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Earth shatters Elsmere strip

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Emergency management, state Department of Transportation and Bethlehem town officials wait and watch round the clock as last week's landslide on the edge of the Normanskill continues to wreak havoc on the Delaware Avenue corridor and its residents and businesses.

A state of emergency was declared Thursday, and renewed yesterday, by Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, in the wake of what DOT engineers labeled "a massive soil failure" that threatens long-term damage to the historic main road link



Fuller

between Bethlehem and Albany. It may be weeks or months before the full impact of the disaster is known, but as Fuller said Saturday at Bethlehem town hall: "Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, our lives changed."

That was the approximate time of the first of a series of landslides, over the course of three days, centered on the steep slopes along the Normanskill where it parallels Delaware Avenue just before the road crosses the Normanskill bridge into Albany.

The sudden slide of more than 100,000 cubic feet of hillside destroyed California Produce at 65 Delaware Ave., which had opened just the previous Friday; closed down Hoffman's Car Wash and Jiffy Lube, next door to the market and only yards away from the most serious erosion; and shut down temporarily, and perhaps for months, an office building occupied by the finance department of Albany Medical Center at 99 Delaware Ave.

A consumer service calling center operated by the state Public Service Commission was due to announce plans to move more than 75 employees to that building as well, but those plans are now on hold.

The slide also for a time dammed the

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The earth near what was once the California Produce site continues to erode on the edge of Delaware Avenue.

Jim Franco

Delmar Bootery to exit Four Corners

By SUSAN GRAVES

After June 3, Bethlehem residents will have to put on their walking shoes to get to the Delmar Bootery. Gail Sundling, who took over the Delmar business from her parents when she was 24 years old, said she will move the longtime business to her Stuyvesant Plaza store, which she opened in 1988.

It was not an easy decision for Sundling, who was raised in the house on Delaware Avenue where the Bootery has been since 1938.

"I was born and raised in that house. For me, it's very difficult ... I've been doing those windows for 45 years of my life, ever since I was 3. It's probably one of the hardest decisions I've ever made," she said.

Sundling said her original intent was not to move the Bootery — in fact, she wanted to expand it and renovate the entire site. The 455 square feet just wasn't enough space for the business anymore.

"It was going to look gorgeous. I could have made this a showcase. It would have been 10 times prettier than the Stuyvesant store," she said.

But that was when she anticipated being able to buy out Thomas Spinosa's half of the building. Sundling and Spinosa couldn't reach an agreement, and Sundling reached the end of her rope.

"It was the last straw," said Sundling, who won't find it easy to pack up a lifetime of memories of the Bootery and of Delmar.

She said her store will always be known as the Delmar Bootery, even if it's eventually located in Saratoga Springs or even Washington, D.C.

But for now, the Bootery, its shoemaking and repair machines and its staff will move to the plaza in Gunderland. She said there was no other Delmar site that was appropriate for her needs.

"There really isn't a place that would fit the ambiance I want," Sundling said.

Sundling, who took over the store after her father died and her mother broke her neck in a car accident, had never intended to make the shoe business her life's work. But at the time, her three siblings had other commitments, so she sort of fell into the job.

"We had a family meeting and they said, 'You're not doing anything, you do it,'" she said.

So, on May 3, 1976, that's exactly what she did. Sundling, in spite of the fact she was pregnant — she had her second daughter 10 days

later — was committed to making it work.

"I stood in that store — pregnant — saying, 'What do I do with this now, so I just kind of started from scratch, learning the craft and the retail end of the business. It was a year that was — a lot of all-nighters in that store. All day I worked with customers, at night I had to work the machines," she said.

But her hard work paid off in many ways: she became a very successful businesswoman who loved and was dedicated to her work.

"It was wonderful, I'm going to miss it," she said.

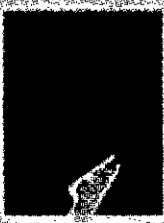
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Judge denies coach's plea

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A federal district court judge has dismissed a request for an injunction filed by baseball coach Jesse Braverman to prevent the Bethlehem Central School District from enforcing a Suburban Council rule invoked against him.

