I have always viewed him as bright, and in many ways he is. Jeff is quick, witty and charismatic, but he lacks confidence about his schoolwork. When he learned that his fourth-grade ELA score just barely put him in the third category, he started crying and said he was dumb.

From a superintendent's perspective, I ask you to consider the middle school level. Let's contrast the labeling of eighth-grade students on the basis of their ELA and math scores with a classroom-based approach to assessment. I like to teach any chance I get.

One notable occasion was the opportunity to lead a seminar discussion on Martin Luther King's *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*

with a heterogeneously mixed group of eighth-graders. The results were encouraging, surprising, yet affirming.

The students considered King's words, "I have tried to say that this normal and healthy discontent can be channeled into the creative outlet of nonviolent direct action and now this approach is being termed as extremist... So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be? Will we be extremists for hate or for love?" Then I asked the class, "What does it mean to be an extremist for love?"

These eighth-graders' responses were thoughtful, deep and rich. Surprising, yet affirming, was the fact that without knowing the students you could not possibly pick out which of them were categories one, or four, or which of them were special education or regular education students. And because of the rigor and quality of the discussion, when those students left the room, they believed just a bit more in themselves, rather than being diminished by whether they were a one, two, three or a four.

In the midst of all the demands that a leader faces and the agenda that the state has advanced, it is tough to be a superintendent, even in a district like Bethlehem. If it is hard at BC, think of what is like to be Lonnie Palmer in Albany or Cliff Moses in Schoharie? If I am worried about my son, our eighth-graders, or our relatively small number of students who are struggling to make it through the English Regents, what about the hundreds of thousands of other students across the state in communities less affluent or in families less intact?

Hugh Price, the president of the National Urban League in New York City spoke for disenfranchised children in his recent commentary in *Education Week*.

Referring to reform agendas like New York state's, he said, "These tough love measures are too timid structurally and off target pedagogically. America's more vulnerable children in low income and rural communities will bear the brunt ... because as things stand now, they'll be left behind in droves."

Alfie Kohn, a prominent educational thinker and author, highlights the problem of too much emphasis on standardized tests: "To begin with, test scores closely parallel the income and educational level of the families who send their kids to a particular school. Wealthier neighborhoods have higher scores for reasons that have little to do with what is going on in the classroom. Thus, it's misleading to cite those scores as an indication of educational quality."

As a superintendent, I try to prepare all of our students to succeed with the Regents for All curriculum and yet, guard and nurture the quality and depth that makes a BC education different. For the past couple of years, our board members, union leaders, administrators and academic supervisors have agonized over how to both meet the state agenda and stay true to what we value as a district.

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Now once again at budget time, we are trying to figure out how to afford the extra programs to support our students who struggle most, yet keep the tax rate reasonable. Over the past two years we have invested approximately \$400,000 in Regents for All support programs. For 2000-01 we had again planned to add another \$200,000 investment, but now that is not possible.

The governor's proposal gives us only \$25,000 more in state aid, and we have to spend a half million dollars just to meet the increases in health insurance costs. As a result, we will try to hold on to the current monies that support the students who struggle: in programs like extended day at the kindergarten level, summer remediation, additional reading teachers, and high school math courses that move students at a different pace.

Let me turn to the recommendations that I would offer on behalf of superintendents, parents, teachers and school districts across the state. First, I want to cite Walter Sullivan's testimony before the Joint Standing Committees on Education of the state Legislature. Sullivan is chairman of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

"Our methodology for progressing toward the standards has become far too focused on testing and assessments and the inappropriate use of those assessments as a tool to rank districts... Clearly, funding is a major issue. Studies have shown the cost implications of raising standards. These stand to reason almost intuitively; students will need smaller class sizes, tutoring,

after-school help and the like to achieve at these levels, all of which are staff-intensive and therefore costly."

"Our committee recommend(s) ... that the Regents consider prioritizing English, math and U.S. history to be phased in over the period that is currently being considered for all standards. At the end of that period, an evaluation of progress and resources should be made. Based on that evaluation, the state could begin to phase in standards for science, global history and foreign language. To do otherwise, we fear, is to invite failure under the guise of moving aggressively."

To Sullivan's remarks, I want to add a plea of my own. It is tough enough for an experienced superintendent to watch the state tell his district what we must do, when we have educated students so effectively in the past. But then to see the state attempting to force districts to reach the required results through a one-size-fits-all set of mandates, which tell us how to do it, is doubly difficult.

The burgeoning list of mandates is daunting and, in my mind, ill-advised. Listen to the litany:

professional development plans, professional performance review plans, shared decision-making plans, comprehensive district educational plans, academic intervention services plans, and at least 20 more.

I would put it quite simply to the commissioner and the Regents: please get out of our way and let us meet the standards in the way that we know best.

I want to conclude by returning to my son, Jeff. When I've been concerned about Jeff's progress or prospects, his principal, Teresa Snyder, has been constant in her advice: "Give him time and believe in his abilities."

In her recent parent newsletter, Snyder wrote, "I am in favor of the highest rigor, the most profound challenges, but I never want to see rigor mistaken for rigidity or challenge reduced to beating the state exams. I am fearful that much of what is happening to 9-year-olds in New York right now is detrimental to them. I am concerned that the politics of education is taking precedence over the overwhelming research based on brain development. I am worried that we risk becoming a reduc-

tionist enterprise, where student outcomes matter more than student growth and development."

Jeff's fifth-grade teacher this year, Chris Porter, teaches with incredible skill and sensitivity. When Jeff worried that he couldn't measure up, Porter helped him to believe in himself. When he decided he couldn't write, Porter told him to forget about grades and write what was in his heart. Let me share a piece of Jeff's writing with you.

"Inspiration Mountain is wet and slippery. That's the mountain that our field group is going to hike.

When we got to the trail, it started as a wide trail. Then it got narrower and narrower. Sort of like a tree that starts as a fat stump and as it reaches the top it gets skinnier. Watch out because there are tons of rocks on the trail, but the leaves cover them so it makes it easy to slip and fall. As we went

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up farther on the trail, there was a stream. Shhh. You could hear the dewdrops dripping off the leaves into the water. The water hitting the rocks made a pretty sound as if someone was playing the flute. When the water hit the rocks, it sounded like the person who was playing the flute was changing notes. As we got closer to the top, our field group leader, Tim, told us to collect firewood so we could roast the marshmallows. Then we had to collect rocks to contain the fire. In a second, we got warm by the fire. The marshmallows tasted delicious. Our field group leader tossed the marshmallows because that was the tradition.

When we got down the mountain, I was tired, but I did not care

because it was worth the hike. Climbing Inspiration Mountain was my favorite memory of Nature's Classroom. I will always remember climbing Inspiration Mountain because I was climbing in the Adirondacks, and it is my favorite place to hike."

With Porter's help, Jeff now likes to write, and knows he's a writer.

As a father and as a superintendent, I want to make sure we stand behind students like Jeff, teachers like Porter, and principals like Snyder in recognizing that special blend of compassion and complexity that constitutes teaching and learning at its best. Somehow categories one, two, three, and four just don't capture what education is about.

I support the commissioner and the Board of Regents in the pur-

suit of higher standards. I also recognize that they, and the state Education Department staff, are attempting to listen to those of us in the schools.

But I worry that their full-speed-ahead strategy paints them into a political corner and that some of our students will be the ones stuck there. If educators and parents continue to offer our best thinking, I believe that we can help the state to find a wiser and safer path in climbing the mountain.

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Student supports bond

Editor, The Spotlight:

As an eighth-grade student at Voorheesville high school, I know firsthand how much this community needs the proposed school addition.

Recently, our school was picked to be one of the top schools in America for its music program. How are we to maintain these standards when we have no room to expand?

Both the stage and hall leading to the band room are used as storage areas, and there is limited space for instrumental lessons and practice sessions.

Students are often forced to practice on the stage, in one of the music teacher's tiny offices or in the hallways.

Voorheesville high takes pride in student artwork, which is often displayed in cabinets and on the walls for all to see.

But, did you know, students in grades seven through 12 are sculpting, drawing and painting in an old teachers' lunchroom?

That room is extremely small for an art room and could be dangerous when fumes from paint and glue are released into that workspace.

Equipment, supplies, and projects are stored all over both rooms, making it hard to move around the room when everybody is working on their projects.

When I was younger, swim-

ming lessons were a part of my summers. I have learned a lot in the pool at Voorheesville high.

The pool has served the community as a place for swimming lessons, swim teams, and gym classes.

If the addition is not added, the community will no longer have a pool.

The current pool is too expensive to maintain and will be closed whether the addition is added or not.

Parents in this district will be either forced to take their children somewhere else to learn to swim or deprive their children of a great learning experience.

As part of both the drama club and the music program, I often work on stage and in its surrounding areas. Our present auditorium is very small.

The elementary winter concert was held at the high school auditorium this year.

Many parents were forced to stand outside in the hall because there was not enough room for everyone in the auditorium. The high school band and chorus barely fit on the stage.

The proposed school addition is a wise investment for the future of our community. The question is not "can we afford it?" but "can we afford not to?"

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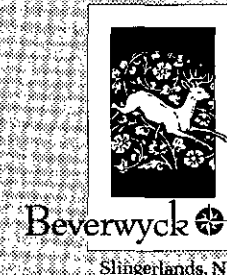
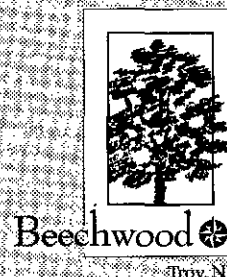
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V'ville taxpayers group opposes school bond proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Voorheesville Taxpayers Association advocates academic excellence and fiscal discipline. We are neighbors, parents of children in school and senior citizens. Our goal is to facilitate the free flow of accurate and meaningful information on issues that impact education quality and taxes.

The proposed \$17 million school expansion exemplifies how the school budget has surged while enrollment has declined. In 1975, total enrollment in our district was 1,939 students. By 2000, enrollment has decreased by 32 percent to 1,320 students. Meanwhile, the 1985 budget was \$5.9 million. This year, the budget is \$13.7 million, an increase of more than 13 percent in the last 15 years.

Inflation has averaged less than 3 percent a year during the past decade. Why has there been such an astronomical budget increase when there are some 600 fewer students? The proposed school renovation will increase taxes at even a faster rate.

Dr. (Alan) McCartney presented a slide show and distributed a handout at a special school board meeting in January on the school renovation project. Line items marked "other" for elementary and junior/senior high school renovation total \$31,000 and \$875,222 respectively.

Is the district expecting the taxpayer to write a blank check for almost \$1 million for undefined expenses?

Elementary school parents went to school board meetings telling the board they did not want their sixth-grader children going to the high school. They requested a separate middle school or re-

quested that the board leave their children at the grade school. The board said "No."

If the proposal passes, 11- and 12-year-old children will be riding the bus to the high school against their parents' wishes. The school's 15-page color brochure states that the sixth-graders will be in a "protective environment," but the separation will create the necessity of building an additional gymnasium, reorganizing cafeteria space and adding more classrooms. A very expensive venture.

Again, we feel the school board is ignoring the community's message on input from parents, taxpayers and on spiraling taxes.

Just about everyone in the community advised the school board in a clear message they did not want them to take John O'Connell's land through eminent domain. Months and months passed, and in the end the district spent more than \$18,000 in legal fees.

This money could have been used to educate our children, not wasted on lawyers' fees. This is another example of the board's attitude and underscores its indifference to the concerns of the public.

The swimming pool proposition is for \$1,368,000. The operating costs per year on the current pool averages \$54,300 per year. Unfortunately, the pool fees and accounts receivable earn only \$6,668 per year.

We feel there is a need for a pool, but we believe that the community should support and fund a new pool, not the Voorheesville school district. The proposal places the financial burden on the shoulders of, district taxpayers

while the district fails to seek grants and other funding for which it is eligible.

Why has the district made no effort to secure legislative member items, community funding for the new pool, and state/federal grants? We value the pool and the many organizations that use it, but we need to find a new way to fund it.

The district's brochure states the impact if your home is assessed at \$150,000 will be an additional \$156.45 on your tax bill.

Our current school tax rate is \$19.90, one of the highest in Albany County. Taxpayers should look at their current assessment to see if they are willing to commit themselves and their children to paying even higher taxes for years to come.

The brochure does not mention the district's \$14 million annual budget vote on May 16. It is estimated that this will cost an additional \$30 for a house assessed at \$150,000.

In a community with virtually no commercial tax base, we rank among the highest in cost per pupil and median teachers' salaries. Our administration costs continue to escalate, we are now paying the superintendent \$103,000 and the assistant superintendent \$89,230, not including

fringe benefits.

While the board measures the cost of education by the latest tax increase, the taxpayers measure its costs by the ever increasing annual school tax bill, cost per student, teachers salaries and increasing administrative costs.

Voorheesville Taxpayers Association is justifiably proud of the accomplishments of our students and the dedication of our teachers, but simply stated, school taxes are too high, and if this proposal passes plus the increase in May, school taxes will hit an all time high.

We know that if a student

turned in an assignment with almost \$1 million in undefined expenses, grandiose, and costly as the renovation plan and budget, any good teacher would give it a failing grade, and have the student redo the assignment. We urge residents of our district to do the same.

Your "No" vote will tell the school board to go back to the drawing board and develop a proposal that we can all afford and support.

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Matters of Opinion

Parent views V'ville bond issue as very dubious sell

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a parent of a Voorheesville school district student and as an architect, I found the Feb. 28 and March 14 presentations of the building project by the superintendent, a very dubious sell.

As parents, we all want the best for our children, but we realize that is not always achievable. Providing my child with the best teaching environment is also my goal. I believe that the quality of

the teacher is the primary factor in a child's education.

I am not opposed to additional space for program requirements. I am opposed to the bloated scale of this addition. The administration's justification for the space is based on need which, as defined by Webster's dictionary, is to be in want. What the administration has failed to do is to distinguish between what spaces are required by the state Education

Department and what spaces are based on wants.

As an architect who practices in the design of educational facilities, I have been most interested in the development of this project. I have attended every board meeting since the start of the selection of the architect for this project. I would like to share my professional observations, opinions, and share some questionable facts which were stated by the administration and supported by the board.

I'd like to comment on communication by the board. You've heard the board admit that communication is something they need to improve on; unfortunately, I have not seen any improvement. At the start of the project, the board assured the public that all questions would be answered and information would be available. My experience has been quite the contrary. I did ask an administra-

tor to see the architect's project meeting notes and the response was: 'I'm tired of sending information to you.'