While the ruling permits Braverman's civil rights lawsuit against the district and council, filed last August, to move forward, U.S. District Court



Braverman

Judge Thomas McAvoy made no bones about his preference for an out-of-court settlement in his 14-page ruling, dated May 4.

"An amicable resolution of this matter would be in everyone's best interest," he wrote.

McAvoy expressed sympathy with Braverman's position, extolling his "profound, positive impact on the lives of many adolescents through his coaching ... enforcement of the rule against Mr. Braverman would serve only to punish these teenagers who have benefitted, or could benefit, from his coaching skills by precluding him from coaching.

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Voters handily OK V'ville budget

By Katherine McCarthy
 On a night when the Voorheesville high school band was performing for the president and first at the state Democratic convention in Albany, voters passed the district's \$14,016,548 budget 463 to 222.
 The 2000-01 school budget is 2.09 percent higher than this year's.
 School board members John Cole and Bob Baron both ran unopposed for re-election; Cole garnered 445 votes and Baron 484.
 The Voorheesville Public Library budget of \$599,100, which is 4.2 percent higher than this year's, passed 467 to 198 and Ann

Gainor was re-elected library trustee.
 Both Cole, the president of the board, and Baron, its vice president, said their focus for the coming year is to get work started on the \$15 million building project voters approved in March, and to match the curriculum to that project.
 "I want to make sure that when the building is open, we've helped to make sure the curricular part is ready," said Cole, who is beginning his third five-year term.
 "In the short term, I want the board to finish our policy book, and hire a public information officer for the district. The most

difficult challenge is doing it all at once. It's tough on the board; we've got to keep track of everything. It's hard on the administration, because they've got to do it. The board has to stay focused, and not let little things get in the way," he said.
 School Superintendent Alan McCartney said the building project is not overshadowing the day-to-day operations of the schools.
 "We're always juggling a number of things," McCartney said. "We're working on a new vocational/technical diploma, Regents for All, the building projects, and some of our kids are at the Pepsi (Arena) right now, playing for the president. There's so much going on at any one time here, it's hard to have anything overshadowing anything else."

BC students' artwork to be shown at facility

Bethlehem students ages 6 through 18 recently painted their winning artwork onto ceramic tiles during a daylong "Artists' Day" at St. Peter's Hospital.
 Artist Gail Desrosier instructed the students in how to paint their designs onto 6-by-6-inch ceramic tiles using red, yellow, black, white, blue, green and purple paint.
 More than 1,500 students from throughout the Bethlehem Central School District submitted entries for the art contest which was open to students in grades one through 12.
 Under the direction of Bethlehem district art supervisor Andy Masino and school art teachers, children were asked to create a

design that would reflect their idea of what is a "Healthy Outlook on Life."
 The judging committee chose 100 winners from the entries.
 Students were creative in their designs — offering happy faces, ice skaters, swimmers, hikers and entries such as "Why Worry," "Laughter is the Best Medicine," and "Eatin' Right is the Road to Success."
 The tiles will be installed in pediatric waiting areas at the new St. Peter's Medical Arts building at 1240 New Scotland Ave. in Slingerlands as a permanent exhibit.
 They will be unveiled during a dedication and community open house on Saturday, June 10.

District President's Council slates Internet safety program for parents

The President's Council of the Bethlehem Central Schools will sponsoring a districtwide program for parents on Children and Internet Safety on Tuesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Elmsere School cafeteria.
 Amy Solomon from the state Attorney General's office will present a program for parents on ways to better protect our children, from kindergarten to high school, as they surf the Web and chat with buddies.
 There is no fee for the program but space is limited.

Registration is required so adequate materials can be provided.
 Register by May 25 by calling Bethlehem Networks Project at 439-7740.
Endowment fund sets annual meeting
 Bethlehem Central Community and Alumni Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the media center conference room at Bethlehem Central High School.

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Lenhardt wins easily; newcomer squeaks in

By Heather Brockbank

On May 16, voters in the Bethlehem Central School District elected newcomer Robert Wing and re-elected vice president Lynne Lenhardt to fill two open seats on the school board.

Current board member Richard Svenson was narrowly defeated by 17 votes. Lenhardt received 1,808 votes, Wing 1,696 and Svenson 1,679.

Wing said he was pleasantly surprised by the results which he termed "very, very close."

"I did work hard, but that doesn't take anything away from the person who lost," he said. "I'm just glad for the opportunity and hope I can live up to the trust."

Wing is an active member of middle school improvement teams. The father of two children who attend district schools, he has lived in Bethlehem for 13 years and is a construction manager for Sano-Rubin Construction Co.

"My assessment is that he will be a positive board member who is able to contribute well," school Superintendent Les Loomis said.

With this year's election, Lenhardt will enter her fifth term in office. She has lived in Bethlehem for 26 years and is the mother of two Bethlehem Central High School graduates.

Lenhardt is a BOCES board member, former president of the Capital District School Board As-

sociation and an ambassador for the New York State School Boards Association.

"I'm gratified by the outpouring of support from the community," Lenhardt said. "However, my success is diminished by Dick Svenson's loss. With his background and expertise, he contributed greatly to the board's discussion and will be missed. At the same time, I congratulate Rob Wing and look forward to working with him."

Both Loomis and board president Happy Scherer said they will miss Svenson, who has served on the board for the past three years.

"He has done a terrific job as a board member," Scherer said. "His experience — his professional background as an engineer in the health department — has just been invaluable, particularly as we've wound our way through several bond issues. He's just been a really quick study and done a great job. I think he had a major impact in a broad number of areas."

Loomis added his own note of appreciation.

"I think Dick has been committed and very professional," he said. "He has added good thinking and brought his knowledge and experience to the board in ways that have made a real difference to the district and to Bethlehem students."

Voters OK BC budget

By Heather Brockbank

Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District approved the \$4.4 million school budget for the upcoming year.

They also OK'd \$737,000 for a five-year bond to replace 12 buses.

The approved proposal represents a budget increase of \$2,376,526 from this year, making the projected tax rate for Bethlehem residents \$20.26 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or a projected 4.78 percent tax rate increase from this year.

"I'm pleased to see the community's support for the school budget. It think that the budget manages to meet a whole range of student needs, and I appreciate the community's recognition of that," school Superintendent Les Loomis said.

The budget passed 1,859 to 1,206. Board President Happy Scherer said the vote was a bit closer than in previous years.

"You never know what is going to happen when it's such a quiet budget year," she said. "We'll do

some work to see what this all means. It certainly wasn't a squeaker, but you'd like a bigger margin."

This year, the state required school districts to distribute budget information in a postcard format prior to the vote. Scherer wondered if the mailing may have confused people. Loomis was also concerned about the mailing.

"The budget postcard didn't even list the tax rate increase. It only listed the budget increase," Loomis said. "It didn't give people the opportunity to understand the issues of increasing enrollment and increasing state standards and mandates."

Scherer is satisfied with the school board's efforts in preparing next year's budget.

"We felt we came up with a fair budget that balanced our needs with what was going on in the community," she said.

The budget will fund expenses to implement a house plan at the middle school, programs to help all students pass Regents exams, additional staffing, general music and stereo equipment on lease purchase, athletics supplies and a new gymnastics spring floor.

The budget will also fund two additional hall monitor positions at the high school, a transportation dispatcher and increased hours for guidance staffing.

Several upkeep and maintenance projects for facilities and vehicles and additional funding to continue the district's computer replacement plan are also included in the budget.

NS Kiwanis Club to celebrate 50th

By Katherine McCarthy

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a banquet on Saturday, June 3, at St. Matthew's parish center in Voorheesville.

The club has 53 members, and Kiwanian Walter Chimel describes them all as enthusiastic and hard-working.