This was my first request. Quickly I learned the administration's attitude to public query. On several other occasions, I submitted questions in writing to the board and the administration with no response from either. The administration's interpretation of the Freedom of Information Law is to foil any efforts at getting information.


Community input into the design is very important. Neighboring districts such as Berne-Knox-Westerlo understand positives of shared decision-making committees where teachers, administrators, staff, students and community members participate in the planning process.

Why did this administration and board not form such a committee? Why wasn't there even a survey to ask the public its assessment of existing building shortcomings and needs? Unfortunately, the public had only a few hours to digest the plans and formulate any questions in the time allotted.

Let's talk about the planning process (or lack of) by the board. Any major addition, especially with limited developmental land as the board had stated, should have a master plan if it is to develop in a responsible way. The board claims it has learned from the past project in 1989 which has a nine-year bond still remaining. The proposed project will demolish existing areas and replace existing building systems which taxpayers will be paying for another nine years.

The board's eminent domain approach to the land acquisition was unnecessary, costly and showed lack of sensitivity to residents. It was quite clear at board meetings that public opposition comprised the majority. First, it was unnecessary because additions to buildings do not require additional land as per state Education Department planning guides.

The board was less than clear on this. I have personally confirmed that the state Education Department routinely grants variances for land deficiencies. The current elementary school is deficient in the land requirement and



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continues to operate on a variance. An addition is being planned to this building, so why was there no land issue here?

As a result of the protracted land acquisition, over a year needlessly passed incurring additional inflationary costs of \$600,000 to the project.

In November 1998, the board accepted the Facilities Planning Committee Report and its recommendations. The report noted that enrollment will taper off by 2002-03. The proposed building is being designed for its current peak population. Dr. McCartney has stated that the occupancy ratio is projected to be 85 percent at peak; in other words, the building will, at its peak usage, be 15 percent vacant at any one time and this vacancy may increase due to population decrease. The report also supported 12-plus new classrooms including the sixth grade move to the high school. The proposed addition also has 18 new classrooms and at least seven additional classrooms that are proposed in the existing auditorium and other locations.

The proposed building is sited such that any future additions will need to relocate the proposed track or baseball field, or perhaps both. Not exactly a responsible plan. The proposed one-story classroom wing has an additional cost of approximately \$100,000 vs. a two-story wing which would save buildable land. Objection to a two-story wing is not based on rational

reasoning or future land use considerations. Future energy and roof replacement costs of \$10,000 per year would also be saved with a two-story wing.

A lower level storage space of 10,000 square feet has been proposed. No proof has been shown that such a large area is required. This 6 percent or more of the total building area is above normal allotment for this type building, and that is not even accounting for the existing storage area. Proposed art and technology rooms require direct daylight (windows) as per the state Education Department, none has been proposed. A service drive has been proposed off Route 85A which is on an incline and blind spot.

The proposed addition will increase the building area 60 percent. Dr. McCartney stated current occupancy rate is 98 percent. Based on my experience, these percentages immediately raise all kinds of questions and concerns.

The cost estimate not only is inflated, but also carries an area calculation mistake of 5,400 square feet, in the classroom wing, above what is shown on the plans. With the architects cost of \$151 per square foot, a total of \$815,400 overage is in the cost. Library renovation and new costs are at \$192 per square foot — even campuses such as Cornell are far less expensive than this building. These are just a few facts derived from the architect's plans and estimate. The cost estimate for this type and size

building should be \$15 million max.

Does anyone remember when the proposals for architect selection were sent, that the stated project budget was around \$6 million? Dr. McCartney stated at a board meeting that the \$6 million cap would be held.

I know from my experience that projects can quickly get out of hand when requirements turn to wants in the programming stage. It appears that is the case here. This project will increase the tax rate by 5 percent. The projected 2000-01 budget increase is from 0.8 percent to 1.2 percent. Remember last year's projected zero per-

cent increase was actually 2 percent? Remember the STAR program that was offered last year for the rest of us? Well, somehow those savings never made it to us, but school districts are in the largest building boom ever.

I've been to all the meetings and listened to both sides, for or against, and what I find interesting is that the majority of those supporting the project voice their support on emotions rather than the facts of the building plans.

Yes, we do need to add on, but not at the expense of oversized buildings and poor planning. Don't let the 10 percent additional aid ratio sway your decision, because

in the long run we will pay more in operational and maintenance costs.

There is still time for the board to present another responsible design that will serve the students, faculty and community, without the loss of the 10 percent aid, and at a lower cost.

On March 28, vote on facts not emotion. One month delay in the vote will give everyone time to review the facts and better understand the proposal. The alternative is paying a 20-year bond for a building that is oversized, overpriced and expensive to operate.

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Triumphant Eagles skate away with tournament title

Bethlehem Youth Hockey's Pee Wee travel team won the Northeast Regional Invitational "B" Tournament at Deerfield, Mass. from March 10 to 12. In what was the Eagles' second tournament victory, the team had a repeat of their earlier performance, going undefeated at Deerfield.

In a close match up in Friday night's opener against Pembroke, the Eagles prevailed 3-2. Trailing by one goal early on in the first period, the team rallied behind **Chris Dudek**, who scored at 7:27 on a sharp pass from **Dillon McNiven**. Goalie **Conor O'Shea** and the strong defensive efforts of **Sandro Gerbini**, **T.J. Webb**, and **Dan Jakaitis** held Pembroke



The Eagles assemble around their championship trophy following their tournament sweep.

back while **Tim Moriarity** pushed the Eagles ahead with an un-

sisted goal at 5:29 in the second period.

Chris Jerome was in on the action until he was sidelined for

the rest of the tournament due to an injury in the second period. **Taylor Bourque** scored on an assist from McNiven at two and a half minutes into the final period to ensure Bethlehem's victory while goalie **Doug McIver** held Pembroke to only one more goal despite a relentless third period assault. In a brief ceremony following the game, Bourque and Dudek received game stars for their strong performances.

The Eagles played two games on Saturday, both of which they won in impressive shutouts. In the morning contest against Avon, **Ryan Banagan** scored seven minutes into the game after a set-up by Jakaitis and **Erik Russo**. **Andrew Stanton** fired in an unassisted slapshot with 30 seconds remaining in the first period to make it 2-0.

McIver brushed off 10 shots by Avon during the first half of the game to keep the Eagles in the lead. McNiven netted one early in the second period on a pass from

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Bourque and Banagan added another goal with less than two minutes remaining to make it 4-0.

Zach Blau snapped one in at one minute into the third period on an assist from Banagan while O'Shea blocked 9 shots on goal during the rest of the game to ensure the 5-0 win for Bethlehem. After the contest both Banagan and Stanton were presented with game stars.

Saturday afternoon's challenge by the FCHA proved to be a futile exercise for the host team. Bethlehem dominated with an 8-0 victory that secured their spot in the championship round.

Bourque began the romp early in the first period, scoring on a well-placed pass from Dudek.

Stanton fired in another high velocity slapshot into the back of the net at 2:14, while McNiven helped Dudek score with 33 seconds remaining in the period. Dudek struck once again nailed a pass from Banagan at 6:47 in the second period, making the score 4-0. The solid defensive efforts of all three Bethlehem lines including Steve Kerwin and Zach Wallens kept most of the action directed at the FCHA goalie.

The Eagles picked up 4 more goals in the third period as Russo and Stanton drove the puck to Banagan for an early goal while Dudek picked up a hat trick one minute later with an unassisted breakaway. Banagan kept the

momentum going with his own unassisted goal another minute later, and Blau finished up the onslaught with a final goal at 13 seconds remaining, making the final tally 8-0.

Dudek and Russo received game stars during the post-game ceremony and Banagan was named Bethlehem's Tournament MVP. The championship round against Clifton Park B on Sunday was a thriller that kept the fans on the edge of their seats.

With the Eagles down 1-0 in the first period, Stanton scored on an assist from Banagan with three minutes remaining in the period, notting the game in a 1-1 tie. During the second period, McNiven snapped a shot in to put Bethlehem ahead as McIver and O'Shea skillfully fended off a flurry of shots on goal.

Clifton Park tied the score late in the second period but Dudek nudged the Eagles ahead once again on a pass from McNiven.

Down 3-2 in the final period, Clifton Park pulled their goalie to go for the tie but Dudek slid in an exciting empty net goal to clinch the championship. O'Shea and McNiven received game stars and the entire Pee Wee team collected first place trophies.

The Eagles will wrap up what has been a very successful season with a tournament of their own held at the BIG Arena from March 24 to 26.

Area gymnasts excel in recent competition

In an array of recent action, local members of the World Class Gymnastics Academy and Yury's Level 7 Gymnastics Team have turned some impressive performances.

Yury's team captured first place at the recent Empire State Classic Invitational. Delmar's Coyle Wood took first place in the level nine Junior B competition, Scoring 8.80 in the vault (VL), 9.00 in the uneven bars (UB), 9.20 on the balance beam (BB) 9.15 on the floor (FL) and 36.15 in the all-around (AA) performance, Wood earned the top spot.

Delmar's Julianna Harder finished first in the 7 to 11 year old division. Her scores were, (VL) 8.725, (UB) 9.625, (BB) 9.40, (FL) 9.35 and (AA) 37.100.

Clifton Park's Jessica Naperski also took the top spot in her level seven 15 and older group with scores of (VL) 8.875, (UB) 8.90, (BB) 9.125, (FL) 8.80, (AA) 35.70.

Other top performers included Ashlee Tompkins, of Clifton Park, who finished second in the level seven 15 and older group (AA) 34.775, Kyle Harder, of Delmar who placed second in the 10 to 11 year old group, (AA) 36.450, Victoria Cribb, of Delmar who finished fourth in the seven and eight year old group (AA)

329.425, and Kelsey Hart, of Delmar who finished sixth in the seven and eight year old group, (AA) 24.950.

More performers from Clifton Park who did well included Sarah Mailloux and Courtney Mailloux.

Some other notable efforts were contributed by Theresa Bub, Kendall Day, Megan Dority, Kaila Bagley, Stephanie Segal, Kelsey Hart, Cyndi Harder, Katherine Day, Connie Kung and Allyson Tremblay, all from Delmar.

At the I Love New York Invitational held in Binghamton on Feb. 12 and 13, a number of local students of the World Class Gymnastics Academy (WCGA) distinguished themselves. On the fourth place Level 5 team, Caitlin Lloyd led the way with (AA) 31.05 finish, good enough for fourth place. She was joined by fellow Clifton Park natives Stephanie and Nicole Casper, Latham's Brittany Ensign and Kerry Tobin of Niskayuna.

On the third place Level 7 team, Clifton Park's Katie Carter led the charge by finishing second on the floor. She was joined by Jenny Shoemaker and Lynsey Moore of Latham.

On the Level 7, 8, 9, and 10 teams, Kristine Garbarino,

Samantha Laraway, Melanie Maldonado, Colleen Moreland, Megan Spiak, Cara Murray and Christina Baggetta, all of Latham had good showings. Colonie's Katie Wilcox performed well, as did Clifton Park's Ali Kenna, Kristen Shibley, Ashley Parker, Andrea D'Ambrose, Ren Walczak and Larissa Calka.

WCGA students were in action again on Feb. 27, at Valley Gymnastics in Utica. Once again, Clifton Park residents Stephanie and Nicole Casper, Lloyd, Carter, Shibley, Parker and D'Ambrose were outstanding, while Latham's Ensing, Maldonado, Laraway, Garbarino, Moore, Shoemaker and Moreland provided strong showings.

The WCGA boys also returned to the mats at the World Cup Invitational in Chappaqua. Brothers Matthew and Adam Cook of Loudonville were impressive, as was Ballston Lake's Kevin Buchanan, Delmar's Andy Harder and Latham's Andrew Cremins, Eric Messina, Matt Spiak and Zeke Jackson, who took the all around top spot in the 10 and 11 year old division.

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Dolfin swimmers heat up at annual February Freeze

The Delmar Dolfin recently hosted their annual "February Freeze" swim meet at RPI and performed well in a competitive field. For the 8 and under girls, **Mariah Kennedy, Eleanor Grady, and Molly Howland** turned in a number of fine performances. Howland took first place in the 100 yard IM with a time of 1:29.87 and a third in the 50 yard freestyle. Kennedy placed fifth in both the 50 yard freestyle and 25 yard butterfly and 25 yard backstroke. Grady was second in the 25 yard breaststroke and eighth in the 50 yard freestyle. She also had a strong finish in the 25 yard butterfly.

For the 8 and under boys, **Kevin Burns and Alex Walsh** placed in the top six in every event in which they swam. Burns took second in the 100 yard IM and 25 yard breaststroke, and third in the 50 yard freestyle and 25 yard

butterfly. Walsh was third in the 25 yard backstroke and sixth in both the 25 yard breaststroke and 50 yard freestyle.

Justin Murphy and Nate Foley were strong performers for the 9 to 10 year old boys. Murphy placed second in the 100 yard backstroke and fourth in the 100 yard freestyle, 50 yard breaststroke, and 50 yard freestyle. Foley took home an eighth place ribbon in the 50 yard backstroke and recorded personal best times in the 50 yard breaststroke, 50 yard freestyle, and 100 yard freestyle.

The 10 and under girls faced some strong competition but turned in many fine performances. All three relay teams placed in the top eight. The team of **Ashley Burns, Katie O'Donnell, Danielle Kaplan and Elise Walsh** took third, the team of **Molly Moriarity, Kristen Gloeckler, Allie Radliff, and Kyla Walsh** placed fourth, and the team

of **Marissa Ferrara, Kaitlin Taub, Emily Smith and Anna Kaufman** took eighth.

The 100 yard backstroke saw all Dolfin entrants finish in the money. Burns took 3rd, O'Donnell fourth, Elise Walsh sixth, Kyla Walsh seventh and Gloeckler eighth. All the Dolfin entrants in the 50 yard butterfly (Elise Walsh, Kyla Walsh, Kaplan, Smith, Moriarity and **Hadar Koren-Roth**) recorded personal best times in that event.

In the 50 yard backstroke, Burns nailed a third place finish with Kaplan, Radliff, Kaufman, Ferrara, Taub, and Laurel Heighton also swimming strongly. Burns picked up a fourth place in the 100 yard IM with Kyla Walsh, Elise Walsh, O'Donnell, Koren-Roth, Radliff, Gloeckler, Moriarity, Smith, Kaufman, Ferrara, and Taub again finishing strongly.