"Kiwanis is not just composed of old fogeys," Chimel said with a laugh. "Our members range in age from 23 to 90, are men and women, and come from a wide range of occupations, from the insurance business to attorneys to financial planners, judges and cartographers."

The Kiwanis organization started as the Benevolent Order of Brothers in Detroit, Mich., in 1915. Its first purpose was to provide a networking system for businessmen, but a year later, changed to become a community service organization. Its name comes from an American Indian term, "Nun Keewanis," which means self-expression. Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916, setting up branches in Canada and Mexico. Today, it's in 80 countries, and its motto is "We Build."

To celebrate its anniversary, the Kiwanis will be doing exactly that, as members plan to build a gazebo for Hotaling Park, not far from the new centennial clock.

"We'll have a groundbreaking ceremony at 3 p.m. on May 27," said Warren Schlickerieder, who's been a Kiwanian for 15 years. "We march in the Memorial Day Parade, and have our chicken barbecue from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Reilly's funeral home. At 3, we'll dedicate the gazebo."

Kiwanians are also planning to build a concession stand at the elementary school playing fields, like the one at the high school.

"We sponsor T-ball and minor and major league baseball teams and run the concession stand," Chimel said. "We always keep a few bags of ice around, and some Band-aids, so we're kind of a first-aid crew. After the games, each player gets a free freeze pop from us, too."

Chimel said what sets Kiwanis apart from other community service groups is its focus on children. In addition to baseball teams, the New Scotland Kiwanis sponsors soccer, children's races, a Halloween party, and Builders and Key clubs, which let older students get in the habit of commu-



New Scotland Kiwanis Club members Walt Chimel, left, and Warren Schlickerieder get ready to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary of community service.

Katherine McCarthy

nity service.

In addition, the club supports a wrestling program and sponsors two students at Albany Therapeutic Riding Academy. It also helps out the American Cancer Society, Voorheesville swim club and Guilderland Pop Warner, to name just a few.

The New Scotland club holds an annual golf tournament, with the proceeds going to Albany Medical Center's Pediatric Trauma Unit. In recent years, the event has raised about \$1,500.

"We also work on the Bell of Life campaign at Crossgates Mall at Christmastime," which raises funds for the pediatric trauma unit, Chimel said.

Kiwanians also dish up a spaghetti supper each year, direct parking at the Altamont Fair, and sell evergreen wreaths in December. Those events, in addition to the twice-a-year barbecues, are their major fund-raisers.

"All our profits are plowed back into the community," Chimel said.

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club is always looking for new members.

"For anybody seeking a way to

serve, Kiwanis is the perfect answer," Chimel said.

"The rewards are the community service, although we do have a reputation for having the best food of all the area Kiwanis groups," Schlickerieder said.

The club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85.

Dorothy Kohler and a handful of helpers prepare the club's famous dinners, which sell for \$8 plus \$1 for a 50-50 raffle.

New members pay a one-time \$15 fee to join Kiwanis, and an annual club dues are \$65.

The club's upcoming events are the Memorial Day barbecue, new gazebo and July's golf tournament.

Schlickerieder said the club would like to attract new members, to ensure that in the next 50 years, Kiwanians can provide as much service to the community as they have in the last 50.

The June 3 banquet is open to the public and costs \$25. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, ceremonies and dancing.

For tickets, call John Zongroni at 765-4084.

RCS voters pass \$28.9 million plan

By Joseph A. Phillips

Voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district passed the \$28.9 million school budget for the 2000-01 school year last week — and gave even stronger support to a proposition to purchase new buses.

"We're very happy with the results, and now we're ready to move forward," district business administrator Rodger Lewis said.

Voters also elected a new school board member, Selkirk resident Howard Shafer, who joined two incumbents, Russell

Sykes and current board vice president Sara Hafensteiner, in an uncontested election for three seats.

Likewise, a pair of incumbents, Mary Kate Pape and Debra Moore, were the sole contestants for the two available seats on the RCS Community Library board and handily won re-election.

A total of 971 voters went to the polls, and by a margin of 551-420 voted to approve the budget proposal, a 3.9 percent increase over the previous year, but one resulting in a reduction in taxes by about 7 percent for Selkirk voters, and an 8 percent reduction for New Scotland residents within the district.

With modest increases across

the board in most areas of the budget, the largest will be devoted to academic improvement efforts.

"It's one of the major areas we focused on this year, along with academic intervention services and new textbook purchases," Lewis said.

Another factor holding down the budget: debt service for new construction approved by voters last December won't begin showing up in the budget until next year, Lewis said.

By a slightly wider margin, 585-386, voters also endorsed the \$339,000 purchase of a four new 65-passenger buses and a new 2001 passenger vehicle equipped for wheelchair access. The order for the buses was placed last week.

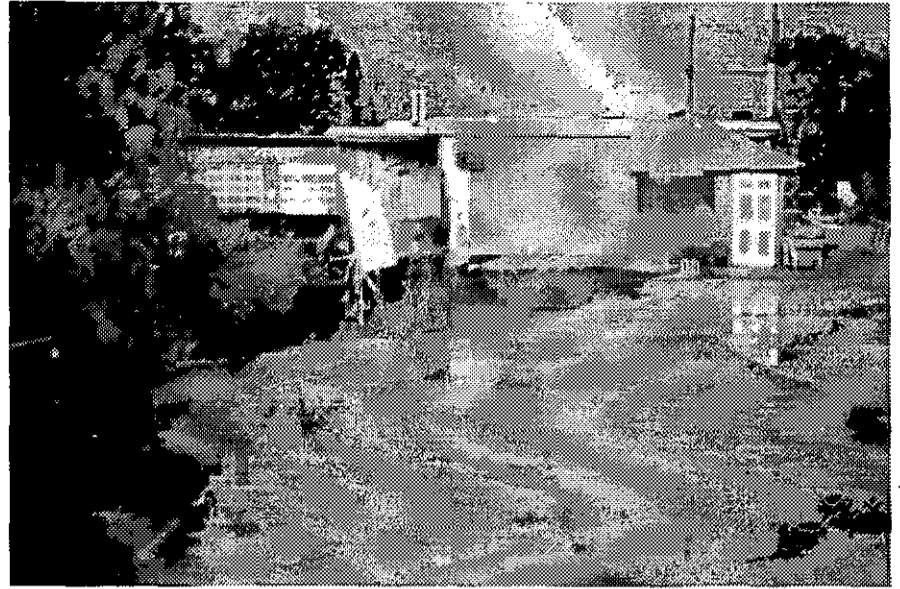
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Before



After



Landslide timeline

A day-by-day account of last week's events in the landslide that redrew the Normanskill ravine in Elsmere:

● **Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m.** — The first signs of a major slide are observed, centered on the hillside behind the newly-opened California Produce market at 65 Delaware Ave. The slide comes shortly after 2 p.m.; by 4 p.m., the erosion had advanced to within a few feet of the rear of the store. Bethlehem's building department orders California Produce closed. The landslide also dams the Normanskill, less than 100 yards from the city of Albany's main water trans-