Burns and O'Donnell picked up sixth and eighth place ribbons respectively in the 50 yard freestyle while Koren-Roth, Kaplan, Radliff, Smith, Kaufman, Taub, and Ferrara recorded personal bests. Elise Walsh and Kaplan took sixth and seventh places in the 50 yard breaststroke while Taub, Kaufman Smith, Moriarity, Gloeckler, Radliff, and Koren-Roth again swam strongly. O'Donnell nailed down an eighth place in the 100 yard freestyle with Kyla Walsh, Gloeckler, and Moriarity finishing closely behind.

Sean Kennedy, Larry Gloeckler, and Matthew Shaffer were solid performers for the 11 and 12 year old boys. Shaffer took second in the 50 yard breaststroke and fourth in the 50 yard freestyle. Gloeckler placed third in the 100 yard backstroke, fourth in both the 100 yard freestyle and 100 yard IM, and seventh in the 50 yard freestyle. Kennedy recorded strong finishes in the 50 yard back-

stroke, 50 yard breaststroke, and 50 yard freestyle.

The 11 and 12 year old girls saw the 200 yard freestyle relay team of **Ava Byer, Stacey Toseland, Martha Grady and Jennifer VanEtten** take fourth place. Van Etten went on to nail third place finishes in the 100 yard IM, the 50 yard freestyle, the 50 yard breaststroke, and the 50 yard backstroke. Grady and **Ann Delucco** placed sixth and eighth respectively in the 100 yard butterfly with **Sydney Lane** recording a personal best time.

A number of Dolfin finished strongly in the 100 yard IM, including Grady, Lane, Toseland, Byer, Delucco, **Clare Jednak, Jessica Pisciotta, and Melissa Taub**. Personal bests were achieved by **Lauren Grady, Taub, Pisciotta, Jednak, and Byer** in the 50 yard breaststroke. Delucco and Lane were strong performers in the 100 yard backstroke and both Grady girls and Byer were solid in the 100 yard freestyle.

The Dolfin presence was strong in the 50 yard freestyle as well

with **Elizabeth Otero, Pisciotta, Jednak, Taub, Lauren Grady, Delucco, Martha Grady and Toseland** contributing impressive performances. Strong finishes were also recorded in the 50 yard backstroke by Lauren Grady, Toseland, Byer, Jednak, Lane, Taub, Otero, and Pisciotta.

Patrick Shaffer was the lone Dolfin swimmer in the 13 to 14 year old boys division but nailed down a third place showing in the 100 yard butterfly and a fourth in the 100 yard freestyle.

Hannah Gold represented the 13 to 14 year old girls and had strong finishes in the 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, and 50 yard freestyle.

In the senior girls' division, **Kathleen Shaffer** recorded personal best times in the 50 yard freestyle, 200 yard IM and 100 yard breaststroke. **Anna Cross** swam strongly in the 100 yard freestyle, the 100 yard backstroke, and the 100 yard breaststroke.

Based on their performances, a few Dolfin have also qualified for the the Junior Olympics.

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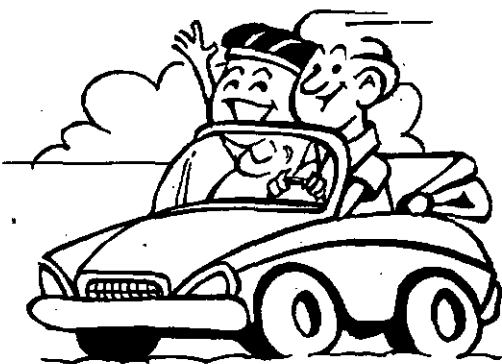
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BIG figure skating show

The Uncle Sam Figure Skating Club will be hosting an ice show featuring some of the area's premier figure skaters from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, at the BIG Arena.

There will be no admission fee to the event showcasing the beauty and artistry of local skaters.

In addition, the Uncle Sam Figure Skating Club will be holding registration sessions for its spring Learn to Skate program at the BIG Arena from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 20, and 27.

The hour long eight week program begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 3, and runs until Monday, May 22.

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School bond vote set March 28 at high school

The school bond vote will be held on Tuesday, March 28, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Route 85A.

The vote will include two propositions.

- Proposition No. 1 — Addition to the high school including 18 classrooms, auditorium and gymnasium; minor remodeling to the elementary school; purchase of approximately 28 acres of land.

- Proposition No. 2 — Construction of a new pool at the high school (contingent upon Proposition No. 1 passing).

Kiwanis to fire up Brooks barbecue

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Brooks chicken barbecue on Saturday, March 25, from 3 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

Chicken dinners include potato, cole slaw and a roll and cost \$7.50 for adults and \$6 for children. Chicken halves are \$5.50. Rib dinners are \$8 with a la carte ribs at \$7.

Proceeds support youth activities and community services.

School board petitions available at district office

Individuals who want to run for a seat on the school board can obtain a petition from the school district office weekdays from 7:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Petitions must be returned by Friday, April 4, at 4:30 p.m. with a minimum of 25 signatures.

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Junior high slates concert

Seventh- and eighth-graders will perform in a concert tonight, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Fire department to hold fund-raiser

Voorheesville Fire Department's auxiliary will sponsor its second fashion show on Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

The show will feature some of the firemen. A \$5 donation will include beer, wine, soda and snacks.

School board cancels budget meeting

The special budget meeting scheduled for Monday, March 27, has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Fire department serving fish fries

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is serving Friday night fish fries through April 21.

The next fish fry is on Friday, March 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

Dinners include fish, french fries, cole slaw and a beverage.

New England clam chowder and dessert will also be available.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and \$3 for children under 12.

Eat-in dining is offered or take-outs can be ordered by calling 765-2231.

Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Church to host banquet

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church will hold a banquet for women and girls on Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m.

The event will have a tropical theme and include food and music.

The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Reservations are required.

For information or to make a reservation, call 765-3390, 456-0881 or 765-4939.

Cooperative Extension offers soil testing

Before seeding and planting, Master Gardeners suggest doing a soil sample test to improve pH levels.

Samples can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension Center on Martin Road.

Or, place samples in the silver drop box on the front of the building when the office is closed.

Soil tests cost \$2 each.

For information on how to gather a soil sample or for help with gardening concerns, call the Master Gardener hot line Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 765-3500.

Extension sponsors maple syrup tour

Cornell Cooperative Extension will sponsor a free drive-yourself tour of local maple syrup-producing farms on Sunday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Maps will be available at the Knox Fire Department on Route 156 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Helderberg Kiwanis Club will serve a pancake dinner throughout the day at the firehouse.

For information, call Amy Howansky at 765-3500.

BCHS musicians to perform at library

Music ensembles from Bethlehem Central High School will give a concert on Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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Library names Pollow to board seat Scrabble night on tap

Garry Pollow, who was recently appointed to fill a vacant seat on the library board of trustees, counts stone carving and music among his avocations. These arts have the common property of fluidity within form, something Pollow can ascribe to libraries as well.



"Successful libraries have changed radically from my initial exposure to them.

For those of us old enough to remember bookmobiles, card catalogs and LPs, the challenge is to strike a balance between past and future," he said.

The future is, of course, technology, which on the face of it, at least, has changed libraries forever.

"Clearly, this rapid-fire age requires different means by which to access information. There is no going back," he added.

But, Pollow is just as adamant about the need to preserve what he calls "the sanctity of books" — not just as comfortable relics, but as transmitters of culture.

"Books are our first and most important interactive tool. They engage our imaginations and allow us to filter the human condition through our own experiences and perceptions. One can't read the printed word and remain unchanged," Pollow said.

Libraries are therefore at rest and in motion at the same time. Within the forms of stewardship and sound policy, libraries must remain fluid and imaginative agents of growth and change for a broad range of ages and interests.

A 22-year resident of Slingerlands, Pollow is supervisor of the

New York City School and Community Services Team of the state Education Department.

"My office deals with vast sums of information and money, as well as educational issues about which people hold opposing and very heartfelt points of view. Similarly, library trustees must sort through a large array of information and draw considered conclusions reflective of both public and personal views," he said.

Choosing from an array of possibilities is the task of any artist. Art that survives remains relevant to a changing world, whether it is sculpture, music, or the decisions that determine the future of a library.

Louise Grieco

Safety walk slated April 9

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety will hold the third annual Community Walk for Safety in the town of Bethlehem on Sunday, April 9, at 1 p.m. starting at town hall on Delaware Avenue.

The walk, to raise awareness of the safety concerns of pedestrians and to promote safe pedestrian skills, particularly among young people, will be held rain or shine.

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Bridge, too! We have had some phone calls from card players looking for a game, and we are happy to provide the space and orchestrate the arrangements. If you are a bridge player and would like to sit in on a game at the library (morning, afternoon or evening?), give us a call and we will be in touch with you to discuss details.

Artists who want to learn or advance their skills in pastel drawing are invited to an all-day workshop taught by Fran Mehm on Saturday, March 25. The workshop is free and open to the public and some openings may still be available. Stop in or call 765-2791.

Adult Book Discussion meets

Stage 700's got a secret

Bethlehem Central High School's award-winning musical theater troupe, "Stage 700," will perform Lucy Simon and Marsha Norman's Broadway hit "The Secret Garden," at the high school Thursday, March 30, through Sunday, April 2.

"The Secret Garden," an adaptation of Francis Hodgson Burnett's classic children's book, is the story of a 10-year-old girl, orphaned in India, who finds a new life with her uncle in England.

The show spotlights principal actors McCaella Curran as Mary Lennox, Owen Smith as Archibald Craven, Sloan Grenzas Dr. Neville Craven, Jeff Barnett as Dickon Sowerby, and Brian Waite as Ben Weatherstaff.

BCHS drama and English teacher Jim Yeara is the drama coach and scenework director.

BCMS music teacher Frank Leavitt is the vocal musical direc-

tor, and Fran Cocozza choreographed the dance segments.

The orchestra will be rehearsed and conducted by BCHS music teacher David Beck, and the intricate lights, sets and sound systems will be built and operated by students under the instruction of Bill Morrison and George Dirolf.

The show features a wide array of musical styles, including both upbeat and ballad-style songs. The scenework is based on Burnett's book. A large waltz scene and several modern numbers make up the show's dance elements.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. They are available at the Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza and at the door prior to show time.

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, through Saturday, April 1. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 2.

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Students and community to help clean up parks

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Volunteers are welcome to join in. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at Coeymans Firehouse. Volunteers should wear work gloves and warm footwear. Refreshments and bag lunches will be available.

For information, contact Parks Chairwoman Cynthia Kunz at 756-8554 or the town Supervisor's office at 756-6006.

Becker schedules kindergarten screening

Incoming A.W. Becker kindergartners are invited to participate in a preschool screening program the week of March 27th. For information, call the school at 767-2511.

No school March 24

Students in the RCS school district will have a holiday on Friday, March 24, due to a conference day.

District plans School-to-Work breakfast

The RCS school district, in conjunction with the Business Association of Ravena and Coeymans, will host a breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 23, at 7:45 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The topic will be the School-to-Work initiative. RCS Superintendent Robert Drake will be the keynote speaker.

All members of the school and business communities are welcome to attend.

Fire auxiliary to serve fish fry Fridays

The auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 will serve traditional Friday Night Fish Fries on

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March 24, and April 7 and 21 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse.

The menu will include fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, a beverage and dessert. The price is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Cheerleading sign up

Ravena Pop Warner will hold registration for cheerleaders on

Thursday, March 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ravena village office.

Cheerleaders must be between the ages of 5 and 15.

For information, call Sue Sondak at 756-2731.

Barbecue to benefit student ambassadors

A takeout barbecue will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 3 to 6

p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street in Ravena.

Proceeds from the barbecue will help support local student ambassadors who will be visiting Egypt and Great Britain this summer.

Brooks barbecue will prepare the chicken.

Coeymans to host FreedomFest 2000

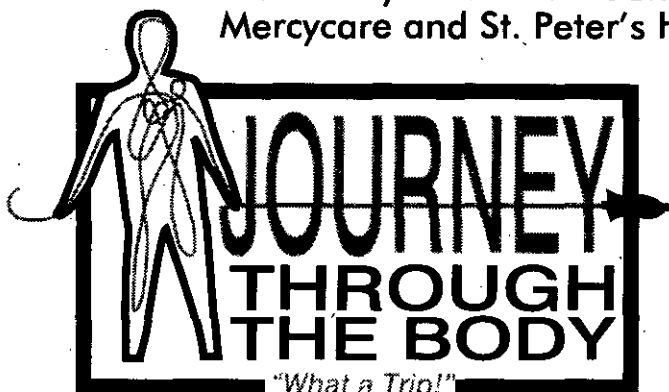
Mark your calendars for Memorial Day weekend, May 27 to 29, when the town of Coeymans will host FreedomFest 2000.

The three-day celebration will feature national and local performers, Revolutionary and World War II reenactments, actors portraying American leaders, antique vendors, crafts and fireworks.

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The tiny infant runway

By Jennifer B. Miller

From the pages of Martha Stewart baby magazine, it is clear that the simple Carter's sleeper won't cut it anymore in today's world of baby fashion.

With babies decked out in everything from embroidered jeans to taffeta skirts, dressing your new arrival is more of an art than a necessity.

When I was pregnant, I read about the "going home from the hospital outfit" in "What to Expect When You're Expecting" and truthfully didn't think much about it.

I knew I wanted something pink since we were having a girl, but was told by my mother to bring something practical.

Little did our parents know that today's babies get their picture taken digitally and posted on the Internet within hours of their birth.

I remember the nurse asking if I had "the outfit" ready for her photo, and knew at that moment I should have brought one of those cute cardigans from Gymboree or a pair of overalls from Baby Gap.

Of course she looked beautiful in her pink onesie and I will cherish that picture forever, but I couldn't believe what some of the other babies were wearing in their Internet mug shots.

Now, the mother of 11-week-old Olivia, I know better. And the funny thing is my

husband is right along with me in the quest to dress our daughter perfectly.

The man, who rolled his eyes when I bought a bib that read "Born to Shop," recently asked if I had a hat to go with one of her outfits.

"It's all about accessorizing," he said.

Olivia not only wears capri pants and Bohemian shirts, but she has the socks, hat and sunglasses to match.

According to Carol Prendergast, a buyer for Priceless Kids, dressing your infant is much different today than it was in years past, but she said traditional stylings are still important. "We have the pieces that work well with the more fashionable pieces," she said.

"We also have an awful lot of traditional themes for boys such as sports themes, but the looks are updated and trimmed with lime green and lemon yellow," she said.