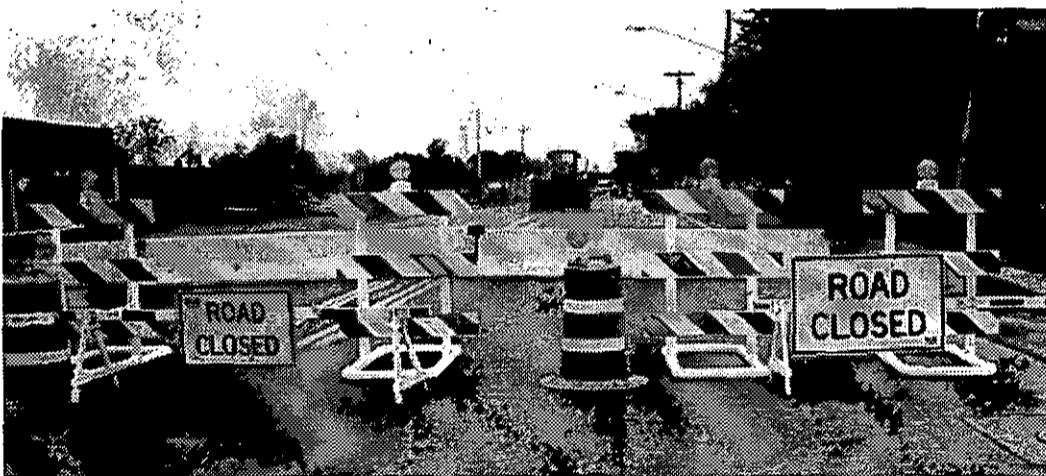
mission line from the Alcove Reservoir.

● **Tuesday about 11 p.m.** — Albany city officials, concerned about building water pressure and its potential impact on the water main, order emergency dredging of the creekbed to create a new channel for the Normanskill.

● **Wednesday, May 17, mid-morning** — Officials in Albany and Bethlehem hold their breath as the dredging crew prepares to break through the damming and reopen the flow of the stream. Their concern: whether the rush of water will cause massive erosion or flooding of the Normanside neighborhoods downstream, or undermine the city water line, as the new channel is opened. No such calamity occurs.

● **Thursday, May 18, 5:30 a.m.** — Another major slide rips part of the foundation and the rear wall off California Produce, and also carries away the north corner of the parking lot for Albany Medical Center's Finance Department at 99 Delaware Ave. Hoffman's Car Wash, the produce market's easterly neighbor, loses much of its exit driveway and shuts the car wash bay down; Jiffy Lube's oil-change bays remain open for business. Traffic is reduced to two lanes on Delaware Avenue as the state Department of Transportation mounts round-the-clock observation.

● **Thursday, 2 p.m.** — A series of renewed major slides begins; Bethlehem police begin planning a gradual closing of Delaware Avenue as the erosion creeps to within 30 feet of the road's shoulder. The state Department of Environmental Conservation, alarmed about erosion behind Hoffman's, orders that the business' oil and waste tanks be pumped out. Employees at the Albany Med building are given a day off Friday as the erosion creeps closer.



Landslide photos, clockwise from top left: include a view of the end of Hoffman's Car Wash, and the California Produce stand before and after it fell over the cliff, an aerial view of the stand at the bottom of the slide and signs closing Delaware Avenue.

Photos by Jim Franco and Joseph A. Phillips

Community and state rally on road to recovery

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Normanskill, putting at risk the main pipeline for the city of Albany's water system, which also supplies part of Bethlehem's residential water needs; and forced the closing of Delaware Avenue, over which more than 16,000 vehicles make their way daily.

And the slippage is far from over, said Bob Burnett, assistant director of DOT's geotechnical bureau, at a pair of weekend public briefings at town hall.

"I'm telling you; there will be more adjustments," Burnett said. "More material will fall. But I do not know how much, and I do not know when."

That uncertainty stems from a lack of information about exactly what caused the slide and what in geological terms was going on under the roadway. DOT crews drilled core samples through the pavement in the road and parking lot adjacent to the slide area Saturday and did not strike bedrock until 170 feet down. How unstable the so-called Albany clay in between might be, has yet to be determined.

In his public briefings, Burnett blamed the slippage on the Normanskill undermining the base of the slope as a result of recent heavy spring runoff in the stream.

"It kicked the toe out from underneath," DOT Region One director Thomas Werner said.

The clay seeks a slope no steeper than one foot of height for every three horizontal feet of ground covered. With the current face of the fallen slope being nearly vertical, and between 50 and 70 feet high, further slippage of as much as 150 to 200 feet in ground surface can be expected.