"Bright trims, such as fuchsia are popular for girls with lace and embroidery," she said.

Thankfully, as the first grandchild on both sides, we have plenty of adoring fans to keep our daughter clothed in these fashions so we can still dress ourselves.

Maybe things haven't changed much since when we were kids.

I recall my mom saying, "You stop buying things for yourself and instead buy everything for your children." I guess now the clothes have just gotten more stylish.

Singing the praises of a closet full of shoes

Sleek spring styles are nearly barefoot

By Katherine McCarthy

What is it with celebrities and their feet? Check out any magazine with a spread about a movie star and there she is, barefoot.

Why, when they have enough money to wear dresses and jewels that equal some people's annual salaries, would they not put on a pair of shoes when the photographer comes to their house?

Is it an image thing: do they think that being shoeless makes them look down to earth and folksy?

Are they showing off expensive pedicures and bright toenail polish?

Worse, are shoes passe and the rest of us don't know that yet? Not on your life.

Open any woman's closet and you'll see that a little bit of Imelda Marcos lurks in all of us.

Sneakers for the gym, whether we go there or not, sneakers for hanging out with the kids, black pumps, navy pumps, black flats, navy flats, sandals for the summer, sandals for the beach.

And that's not all, don't forget those mules you couldn't resist last summer, boots for the snow, boots for dressing up, clogs left over from college, three pairs of shoes dyed to match bridesmaid dresses, and, depending on your age, a new pair of platform shoes, or a pair of platform shoes from your high school days.

And yet, as any disbelieving husband will attest, a special occasion will come up, and you will declare that you need a new pair of shoes.

Why do we love shoes so much?

"They're a fashion accessory," Sharon Fenno, owner of Circles in Stuyvesant Plaza, said.

"The right shoe can make you look taller, or give your leg a whole different look, or make you look sexy. A new pair of shoes can make an old outfit look new."

Fenno described Circles' shoes as real fashion shoes, from the "better-to-bridge" market.

"A lot of our shoes are not quite designer shoes, but a step below. If you go to SoHo in New York, or to Nieman Marcus, these

are the shoes you'll see." Circles also carries shoes by Fendi, Figerson & Morrison, Stuart Weitzman, Anne Klein and Nicole Miller.

Fenno's tip for spring shoes: the bare look. "Mules, thongs, lots of things with open toes are in," she said.

"There's a lot of color, turquoise, lavender, light blue, and maybe things like little flowers on the shoes."

At the Saratoga Shoe Depot, operations manager Gina Parisi said that clogs and mules are coming back stronger than ever.

"There's also a lot of texture and color out there. A lot of the stretch materials that have become popular will continue to be available."

Saratoga Shoe Depot, with stores in Delmar and Saratoga, has been in business for 25 years.

"We offer quality products at great prices," Parisi said. "We've got a great selection, and we change with the customer's needs, wants and desires."

Some of the popular brands at Saratoga Shoe Depot are Aerosoles, Steve Madden, Naot, and Clark's.

Saratoga Shoe Depot also caters to the less-shoe obsessed part of the population, men.

"We have a nice selection of men's shoes," Parisi said.

Sometimes people achieve the impossible, and find that perfect pair of shoes they never want to replace. That's okay with Kathy Flynn at the Delmar Bootery, located in Delmar and Stuyvesant Plaza. The Delmar Bootery sells shoes, but the mainstay of their business is shoe repair.

"Men keep their shoes forever," Flynn said. "We've seen some good men's shoes that are 25 to 30 years old. Men like to come in and say, guess how old these shoes are."

Flynn has also recently repaired some old platform shoes and go-go boots, unearthed from the 70s to help usher in the new millennium.

The shoes that have traveled the longest distance in search of repair came from Islamabad, Pakistan.

"A customer who used to live

here mailed them to us," Flynn said. "We can't repair them, but I'm trying to work with the company to find somebody who can." One of the Delmar Bootery's points of pride is that if they can't repair a pair of shoes, they'll try to find out who can. After being in business for 61 years, they're pretty well able to take care of customer's needs. Jeanne Kaler also does leather garment repair and

alteration, and makes belts at the Delmar Bootery.

"We repair everything," Flynn said. "The soles of men's and women's shoes, and we put on a lot of protective soling. This is replaceable, and could double the life of your shoe."

Gina Parisi

When you have new shoes you are updated, and you feel good about yourself.

Flynn also recommends a good old-fashioned shoetree to keep your shoes in shape. "Each foot has 100,000 glands," she said, "and can produce up to 1/4 cup of water each day. The cedar in a shoe tree helps dry out the moisture, while helping your shoe keep its shape."

Maybe the "EEEEWWW" factor is keeping the movie stars barefoot. But Fenno, Parisi, and Flynn all had their own theories as to why women everywhere else love shoes.

"You need a different shoe with every outfit," Parisi said. "Women like change, and they like to feel good about themselves. When you have a new outfit and new shoes, you're updated, and you feel good about yourself. That's what it's about."

"It's fashion," Flynn said. "Shoes are more about being a part of the outfit than their function. Women want something that looks good and feels good. Shoes complete an outfit."

"With clothes, it can be hard to find something that looks right," Fenno said. "But shoes always look right."

Ha! That's it! Women own so many shoes because they always look good, shoes never make a woman look fat, and there's never any shame in saying you need a bigger size. So until we all have movie star bodies, the shoe industry is in good hands. Or should that be feet?

Jewelers say white metals, microfiber and pearls are new spring trends

By Jennifer Arsenault

From classic looks to the latest styles, three local jewelry stores are keeping Capital District residents fashionably accessorized.

Simply Sterling's owner Sharon Chaisson stays on top of the trends by buying her stock in New York City. Her store carries exclusively sterling silver jewelry in a large variety of styles.

"I have a little bit of everything for everybody and our prices are really affordable," she said.

She expects microfiber necklaces to continue to be a hot item for spring.

Celtic rings and jewelry and combinations of sterling silver and pearls are popular now, too. One of Chaisson's favorite new items is Huggies earrings, which have no backing posts and come in some reversible styles.

"They're also easy to put on," she said. For a timeless look, Chaisson pointed to Marcasite jewelry.

"I see people wearing it more on an everyday basis than I ever did before," she added.



Sharon Chaisson of Simply Sterling right, helps a customer choose just the right microfiber necklace at her Schenectady store.

Chaisson noted that many of her pieces come with an anti-tarnish finish that makes them easy to care for. Jewelry without the finish should be put separately into sealable plastic bags to keep them from oxidizing and turning black. Regular cleaning is not necessary, she said.

Simply Sterling is located at 1550 Altamont Ave. in Schenectady.

White metals like platinum and white gold are big sellers, according to Martin Finkle of Harold Finkle Jewelers in Colonie.

"That's really been the rage this year," Finkle said.

Casual jewelry is gaining popularity, Finkle said.

"People are buying jewelry that they want to wear frequently," he noted. Pearls have become a popular choice for casual jewelry wearers.

Tanzanite, a stone with a periwinkle color that Finkle described as a cross between an amethyst and a sapphire, is a hot look for pendants and earrings. Finkle warned against wearing the stone in a ring because it scratches easily.

Two-tone chains are making a comeback, said Finkle. For traditional jewelry that will never go out of style, Finkle suggest

pearls, emeralds and rubies.

Diamonds are always a good choice, Finkle said, especially in a round cut for their best quality. Princess cut (square) diamonds, which are trendy now, are giving the classic stone a new look.

Harold Finkle Jewelers has been accessorizing Capital District residents for 65 years. "We consider ourselves one of the prime

jewelers in the Capital Region as far as value and follow-up service," Finkle said. The store is located at 1585 Central Ave. in Colonie.

Delmar's Stephen A. Roehl specializes in jewelry that is truly one of a kind. A designer and metalsmith, Roehl creates all the jewelry in the store, including commissioned items. "There's no limit on what he can do in a piece of jewelry. We've done it all," said Roehl's wife and business partner Margaret.

Margaret Roehl said that colored pearls, in pink lavender and eggplant, and combinations of large black and white pearls are popular choices for the spring.


Butterfly pendants with colored stones are also a hot item. Three-stone rings, with three diamonds or a combination of diamonds and other stones are in demand," she said.

She noted that while the interest in white platinum and silver is still very strong, there is a growing interest in gold.

It may not make a comeback until the fall, she added. This spring the store will be carrying Adirondack and New York State garnet, which is hard to come by.

The showroom and work area are on the same floor, so customers can see jewelry being created during their visit.

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Mens fashion is awash in buttons and earthtones

By Elizabeth Byrns

Earth tones and buttons are the things to watch this spring in men's fashion.

That according to Dan Parsons, owner of Robert Daniels menswear store and tailor shop in Delaware Plaza.

Parsons has been catering to men's needs for 10 years at his independent shop and gets customers from as far away as Saratoga County.

Parsons' store specializes in men's suits and sport coats but he also carries everything from casual shirts and pants to socks.

This spring Parsons says the big news in suits is more buttons.

"The three button suit and sport coat is very popular," he said.

Parsons said the three button has been around for a few years but this spring is really hitting the mainstream.

As for colors, Parsons said earth tones, browns and olives, are fashionable for men's both dressy and casual wear.

Parsons said the most requested look so far this winter has been the solid shirt and tie combination that has been made famous by TV game show host Regis Philbin.

"People are really requesting that and we now carry seven or eight combinations for customers," said Parsons.

In addition to men's fashion, Robert Daniels also does alterations for men and women.

Parsons said having a tailor in house saves time for men who need suits altered before they are worn.





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Time to dress up again with classic Saratoga style

Whether you want outfit for everyday, formal-wear, or something in-between, Saratoga Springs' clothing boutiques can dress you from head to toe.

The Shoppe carries a "little bit of everything," said store manager Debbie Shedecker.

The store sells women's clothing for special occasions, from prom dresses for teens to mother-of-the-bride outfits, alongside pants, sundresses, shorts, would be appropriate for cruises or a day at the race track.

Accessories are also available. Brands like Flax, Blue Cactus, Basic Threads, Stamp, and Bryn Walker are sold at discount prices.

"Our prices are very reasonable. We're a lot more affordable than what people would think a boutique in Saratoga would be," Shedecker said.

Dress prices start at \$19.95. The Shoppe, which has been in business for 21 years, is located at 370 Broadway.

An alterations person is available on site.

"Thank goodness people are dressing again. It's not boring casual anymore!" said Saratoga Trunk owner Natalie Sillery-DiPonzio.

The five-year old store carries women's fashions in sizes 0-24, that "begin at better and go up to designer. We try to stay very exclusive," Sillery-DiPonzio said. The store features Betsy Johnson, Nicole Miller, Kay Unger, Tadashi and Michael Simon, among other designers.

"We dress women 18 to 80", Sillery-DiPonzio said. Saratoga Trunk also feature Eric Javits hats and a full complement of jewelry from crystals to sterling silver.

For their customers' convenience, the store provides

personal shoppers, a service where clothing selections are brought to your home, and also welcomes special orders.

Sillery-DiPonzio expects to see beautiful colors and interesting combinations of fabrics, a lot of floral and interesting prints, hemlines that are embroidered and embellished for spring.

The new dress length will be below the knee and scarves and shawls will also be popular, she added.

Nicole Miller's entire spring line will be shown in a trunk show at the store during the last week in April. Saratoga Trunk is located at 487 Broadway under the lavender canopy.

House of Walsh sells weekend wear for both men and women.

"Our stores really focus on casual, comfortable elegance" said CEO Kris Dubrey.

She described the store's stock as classic but not too traditional, not trendy, and featuring long-lasting craftsmanship in unique fabrics and tasteful prints.

The store's clientele tends to be professionals through retirees between the ages of 35-75 who travel a lot and attend a lot of parties.

Because the store outfits so many travelers, store buyers look for fabrics that won't wrinkle easily and styles that are versatile, Dubrey said.

Men's clothing includes sweaters and button down shirts, polo shirts, "fun" ties, sportswear and dressy pants. The store is working on building its women's section. Barry Brickner sportswear, Cole-Haan men's shoes, belts, wallets and women's handbags, Hickey Freeman for men are some of the brands House of Walsh sells. The store's Web site, www.houseofwalsh.com, offers customers a look at their clothing options.

Dubrey thinks that people are going to start dressing up more over the next year. For this spring, she predicts clothing in grays and blacks, and brighter colors like melons, oranges, kiwis and lime

greens are going to be hot sellers.

House of Walsh in Saratoga Springs store is one of four locations in the north east. Other stores are open in New Jersey and Connecticut.

Look for extended hours during the summer. casual contemporary is the look at Lifestyles, which specializes in unique women's and young children's clothing. Co-owner Heidi Owen-West said that the store sells very unique, high quality clothing from Eileen Fisher, Fitigues, Isda, Michael Stars, PA Company, and many smaller designers.

Children's specialty clothing runs from infant to size 4T.

"We bring in some trends, but we venture into those very carefully" she said.

Owen-West thinks pants in

different lengths, like Capri and pedal pushers will be big sellers again this spring, as will really luxurious fabrics.

Lifestyles opened their second store in Stuyvesant Plaza last June.

Owen-West said there is a little bit of variation in which designers the Stuyvesant Plazastore carries, but it has the same feel as the Saratoga location.

Knowledgeable salespeople work hard at both locations to ensure that the customer leaves the store looking good, Owen-West noted.

"Our salespeople try on everything that comes into the

store so they have a first hand knowledge of what they're selling," she said. Lifestyles' Saratoga store is located at 360 Broadway.

Thank goodness people are dressing again. It's not boring casual anymore.

Natalie Sillery-DiPonzio

Whoopi Goldberg celebrates women entrepreneurs



Oscar winning actor and keynote speaker Whoopi Goldberg celebrates with the 1999 Avon Women of Enterprise Awards honorees who included CEO's of construction companies, dessert shops and auto dealerships.

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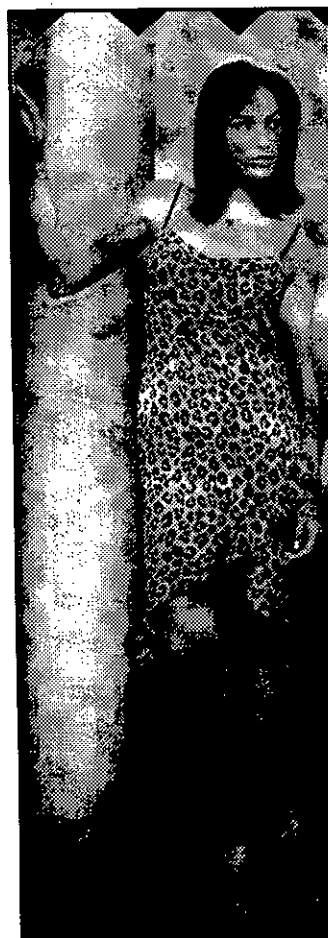
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- brown and bronze metals
- smaller eye shapes and smaller frame sizes overall.

Many of Christian-Dior's new

sunglass styles feature the brand's quilted cannage pattern that is synonymous with Dior.

"The new sun line has already created quite a buzz in the fashion industry," said Gloria Maccaroni, director of marketing for the company that holds the eyewear license for Ralph Lauren, Gucci and Christian Dior.

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These sunglass styles retail for \$68 up to \$300, and are available at fine eyewear stores and department stores.

Kids' styles that please Mom and wallet

Spring fashion for kids for less

By Leigh G. Kirtley

A trip to the mall or past any school will easily show you what kids are wearing today.

For boys, they are still wearing baggy pants and oversized shirts.

When the temperatures rise, boys will trade in their cargo jeans and tech vests for wind pants and cargo pants in nylon with lots of pockets and pull strings.

Vests are still popular, but now they're in a lightweight nylon fabric to match the pants.

As for shorts, the cargo look continues to be popular and shorts must be below the knee. Anything shorter just isn't "cool."

Girls are also enjoying the cargo look including vests and shorts in both denim and khaki.

Unlike boys, girls' shorts range from just above the knee to very short.

Capri-length pants are back this spring in a wide range of fabrics and styles. You'll find them in stretch knits, denim and khaki.

Some have cargo pockets and others are decorated with flower, butterfly and dragonfly appliques. The layered look popular last year is still a favorite.

Kids wear tee-shirts or tank tops under short sleeved woven shirts, or camp shirts, that they leave unbuttoned.

While the boys are sticking with basic colors, girls are going more feminine.

Unfortunately, kids' fashions rival adult fashions in price.

A pair of denim cargo shorts for boys can set you back as much as \$30. Add to that a \$17 shirt and a nylon vest for \$20, and you are looking at over \$65 for one outfit.

The good news is that there are many stores in the Capital District that sell current fashions at discount prices. One store with great prices is Priceless Kids in Peter Harris Plaza in Latham.

They offer brand name children's clothing from newborn to boys size 20 and girls size 16. Everything in the store is \$10 or less.



Showing off their affordable but fashionable clothes from Priceless Kids of Latham are, from left, Matt Kirtley, 11, Erin Kirtley, 9, and Nycole Kinns, 11, all of Clifton Park.

less.

With the help of store manager Susan Sweeter, we outfitted three kids from head to toe, one boy and two girls.

Once they were loose in the store, the kids immediately went for the cargo shorts. "The cargo look was popular last fall and it's big again this spring," Sweeter said.

We gave in to their choices, but added a pair of capri-length pants also in the cargo style.

We selected an oversized shirt, a layered tee-shirt/button down shirt and a striped knit top.

For the girls we also picked out sneakers, a headband and sunglasses.

In all, we grabbed 11 items off the racks that the kids liked wearing.

When we totaled the price tags, it came to under \$85 dollars.

The cargo look was popular last fall and it is big again this spring.

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Pretty in pales

Everything is coming up salmon and lime green this spring. Above Jaime Williams is wearing a kerchief top and plaid skirt courtesy of Circles in Stuyvesant Plaza. The top is low in the back perfect for spring or summer and the breezy skirt material can be a little more casual or very dressy.

Tulip Queen nominations accepted through March 24

The 52nd annual Albany Tulip Festival Committee invites nominations for the 2000 Tulip Queen and court.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to March 24.

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How to keep fabrics looking fashionable

Simple tips on drycleaning

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Getting a new outfit can be lots of fun. What isn't fun is if it gets ruined the first time you wash it.

Bob Joel, CEO for Kem Cleaners, said his best advice for consumers is to read the manufacturers' labels. While that sounds obvious, the labels can sometimes be misleading.

"If it doesn't say, 'Dry Clean Only,' you might get lucky if you wash it yourself," Joel said.

On the other hand, if the label says, "Machine or Hand Wash," you still might be able to have the garment dry cleaned. How do you decide without risking your clothes?

"Leave it up to your dry cleaner. A good dry cleaner becomes a good judge of fabrics and materials," Joel said.

When it comes to deciding which cleaning method to use, manufacturers generally rely on the type of dye they used in making the garment.

Some are water-soluble, meaning they need to be dry cleaned.

And some are chemically soluble and can be washed in water, or wet cleaned.

Some new, washable silks fall into this ambiguous category.

According to Joel, they do wash well. The problem is in the drying process.

If you dry them in the drier or wring them out, you risk shrinkage or drying in the wrinkles.

Laying flat to dry or blocking works best. However, depending on the dye, you can have these washable silks professionally

cleaned with either a wet or dry cleaning process.

"We just invested \$30,000 in a wet cleaning system. What makes professionally cleaned clothes look so good is the steam finishing that we use," Joel said.

Like the new silks, wrinkle-free pants and shirts are another innovation in fabric.

The key here is to remove them promptly from the drier not only to prevent wrinkles but to avoid shrinkage.

"Shrinkage occurs when the last half of 1 percent of the moisture is removed from the fabric," Joel said.

Although manufacturers designed the wrinkle-free fabrics to be washed at home, you can check with your dry cleaner about having them professionally cleaned to take advantage of the steam finish.

"Remember, just because you take it to a professional cleaner, doesn't mean dry cleaning is always the best method," Joel said.

Microfibers and new cotton/polyester blends are also creating challenges for consumers.

Despite advertisements that the fabrics are easy-care, consumers need to be vigilant about reading care labels.

These fabrics are especially popular for outdoor clothing like windbreakers, wind pants and raincoats.

"They're light-weight and quick-drying," said Howard Schaffer of Schaffer's in Albany.

The microfibers, another polyester, give clothes a silk-like, sueded finish. Schaffer said it is becoming very popular for casual sportswear.

Again, follow washing instructions carefully, especially when it comes to the drying process. Joel warns that most problems occur when you toss clothes into the dryer.

"Stuff melts, especially ornamentalations. Save the dryer for the heavy cottons like jeans and towels," he said.

Joel had one final piece of advice for consumers about the new dry cleaning bags for home driers:

"How can the garment be clean if the dirt is still in the bag with your clothes?" he said. "Dirt and residue come out of our dry cleaning machines in 15-gallon drums."

Another problem with the bags. If there is any kind of moisture in the system, you will end up putting wrinkles in your garments that you cannot remove with an iron.

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Putting your best face forward this spring

Out with the deep reds in with the shimmer

by Leigh G. Kireley

When spring arrives, everything around us seems to change, including our faces. Make-up styles and trends follow the turn of the calendar.

So when you change your wardrobe, don't forget to change your cosmetics.

Heavy red lip colors and thick, '60's retro eyeliners were all the rage during winter.

The look for spring is completely different.

"As long as you shine and shimmer, you are set," said Brenda Tholin, independent sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

The application is lighter and more feminine, a departure from the dramatic burgundies that were popular last season.

Colors range from pastels to smokey greens and blues, but not the sky blue common in the '70's. "Everything's coming up rosy and feminine for spring," she said.

Instead of matching your eyeliner to your eye color, Tholin suggested using a contrasting eyeshadow color.

The key is to accentuate your

in a whisper-thin line hugging your lashes," she said. If you need a liner for definition, remember to keep it thin. You can still go over it with a contrasting eyeshadow to update your look. Lip colors are

also more neutral and come in a wide range of glossy colors to match any skin tone. Many lipsticks, like those from Mary Kay, protect lips with an SPF of 15. "If you use a lip liner, be sure to blend it in to keep the look natural," Tholin said. According to Mary Kesseday, a cosmetic consultant at J C Penny Crossgrates, many cosmetic lines have shimmer powders for cheeks.

They add shimmer for a nice glow, but not a glittery look," she said. Mary Kay has Highlighters Bronzing Beads to add a "sun-kissed glow" to your face

and body.

The best part of this and similar products is that you get the glow without the risks associated with over-exposure to the sun.

"It's a natural, soft look with the shine," Kesseday said.

Kesseday also said that nail polish has gone shiny. Nail colors match the lips and eyes and come in a variety of soft pastels including corals and mint greens. You have your choice from translucent to bright and flashy.

"Nails are vibrant and frosts are back in a big way," Tholin said. Another great feature for today's nail polishes are the new, quick-dry formulas.

Tholin stressed that your individual style is still important, but it's time to freshen your look with lots of shine.



eyes. For example, if you have brown eyes, soft green or purple would work well. Even a different shade of brown can bring out your eyes more.

"Think of using any eye color

Spring styles



The colors this spring are pale green and ivory for Corrinne Blackman. She is wearing the newest style of cropped pants three quarter length sleeve shirt and Anne Klein Sandals, all courtesy of Circles.

A skin care system for any season

With the onset of warmer weather throughout most of the country, many women are focusing on combating the elements that cause damage to their skin. According to New York based dermatologist Dr. Michele Green, most of her patients want to know what they can do to prevent signs of aging and keep their skin looking young and healthy.

"The solution to these concerns is simple," said Dr. Green. "I advise women to practice prevention early, treat any unwanted signs of aging and sun damage and develop a good, basic skin care routine."

According to Dr. Green, "It's never too early to start taking care of your skin." Most women don't get serious about caring for their skin until around age 30, when they may begin to notice fine lines under their eyes and on their foreheads. "This is unfortunate because sun exposure before the

age of 20 causes more long-term skin damage than exposure at later ages," said Dr. Green.

Use a sunscreen or moisturizer with SPF every day of the year, even when it's cloudy, and avoid prolonged exposure to the sun during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Keep in mind that UV rays can cause as much damage in winter as in summer months.

Prevent the signs of sun-induced skin-aging, such as fine lines and wrinkles, with a preventive product. The product should be formulated with three key skin-saving ingredients, UV filters, Vitamin E and Vitamin A (Retinol).

When fine lines and wrinkles appear, many women believe nothing can be done to minimize them. "Although wrinkles cannot be totally avoided, women today have access to treatment products and procedures that can help rejuvenate their skin's renewal process and indeed minimize those tell-tale signs of aging," said Dr. Green.

As soon as you notice fine lines, begin using an anti-wrinkle product. Avoid sun exposure, maintain a healthy diet and follow a good skin care regimen that includes the right products for your skin type to maintain a healthy appearance.

All good skin care begins with a basic regimen. "Establishing and maintaining a regular skin care routine is easy and will greatly improve the appearance of your skin," said Dr. Green.

Your regimen should include cleansing, toning and moisturizing in the morning and at night before bed.

Hypoallergenic, fragrance-free and dye-free skin care products are always the best. And, you don't need to use large amounts to achieve noticeable, lasting results.

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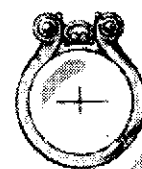
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Delmar residents to continue to press CMI lawsuit

By Joseph A. Phillips

The lawyer representing neighbors opposed to the construction of the CMI Senior Healthcare facility planned for Delaware Avenue announced Tuesday that his clients have "authorized me to file a reply" to the town of Bethlehem's

effort to dismiss their dual lawsuits.

Donald Zee, who represents a group of nine Delmar residents who filed suit to halt the project, filed a response Monday to a dismissal motion filed on March 8 by lawyer Ruth Leistensnider, serv-

ing as special counsel to the town.

The twin lawsuits, filed in November 1998 and again in March 1999 and known as *Boyles et al. vs. Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem*, had been rejected in December by state Supreme Court Justice Thomas Keegan.

But the group filed notice in January of its intention to appeal the ruling. Leistensnider later moved that the appeal be dismissed on the grounds that the plaintiffs had failed to speedily file their appeal papers.

"We have asked the appellate court to expand the time for us to file our appeal brief," Zee said. "I think the court will recognize, when I have nine clients to represent, that it's tough getting them together, looking at what they

have to do, and considering the financial impact of it."

The appellate court will rule on the motion and Zee's response on March 27, and Zee said he is confident of his clients' chances of winning more time.

"We're not surprised," Supervisor Sheila Fuller said of the news. "We assumed that they would probably do as such. But, this does once again delay the project," she said.

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After the break-in period, properly fitted dentures should normally not hurt your gums. There are times when a tiny seed or

food particle can get trapped between your dentures and gums. If this happens, you may feel soreness and discomfort. Don't continue chewing or you may further irritate your gums. Rinse the seed or food particle out as soon as possible.

Your mouth, like the rest of your body, is in a constant state of change. Your dentures will not change. The gum tissue that supported your natural teeth, however, will begin to recede. This may come from bone resorption under the gum tissue and your dentures may become loose and uncomfortable because of it. This happens to many people at varied rates, but these changes will occur. Usually your dentist will suggest a relining of your existing denture or possibly a new denture if necessary.

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Honor

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with the work that landed the students a spot in the world's largest K-12 science competition. Now, their project is on its way to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

The project was prepared for the 2000 Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association

Voters

(From Page 1)

the elementary school to join seventh- and eighth-graders already housed there.

An 800-seat auditorium is planned for the high school, to accommodate bands, choruses and theater groups that use that space. A second gym for grades nine to 12 is also planned, with the current gym to be used for sixth- to eighth-graders. A new track and field facility, along with four soccer fields and two softball fields, are planned for the new site. Renovations are also planned for science classrooms and labs, and the library.

At the elementary school, four to five classrooms will be freed up when the sixth grade moves to the high school, which will provide all teachers, and particularly remedial teachers, with more working space. The technology infrastructure, energy and electrical systems, floors, kitchen and toilet facilities will all be upgraded as part of the renovations to the elementary school.

The first proposition asks voters to approve the transfer of up to \$200,000 each year to the capital reserve fund, and the expenditure of up to \$608,000, plus accrued interest, from that fund.

The second proposition on the ballot is entirely contingent upon the first, and asks voters to approve construction of a new pool at a maximum cost of \$1,368,000. The current pool is slated to be removed from the high school regardless of the bond vote's outcome, and that area will be turned into a high school commons.

If the vote is approved, the district will receive 71.8 percent in state aid, which includes a 10 percent bonus that the state has offered on all projects approved before June of this year. The district currently has \$406,100 in its capital reserve fund, which must be used before it can borrow money.

District officials expect no tax impact from the building project in the school year 2000-01. In 2001-02, they expect the total tax impact to be \$.426 per \$1,000 of assessment; in 2002-03, \$.537 per \$1,000; and in 2003-04 it will be \$.080.

ExploraVision Awards competition. The team from BCHS was selected as one of 24 regional entries — one of six in the high school division — to compete in the final competition this spring. It was one of nearly 4,200 entries submitted.

To qualify for the competition, each team was required to take a present-day technology and imagine where it would be in 20 years. The teams prepared papers describing the history of their technology, its present-day usage and the scientific breakthroughs required to make their future technology a reality. Each team was also required to draft five Web pages presenting their research.

The BCHS students devised their plan after several brainstorming sessions.

"Finally, we decided to combine two booming and important scientific fields — neuroscience and computer applications," Perlmutter said.

A memory chip that would interface with the brain to record life's memories and other facts seemed like the perfect merging of the two fields. The students also point out that the benefits of such a technology are also far-reaching, especially for the victims and families of those with neural-degenerative diseases.

"One of my teacher's — his mother has Alzheimer's disease,"

said Zhao. "He tells us that one of the hardest experiences of his life was when he looked his mother in the eye and she asked, 'Who are you?' This (technology) will help both the victims and the family members."

The BCHS team won a laptop computer for their classroom, and each team member received a digital camera for winning the regional meet.

The students are already utilizing the awards to prepare for the next phase of the competition, when they must design a Web site along with a visual prototype of the technology they describe in their paper.

If Bethlehem Central takes one

of the top four positions in the final phase of competition, each team member will receive a \$10,000 savings bond.

Bob McAveney of Toshiba America Medical Systems presented each student with a certificate of achievement at an awards ceremony at the meeting.

"It's a very proud moment for all of us," Superintendent Les Loomis said. "In this society, so many times the spotlight is on the entertainers and athletes and people who are highly visible — but as a school district, what we truly value among all else is scholarship, commitment and the pursuit of intellectual creativity — which these boys exemplify."

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FACT: 75% of our students are involved in our award winning music programs.

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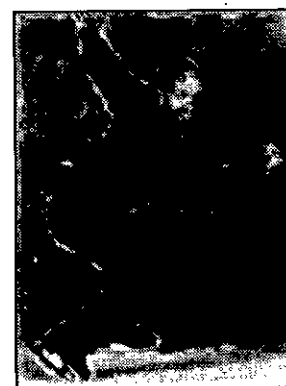
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Buchman, Isenberg marry in New Orleans



Craig and Kristin Isenberg

Kristin Buchman, daughter of Jeffrey and Kathleen Buchman of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Craig Robert Isenberg, son of Barry and Diane Isenberg of Delmar, were married Oct. 2. The Hons. Pascal Calogero and Henry Politz performed the ceremony at Maison DuPuy in New Orleans.

A reception followed at Hotel Maison DuPuy.

The maid of honor was Karin Buchman, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jan Isenberg, sister of the groom, Tanya Vartivarian and Tracey Bolotnick.

The best man was Thomas Nyilis.

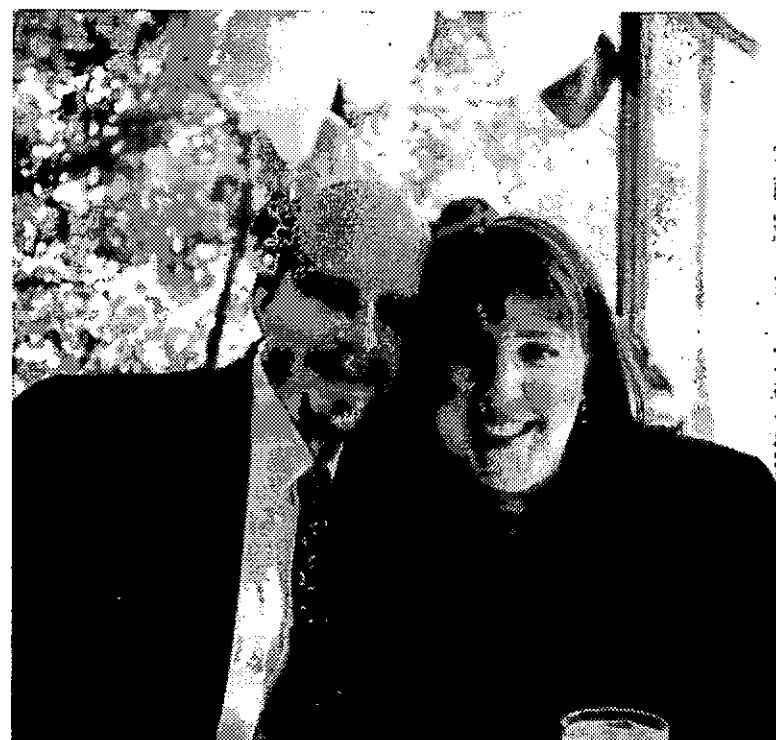
Ushers were Peter Lewis, Peter Winkler and David DeCecco.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California at Irvine and has a master's degree from Tulane University.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Amherst College and Tulane University Law School.

He is an associate at Mayer, Brown & Platt in Washington, D.C.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple lives in Alexandria, Va.



Michael Andrews and Susan Loegering

Loegering, Andrews to wed

Susan Loegering, daughter of Daniel and Kathleen Loegering of Delmar, and Michael Andrews, son of Lee and Liz Andrews of Helena, Mont., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Eastman School of Music.

She is principal bassoonist with

the Louisiana Philharmonic in New Orleans.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Montana.

He is pursuing a doctorate in American history at Tulane University.

The couple plans a Sept. 2 wedding.

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BC grad to volunteer over spring break

BCHS graduate David Shaye, a sophomore at Hamilton College, will spend his spring break week volunteering with the United Methodist Relief Center in Charleston, S.C.

A group of Hamilton students will work on rehabilitation and construction of homes for disadvantaged families.

The program, known as Alternative Spring Break, is sponsored by the Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition, a student-run organization providing community service in Oneida County since 1988.

Two local women join home care group

The New York State Association of Health Care Providers recently hired two local residents.

Sharon Barry of Glenmont has been named manager of meetings and education.

She will be responsible for educational activities and conferences sponsored by the group and its affiliated organization, Community Health Care Services Foundation.

Barry recently relocated to the Capital District from Florida.

She is a graduate of Dordt College, and is studying for a master's degree.

And, Barbara Salisbury of Voorheesville has been named comptroller.

She was previously a fiscal administrator for the New York State Rehabilitation Association/New York State Research & Training Institute.

Salisbury is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose.

Delmar optician attends symposium

David Caluori of Delmar, an optician and manager of DiNapoli Opticians Stuyvesant Plaza office, recently participated in the Presbyopia 2000-A Varilux Symposium in Tampa, Florida.

At the symposium, 150 opticians reviewed advancements in the treatment of presbyopia, a naturally occurring condition in all adults after age 40, which causes blurred near vision.

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Jan Isenberg and Brady Bouchard

Isenberg, Bouchard to wed

Jan Isenberg, daughter of Barry and Diane Isenberg of Delmar, and Brady John Bouchard, son of Robert Bouchard of Caribou, Maine, and Janine Saucier of Ghent, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Ithaca College.

She is pursuing a master's de-

gree in special education at The College of Saint Rose.

The future groom is a graduate of Chatham High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

He is pursuing a second degree from Hudson Valley Community College.

The couple plans a spring 2001 wedding.

Hamagrael teacher earns top award

Barbara Cox, a teacher at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Social Studies (Elementary) Teacher award, given by the New York State Council for Social Studies.

She will receive the award at a

banquet on March 24 at The Desmond in Colonie.

BC Social Studies Supervisor John Piechnik has been named Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor, and will also receive his award at the banquet.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Michael Connolly, to Judith Van Woert-Connolly and Paul Connolly of Voorheesville, Feb. 27.

Girl, Allison Danielle Burke, to Ana and John Burke of Delmar, Feb. 29.

Boy, Daniel Patrick McMullen, to Donna and William McMullen of South Bethlehem, March 1.

Girl, Anna Olivia Ganley, to Kim and Vince Ganley of Delmar, March 3.

Girl, Emily Claudette Norsek, to Kathleen and Robert Norsek of Delmar, March 3.

Girl, Jamila Hanifa Beesley, to Drs. Rubia Khalak and Bruce Beesley of Delmar, March 6.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Emily Rose Burke, to Wendy and Steven Burke of Voorheesville, Feb. 25.

Dean's List

Providence College — Joshua Myer, Erin Riegel, Abigail Smith, Shannon Tougher and Mark Svare, all of Delmar; and Nathaniel Sajdak and Mary Gecewicz, both of Selkirk.

Purdue University — Cheryl Goeldner of Delmar.

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University of Rochester — Kerry Johnson of Delmar.

Valparaiso University — Alyssa Johansen of Slingerlands.

Dr. Brazelton to speak at Proctor's

Pediatrician and author Dr. Berry T. Brazelton will present a program for parents titled "Off to a Strong Start — Building Families in a Stressful World" on Thursday, March 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady.

Brazelton will offer practical advice for surviving and enjoying the struggles and triumphs of raising young children.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Hannaford Supermarkets.

The program is being brought to Proctor's by Capital District Success by 6.

For information, call 426-7181, ext. 327.



Paul Mason and Elizabeth Buyer

Buyer, Mason engaged

Elizabeth Ann Buyer, daughter of Richard Buyer of Delmar and the late Elaine Buyer, and Paul Edward Mason, son of Richard Mason of Foster, R.I., and Bonnie Wright of Rumford, R.I., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Plymouth State College and the University at Albany.

She is an adult education teacher for Questar III BOCES in Troy.

The future groom is a graduate of Tidewater Community College. He is a gas turbine mechanic in the Navy stationed at Norfolk Navy Base in Norfolk, Va.

The couple plans an Aug. 5 wedding.

Girls academy announces honor roll

Albany Academy for Girls recently announced its second trimester honor roll.

The following local girls are on the high honor roll: Stephanie Downs of Voorheesville, grade 11; Patricia Lenihan, grade 12, and Megan Tucker, grade 10, both of Delmar; 11th-graders Melia Fast and Madeleine Robillard, and ninth-grader Rebecca Toseland,

all of Selkirk; and Elise Stefanik, grade 10, of Feura Bush.

Students on the honor roll are: Emmalie Dropkin, grade nine, and Laura Braunstein, grade 11, both of Delmar; Elizabeth Pulice, grade 11, of South Bethlehem; Bethany Canver, grade nine, and Laura Rubinchuk, grade 10, both of Slingerlands; and Sarah Samson, grade nine, of Voorheesville.

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New Scotland Kiwanis to fire up barbecue

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Brooks barbecue on Saturday, March 25, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of SuperValu Food on Route 85A in Voorheesville.

Chicken dinners include a potato, cole slaw and a roll and cost \$7.50 for adults and \$6 for children. Rib dinners are \$8. A la carte ribs are \$7 and chicken halves are \$5.50.

Proceeds support youth activities and community services.

Obituaries

William E. Lance

William E. Lance, 54, of Ridgfield Drive in Voorheesville died Saturday, March 18, at Gore Mountain.

Born in Troy, he was raised in Averill Park and had lived in Westchester before moving to Voorheesville.

He was educated in Averill Park schools and Hudson Valley Community College.

Mr. Lance was a real estate developer and vice president of Omni Development in Albany. He previously worked for L.A. Swyer. He was also a state concrete inspector for OSHA.

He was a former member of the Building Owners and Management Association, a director of the Business Improvement District in Albany and member of L'Ensemble board of directors.

Survivors include his companion, Susan Fischler; a son Jason W. Lance of Albany; and a daughter, Leslie J. Camara of Indiana.

Services were from the Bryce Funeral Home in Troy.

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

Ethel Lillian Eckel

Ethel Lillian McDowell Eckel, 91, of Delmar died Saturday, March 18, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Mrs. Eckel was a school teacher in the Albany school system.

She was a member of Bethlehem Community Church.

She was the widow of Frederick Madison Eckel.

Survivors include a son, Frederick Walter Eckel; a daughter, Nancy Christine Dowd of Stuart, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. today, March 22, at Meyers

Funeral Home on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Capital District Chapter, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Walter Joseph Walsh

Walter Joseph Walsh, 83, of Glenmont died Saturday, March 18, at his son's home in Glenmont.

Born in Ridgfield Park, N.J., was a graduate of Manhattan College.

Mr. Walsh was the general manager of Chelsea Warehouses in New York City before he retired.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Signal Corps and a member of the American Legion in Maywood, N.J.

He was husband of the late Mildred Quick Walsh.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Cullinan Walsh; a son, Walter Jay Walsh of Glenmont; a daughter, Diane Hollmann of Hackensack, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Diane Spielvogel and Karen Spencer; two sisters, Helen Walsh of Hackensack, N.J., and Rita Daly of Tenafly; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. today, March 22, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 45 Adams Place, Delmar.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Kenneth R. McVee

Kenneth R. McVee, 82 of Venice, Fla., and formerly of New Salem died Sunday, March 12.

Mr. McVee was a former member of the New Salem Fire Dept., the Voorheesville American Legion and the Colonie Elks.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was the husband of the late Margaret Nash McVee.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Tittle McVee; a daughter, Mary McVee Munyan of Delmar; a son, Gary McVee of Voorheesville; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

John J. Hotaling

John J. Hotaling, 80, of El Cajon, Calif. and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, March 9.

Mr. Hotaling worked on aircraft for 25 years and was a self-employed plumber in Delmar.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was husband of the late Phyllis Engel Hotaling.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Hotaling and David Hotaling; a daughter, Pam Hotaling; a brother, W. Leighton Hotaling; two sisters, Audrey Meineker and Gloria Leonard; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Correction

Last week's obituary of Karl H. Schrade contained an error.

Mr. Schrade is survived by his wife Alice Morris Schrade.

Book group reviews Ellison classic

The Books in the Morning group, sponsored by the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, continues its program on Friday, March 31.

The group will discuss Ralph Ellison's classic *The Invisible Man* at Bethlehem town hall.

The group meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and is led by Helen Adler.

For information, call 439-9661.

Opposes

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"Our statistics tell us that we don't have the highest tax rate in the Capital District," Cole said. "We're going to manage the budget annually to maintain a low increase. When the superintendent presented the new budget on Monday, he said the tax impact will increase between .8 and 1.2 percent, and he's confident it will be under 1 percent. We're averaging less than 2 percent per year. If taxpayers look at the surrounding geography and tax rates, we're doing well."

Cole also said that population projections show an increase at the high school, and pointed to the incoming kindergarten class as an example of growth in the community.

"We expected 65 students at the meeting for new kindergartners, and 80 showed up," he said.

"All of our enrollment assumptions with the building project assume no abnormal building of homes in the district greater than what's happened in the last five years," Cole said, adding that more lots were also approved in that time period. "Whether or not they're developed is a function of marketing."

Cole stuck with the administration and board's continuing insistence that district schools are full.

"We have a crowded high school, at 100 percent capacity,"

Cole said. "Those classes are continuing to grow. The addition at the high school, and moving the sixth-graders up, instantly solves any crowding problem at the elementary school."

Cole said that the building project is not only driven by enrollment.

"A lot of the project is driven by program," Cole said. "One of the most significant programs is the school within a school, which is why we're bringing the sixth grade up."

"There's absolutely no link between the amount above 2 percent in the unreserved fund balance and the capital reserve fund," Cole said. "When we have a larger than 2 percent amount, and that has happened before, it's the result of several things. The most common result is that we receive more state aid than we'd planned on when we set the tax rate in August. We send the final student enrollments in on a set day in October, and that's what determines state aid."

Cole added that in the time period leading up to the district's having some extra money, the last teacher's contract had not yet been settled.

"We had to make sure we had money when the settlement came," he said.

According to Cole, the district works hard on its budgets and financial planning.

"We do good planning, that benefits the taxpayer," he added.

Club doubles award

The State Street Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has doubled the amount of its annual scholarship to a \$2,000 award.

The Cornelia A. Bregman Memorial Scholarship will assist one woman in a career-related study during the academic year 2000-01.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a woman 25 years of age or older; a permanent resident of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Columbia, Schoharie, Greene or Washington counties; and be enrolled or accepted for full- or part-time study in a program leading to an academic, technical or vocational degree or certificate.

The goal of the scholarship program is to aid women who are changing or starting careers due to under-employment, lack of education, changes in their household earning capacity or other circumstances which have hampered or delayed their earning capacity or job stability.

The application deadline is April 30 and a personal interview is required of the finalists.

The successful candidate will be notified on or before June 30.

To obtain a copy of the application form, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to the State Street BPW Scholarship Committee, PO Box 491, Voorheesville, 12186.

Drawing workshop set at library

Artist Fran Mehm will lead a pastel drawing workshop on Saturday, March 25, at Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

The workshop is free and open

to the public, but space is limited so call early and sign up.

Details are available at the library reference desk. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

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Death Notices

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

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

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

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Steamer 10's Snow White brings humor to classic tale

By ELIZABETH BYRNS

Once upon a time there was a fairly nasty, but not terribly bright, queen who fought endlessly with a mirror, and a beautiful stepdaughter.

Into this scene enters a royal guard who only hears the last word of every instruction given him, and a bevy of dwarfs who are so different in size and character they are bound to get a laugh even from the grumpiest audience member.

Albany's Steamer 10 Theatre is bringing the fairy tale of Snow White, popularized in an animated Disney movie, to life this month.

"Disney did their version and we are doing ours," said Steamer 10 artistic director Ric Chesser.

Based on the traditional Grimm's fairy tale, this "Snow White" is adapted and directed by Chesser with the title role performed by Kristin Smallwood. Debra Plaskin creates the suitably nasty Queen. Smallwood is the voice of the magic mirror the royal guards are Mark Salocks and Kris Anderson.

The production has already attracted a wide age range of audience members since it opened earlier this month.

Chesser said Steamer 10 productions aren't targeting a particular age. He said the troupe has a core audience, between three and 13 years old, but people as young as 18 months and old as 90 have enjoyed the show.

Chesser said while the story of Snow White can be dark, the adaptation he wrote is more slapstick silly than scary.

He said his objective was to get kids to laugh.

"One of our main goals is that the children should have such a good time they drag their parents to more shows," he said.

To that end he makes sure the kids are laughing right from the start. The play opens with two guards being called to calm the queen who has been told by her magic mirror that there is someone more fair in the land.

The queen is furious and the two guards who rush to her side must first do battle with loud obstacles backstage and some curtains.

When they eventually get onto the stage, they are so reckless they crash into the queen and knock her over, to the great delight of the audience.

The play may be for kids, but the four actors are challenged by having to play 10 roles. Chesser said he has this ratio in mind when he writes the plays and ensures the dialogue allow actors to rush off stage and discard one costume, put on another and quickly become another character.

How is this possible? First each actor wears what Chesser calls the uniform, a black T-shirt or turtleneck and black tights or pants. "Then as they change characters they just go off stage, throw on a vest, hat, crown, or helmet and poof, they are another character," he said.

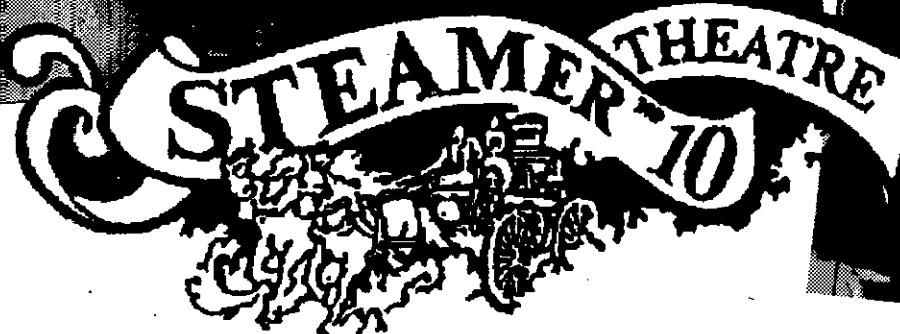
"Snow White" will be performed three times this weekend, March 25 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and March 26 at 3 p.m. Because of the success of this run, "Snow White" will also be performed April 17 and 19 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students or seniors, with a \$2 advance purchase discount. Steamer 10 Theatre is located at 500 Western Ave. in Albany; the phone number is 438-5503.

Kristin Smallwood plays Snow White in the Steamer 10 Theatre production of the timeless fairy tale.

The evil Queen, played by Debra Plaskin mixes up a potion for a poison apple as her guards Mark Salocks, left, and Kris Anderson, right, assist.

Kristin Smallwood as Snow White is surrounded by dwarfs played by Kris Anderson, Debra Plaskin and Mark Salocks. The four actors in the production double up on characters and play a total of 10 roles.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

SKYLIGHT
by David Hare, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 9, \$25 to \$35. Information, 455-7469.

THE TEMPEST
new production of Shakespeare's final play, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through April 1, \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

LES MISERABLES
Broadway musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 28 to April 1 at 8 p.m., March 30 and April 1 and 2 at 2 p.m., \$42.50 to \$49.50. Information, 346-6204.

THE PUBLIC EYE AND THE LOVER
one-act plays by Peter Shaffer and Harold Pinter, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., weekends through March 26, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

PRIVATE EYES

Actors' Collaborative production of comedy by Stephen Dietz, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany March 25, 30, 31 and April 1, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 473-1845.

Music

KILA

Celtic/world septet, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, March 24, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$11. Information, 381-1111.

MAIRE NI CHATHASAIGH AND CHRIS NEWMAN

Old Songs Celtic concert, Altamont Masonic Temple, Route 146, March 24, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

DUBRAVKA TOMSIC

pianist, playing works by Bach/Busoni, Prokofiev and Liszt, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, March 24, 8 p.m., \$20, \$8 for students. Information, 372-3651.

THE CLANCY BROTHERS

Irish folk trailblazers, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, March 25, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$24. Information, 381-1111.

THE ROMANCE OF OLD EUROPE

Capital Chamber Artists concert of early works by Mozart and Mendelssohn, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, March 25, 7 p.m., \$16, \$8 for students. Information, 458-9231.

LIVINGSTON TAYLOR

pop-folk singer, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 25, 8 p.m., \$15, \$13 for students and seniors, \$10 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

DIANA KRALL TRIO

jazz pianist-singer, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, March 30 and 31 at 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

BEST OF THE DOGS OF DESIRE

Albany Symphony Orchestra chamber group, The Arts Center, River Street, Troy, March 31, 7 p.m., \$12, \$10 for students. Information, 465-4755.

Dance

LULU WASHINGTON DANCE THEATRE

African-American dance, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 24, 8 p.m., \$22, \$18 for students and seniors, \$12 for children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

ROMEO AND JULIET

Ballet de l'Opera de Bordeaux production, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 24, 8 p.m., \$32.50 to \$36.50, \$15.50 for children under 13. Information, 346-6204.

COMMUNITY DANCE

traditional participatory dance, caller Rich Futyma, music by George Wilson and friends, Brunswick Grange, routes 7 and 142, March 26, 4 p.m., \$5, \$1 for children. Information, 283-4957.

BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE PARTY

DDB Dance Studio, 724 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, April 9, 7 to 10:30 p.m., \$10, \$7 for students. Information, 786-7780.

Family Fun

SNOW WHITE

new Steamer No. 10 adaptation, 500 Western Ave., Albany, March 25 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., March 26 at 3 p.m., April 17 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Information, 438-5503.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

American Folk Art from the Metropolitan Museum, through April 23, Acrimony in Albany: The Foster-Hall Geological Chart Controversy, through April 30, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Milestones of the Millennium: Albany in the 20th Century, through March 24, 63 State St. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

paintings by Michael Mooney and photographic collages by Kathleen Heike Triem, through April 28, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Lake Placid: Winter Sports Capital, memorabilia of 1932 and 1980 Olympic Games, through March 25. Information, 242-2222.

COLONIE ART LEAGUE

juried show of local artists, Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, through April 17. Information, 783-1435.

YATES GALLERY

at Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, sculptures and drawings by Bruno LaVerdiere, through April 26. Information, 783-2442.

Call For Artists

ELLEN SINOPOLI DANCE COMPANY

opening for three to four dancers, modern dance company resident in the Egg at Empire State Plaza, auditions: April 1 and 29 and May 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Egg dance studio. Information, 272-1527.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

openings for percussion and low brass players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

AUDITIONS

by appointment, for Junie Capitol Hill Choral Society performance of Brahms' "German Requiem." Information, 465-3328.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

SINGERS NEEDED

for upcoming David's Tabernacle 300-voice choir performance of Handel's "Messiah." Information, 459-3152. CAPITAL COMMUNITY-VOICES rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

Classes/Lectures

MUSIC CLASSES

in many folk instruments, spring session starts March 7, Old Songs, ROI Center, Route 155, Guiderland. Information, 765-2815.

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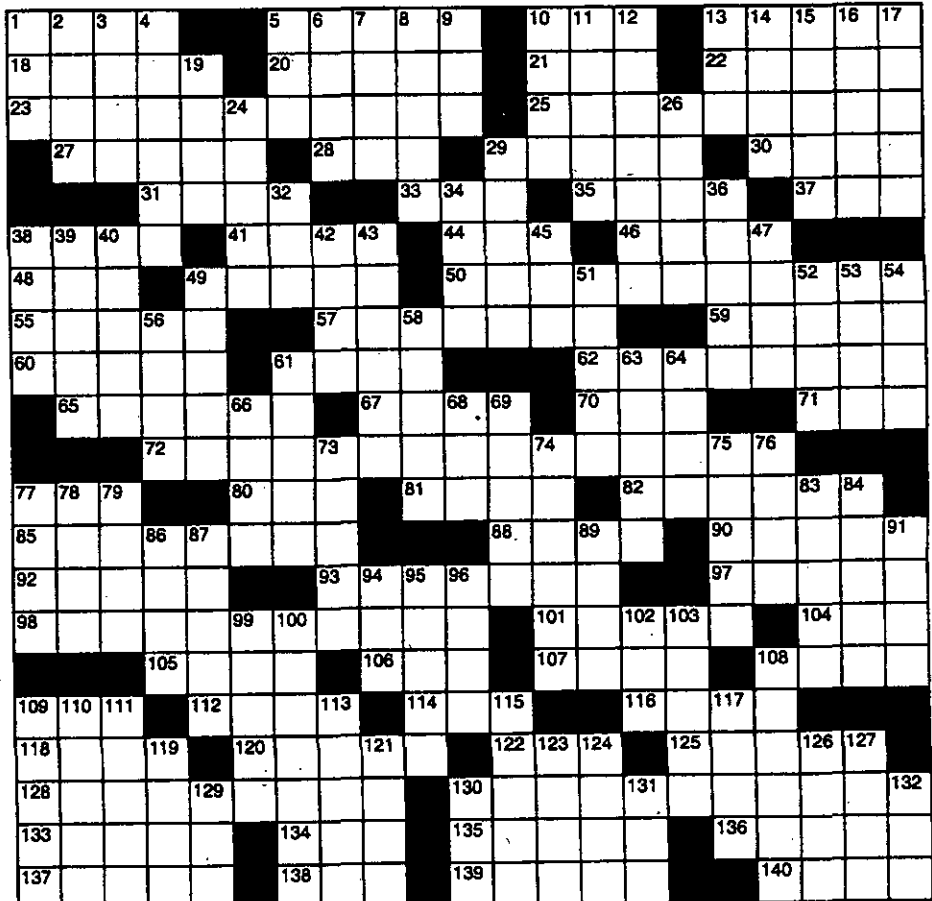
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Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 3/22

BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Sponsored by Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary. Menu includes fish fry, french fries, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk. Servings 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Adults \$6, children under 12 \$3.

NEW SCOTLAND PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Oniesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co.; Clarksville Fire House, County Route 301, Clarksville, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children 3, under 5 free.

THE DRAGON'S EGG

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District. New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-6976.

Mon. 3/27

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL LECTURE

Fifth-generation resident Darlene Bell on "Normansville Through The Years." Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

EXPLORER POST 67

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation. Weekly, 310 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

Tues. 3/28

BETHLEHEM "PAYING FOR COLLEGE"

Program on financing higher education; how to negotiate financial aid; how single parents can pay for college; etc. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

Sat. 3/25

BETHLEHEM MAPLE SUGARING DEMO

How to identify sugar maples; tapping, boiling, tasting demos; groups welcome. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Information, 475-0291. Also Sunday.

NEW SCOTLAND PASTEL DRAWING WORKSHOP

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

Sun. 3/26

BETHLEHEM CONCERT AT LIBRARY

Family concert in "Bethlehem Treasures" series featuring BCHS music ensembles; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Thurs. 3/23

BETHLEHEM "HOW TO CHOOSE A COLLEGE"

College night program sponsored by BCHS Counseling Center for juniors and their parents; Cafeteria, Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-8:30 p.m.; Information, 439-4921, ext. 285.

NEW SCOTLAND POETRY GROUP

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 3/24

BETHLEHEM CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Vacation Week Craft Club for children grades k-4; materials provided for card and collage projects. Bethlehem Public

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY

IP GATEWAY SERVICES, LLC
1. Name: IP Gateway Services, LLC
2. Date of Filing: February 9, 2000
3. Jurisdiction and Date of Organization: Delaware - May 18, 1999
4. Location of Office: Albany County
5. Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of IP Gateway Services, LLC for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to: IP Gateway Services, LLC/14504 Greenview Drive, Suite 108/Laurel, MD 20708
6. Does not apply
7. Principal Office: IP Gateway Services, LLC/14504 Greenview Drive, Suite 108/Laurel, MD 20708
8. IP Gateway Services, LLC shall provide, on request, a copy of its certificate of organization with all amendments thereto
9. Purpose of Business: Telecommunication Services
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EAST HILLS BUILDERS LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: East Hills Builders LLC.
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 623 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 14th day of February, 2000, by the undersigned who affirms

LEGAL NOTICE

that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/ E. J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 3/2/00. 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: The LLC, 74 Route 59 East, Spring Valley, NY 10977. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

CONVERSION OF WESTERN AVENUE ASSOC. TO WESTERN AVENUE LLC

1. The name of the partnership was Western Avenue Assocs.
2. The name of the limited liability company is Western Avenue LLC.
3. The partnership was in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law duly converted to the limited liability company upon the filing of the Certificate of Conversion of the partnership to a limited liability company on January 4, 2000.
4. The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: The County of Albany.
5. 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 and without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is Western Avenue LLC, c/o Burns Management, 1732 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
6. The limited liability company is to be managed by a manager.
7. The purpose of the Company are to engage in the real estate business, and in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
8. The limited liability company shall continue indefinitely.
Dated: February 7, 2000
COOPER, ERVING, SAVAGE, NOLAN & HELLER, LLP

LEGAL NOTICE

Attorneys for Western Avenue LLC
39 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NEW YORK BANKERS TITLE AGENCY EAST, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/15/00. 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 Warshaw Burstein Cohen Schlesinger & Kuh, LLP, 555 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is CAPTIVE CONNECTION, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 9, 2000. 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 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.
March 22, 2000

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Notice of formation of Eastern Union LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 03/02/2000. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
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Notice of filing of Articles of Organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named L. G. Real Estate Management, LLC. Articles filed with NY Sec. of State ("SOS") on 2/14/00. Office location: Albany County. SOS, designated as agent for service of process, shall mail copy of process to: The LLC c/o Keith M. Goldstein, 29 Woodlake Rd., Apt. 8, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of "Prudent Leasing, LLC" ("LLC") were filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 1/11/2000. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: The LLC, c/o R. M. White, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.
February 11, 2000
March 22, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF A CATERED AFFAIR, 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 hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that: FIRST: The name of the company is A Catered Affair, LLC (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

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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: A Catered Affair, LLC, 88 Hurst 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 15th day of February, 2000.
s/ Alan M. Jezierski, Organizer
March 22, 2000

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RUSH EXPLORATION, LLC Notice of formation of Rush Exploration, LLC a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 2/14/00. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Richard E. Rowlands, Esq., 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205, the Registered Agent. The purpose of the LLC are to acquire and deal in the mineral rights in real property and to pursue other equity ventures.
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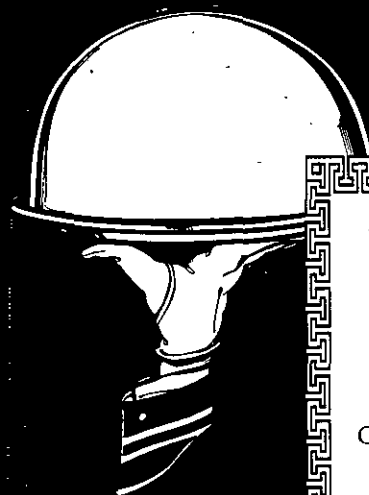
The name of the limited liability company is Bluff Point Associates, LLC (the "Company"). The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the NY Secretary of State (the "NYSS") on 2/9/2000. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The NYSS is hereby designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within NY to which the NYSS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 26 Gardner Terr, Delmar, NY 12054, Attn.: Peter Young. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to own real property.
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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Board of Education action taken December 9, 1991, the following procedures must be followed to procure an absentee ballot to be used for elections conducted by the Voorheesville Central School District. An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requests such in a signed letter provided the voter meets the criteria listed below: The person will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is, or will be on the day:
a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place because of illness or physical disability or;
b) because his/her duties, occupation, business or studies will require him/her to be outside of the country or city of his/her residence on that day;
1) Where such duties, occupation, business or studies are of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation, business or studies shall be set forth in the affidavit.
2) Where such duties, occupation, business or studies are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, the application shall contain a statement of the special circumstances that such absence is required; or
c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or
d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony. Letters requesting applications for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

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The Clerk shall post the list in a conspicuous place or places during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on the list at that time, by making a challenge and the reasons known to the inspectors of election before the close of polls.
Dated: March 15, 2000
Dorothea Pfeleiderer
District Clerk
Voorheesville Central School District
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).

The name of the FLP is MADISON ASSOCIATES ON THE PARK, L.P. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 9, 2000. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is February 22, 2000. The principal office of the FLP is located at c/o I. Arnold Slowe, 135 Euclid Avenue, Albany, New York 12203, in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is c/o I. Arnold Slowe, 135 Euclid Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530.
March 22, 2000

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

The name of the LLC is LOZANO'S AUTO CARE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 7, 2000. 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 1981 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RAQUEL MARIA GIL, M.D., PLLC

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 1203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY LAW)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of RAQUEL MARIA GIL, M.D., PLLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on February 9, 2000. The Company is being formed to engage in the practice of psychiatry; to have and to exercise all powers necessary and convenient to affect any and all purposes for which the Company is formed, together with all powers now or hereafter granted to it by the State of New York; and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 2519 Rosendale Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: NORTHWOOD REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/11/00. 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, 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

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

The name of the LLC is MOMROW ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 7, 2000. 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 592 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF D AND H PRODUCTS, LLC

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of D AND H PRODUCTS, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 2, 2000. The Company is being formed to engage in the developing and marketing of hardware and automotive products for consumers to be distributed through wholesal-

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ers to retailers, and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Post Office Box 13596, Albany, New York 12212-3596.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PEAK PERFORMANCE CHIROPRACTIC L.L.C.

Peak Performance Chiropractic L.L.C. has been formed as a Limited Liability Company in the State of New York. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 18, 2000. The company office is in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Peak Performance Chiropractic L.L.C.

340 Northern Boulevard
Loudon Plaza
Albany, NY 12208
The company has been formed to engage in any lawful business purpose or purposes for which a Limited Liability Company may be formed.
March 22, 2000

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, April 5, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Leonard C. Sippel, 96 Van Wies Point Road, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Area Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-66, Required Depths and Article XI, Accessory Uses, Section 128-36, Private Garages in Residence Districts of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a three car attached garage which would encroach into the Front Yard setback requirement and exceed amount of allowable private garages in a residential zone at premises 96 Van Wies Point Road, Glenmont, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
March 22, 2000

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, April 5, 2000, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Jay Hostetter (Jay's Mobil), 594 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17, CC Retail Commercial District, C (4) of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to erect and operate a one bay self service mechanical car wash at premises 594 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HAMILTON ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC filed with SSNY on 3/15/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may be served. PO address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Reg. agent is USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MCDERMOTT & PARTNERS LLC filed with SSNY on 3/7/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may

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be served. PO address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC: c/o LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Reg. agent is USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

UNIVERSAL & STANDARD LLC filed with SSNY on 3/7/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may be served. PO address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC: c/o LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Reg. agent is USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TRESTAR TRADING L.L.C. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/00. 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: The LLC, 300 E. 40th Street, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

CASTELTON ASSOCIATES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 2/28/00. 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: The LLC, 1663 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

KCB PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 2/15/00. 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: The LLC, 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guilford, NY 12084. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

GORDON SHRIMP SEAFOOD COMPANY LLC was filed with SSNY on 2/18/00. 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: The LLC, 46 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NORTHWAY CONSULTING LLC was filed with SSNY on 2/8/00. 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: The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Ramsden Enterprises LLC was filed with SSNY 12/13/1999. 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 The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
March 22, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HYDROTWO LLC was filed with SSNY on 1/31/00. 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: The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Floor, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York
The Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held in the Foyer at the High School Building, in Voorheesville, New York, in said School District, on the 28th day of March, 2000, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the propositions hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.
PROPOSITION NO. 1
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized:

a) To construct additions to and reconstruct School District buildings, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$15,734,000;

b) To purchase a parcel of real property for School District purposes, at a maximum estimated cost of \$250,000, including certain incidental costs;

c) To transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund of said School District from year to year up to \$200,000 legally available current funds of said School District for the aforesaid additions and reconstruction; and

d) To expend for the aforesaid additions and reconstruction up to \$608,000, plus accrued interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund of said School District; and that the sum of \$15,984,000, being the aggregate of the costs set forth in items a and b above, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting the expenditure of Capital Reserve Fund monies, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

PROPOSITION NO. 2
IN THE EVENT THAT PROPOSITION NO. 1 SUBMITTED HEREWITH IS APPROVED, Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to construct a swimming pool facility at the Junior-Senior High School, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,368,000; and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid propositions will appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such special district meeting in the following abbreviated forms:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
Shall Proposition No. 1 set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the construction of additions to and reconstruction and equipment of School District buildings, including site improvement, at a maximum cost of \$15,734,000; the purchase of real property at a maximum cost of \$250,000; a transfer from year to year of up to \$200,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for the additions and reconstruction; the expenditure of up to \$608,000, plus accrued interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund for the additions and reconstruction; and providing that the sum of \$15,984,000, to be reduced to the extent of expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?
PROPOSITION NO. 2
In the event that Proposition No. 1 submitted herewith is approved, shall Proposition No. 2 set forth

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in the notice of this meeting authorizing the construction and equipment of a swimming pool facility at the Junior-Senior High School, including site improvement, at a maximum cost of \$1,368,000; and providing that such sum shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least the aforesaid special district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such special district meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the special district meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid special district meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting during the hours of such special district meeting.

Dated: February 7, 2000
Voorheesville, New York
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
By Dorothea Pfeleiderer
School District Clerk
March 22, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is ALIZARIN CRIMSON, L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 17, 2000.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is:

57 Fuller Road
Albany, NY 12205
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law").
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to own, manage and operate real property for commercial and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law.
March 22, 2000

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CHAMPLAIN STREET, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 6, 2000.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is:

75 Champlain Street
Albany, NY 12204
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law").
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law.
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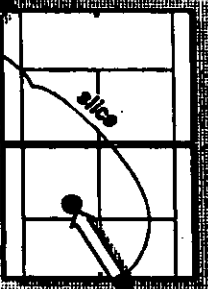

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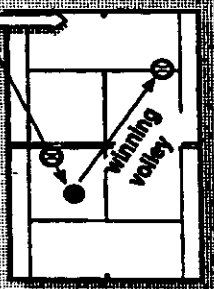
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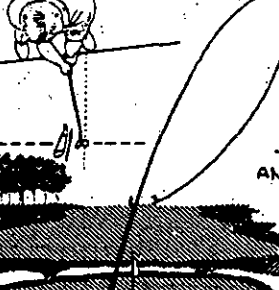
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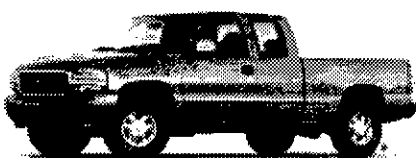
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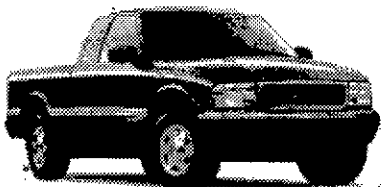
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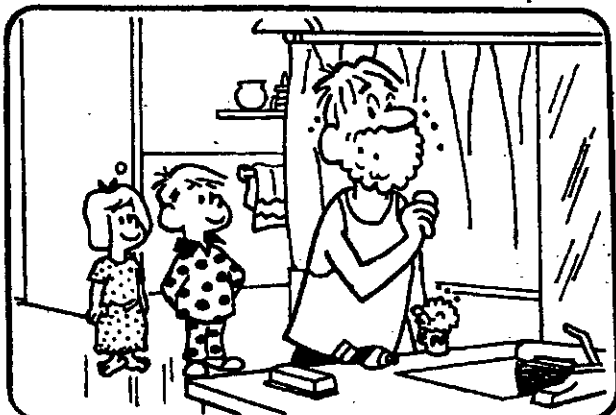
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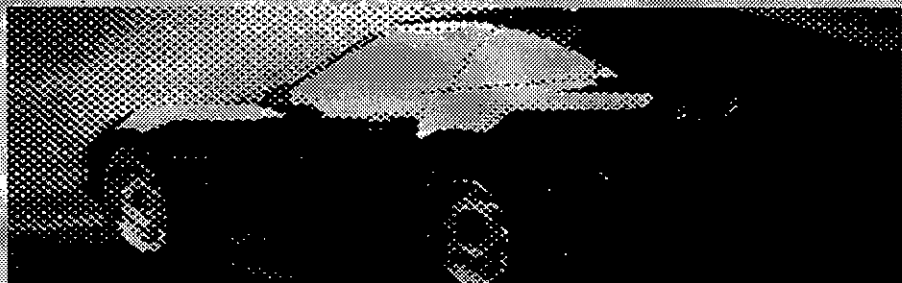


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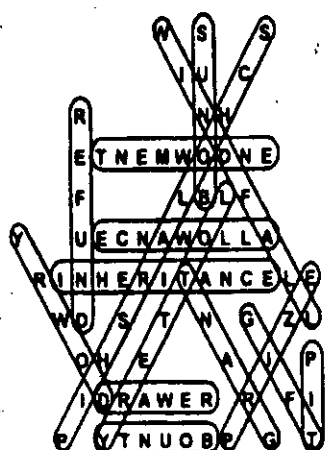
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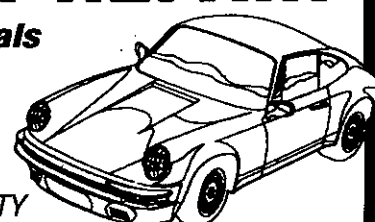


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