Burnett labeled the most seriously threatened zone, the 50 feet closest to the edge, "in imminent danger" — and if it falls away, he said, it could close Delaware Avenue for weeks, while engineers decide how to remedy the slide and make the road safe again. In the worst case, residents of the five-square-block neighborhood at ground zero, particularly a dozen residences and buildings in the 15-foot danger zone along Delaware between Mason and Grant streets, could be forced to evacuate their homes, and some might lose them.

Bethlehem police and Elsmere Fire Department officials scrambled over the weekend to prepare for a potential evacuation. As of Sunday the streets in the vicinity were restricted, with Local Area Access Passes issued to residents only. An incident command center was established Friday in town hall and moved Monday to a state Emergency Management Office (SEMO) mobile post near the landslide site, from which emergency planning will be coordinated.

"They are available for the duration," said Fuller. "As long as the emergency is in play, they'll be there."

Maps designating evacuation routes have been made available to residents. With the Elsmere Fire Department designated as lead agency in any evacuation and the challenges presented by the closing of Delaware Avenue, mutual aid firefighting arrangements have been beefed up.

"There's been a lot of ground

covered in the last few days, pre-planning, organizing evacuation plans, trying to cover and remain in coverage for the rest of the town," Elsmere Fire Chief Ned Costigan said. "Me and my officers have been busy all weekend long making preparations. Right now, if an evacuation becomes necessary, there're people on the site, between police and state emergency management people, monitoring the situation, and if anything starts happening, we'll be alerted."

Similarly, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and Bell Atlantic have mounted round-the-clock monitoring of the emergency area, and removed power lines and telephone cables from vulnerable poles, running them instead through plastic conduits laid on the ground in order to minimize potential service disruptions. NiMo has also taken steps to install cutout valves at critical points that would be used in an emergency to shut down underground pipes.

"Our basic approach has been to isolate this area," NiMo spokesman Nick Lyman said. "We'll have the area manned 24 hours a day, and we're installing breakaway points, so if something catastrophic should happen, we can shut it off immediately."

To date, only Hoffman's has had its utilities shut off entirely, he said.

The road remains closed until the slide stabilizes and DOT can better assess the situation.

"There hasn't been a big movement since Thursday at 8 p.m., when California Produce toppled," Burnett said. "What we are seeing is a constant adjustment at the top of the slope; with smaller pieces falling off."

DOT planners are weighing their options on restoring the slope, reinforcing the roadway — or moving it entirely.

"I don't have any time frames," Burnett said.

Closing the road, for even a few weeks, will disrupt long-established traffic patterns in and out of the town and threaten businesses in the corridor from the Albany line to Elsmere Avenue, many of which rely on drive-by traffic and Albany customers.



Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue survey the site.

"We're searching for answers right now," said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Many chamber members on Delaware Avenue, but outside the immediate impact area, "have said they're down by as much as 35 percent since it started," DeLaney said.

"I hear panic in their voices," she added. "They're afraid local residents don't realize they can still get to those businesses" — particularly those as far as Delaware Plaza and several blocks beyond, which remain reachable and open for business. Still, the loss of drive-by trade is already being felt.

"Certainly a great deal of their business is drive-by," she said. "We can't continue like this for very long before it will begin to pinch."

For some, particularly those nearest the closed section of road, it has already begun. Daniel Formica, owner-operator of the McDonald's at one end of the barricaded area, said business was off 42 percent over the weekend.

"The unknown is what's hurting us," he said. "In the short term we can survive, but I don't know if in the long term I can."

"It's really hard to assess the long-term impact of this," said Howard Nolan, managing partner

of Delaware Plaza Associates. "It really depends on how soon they reopen Delaware Avenue — and that nobody knows." But, he added, "If it were to continue for any length of time, it obviously wouldn't be helpful."

Hoffman's, shut down last week by town and DEC officials, has already relocated its employees to other area outlets. Albany Medical Center corporate finance offices, which occupy a former supermarket building adjacent to the disaster site, gave its Delmar employees Friday off while maintenance and moving van crews emptied one end of the building of cartons of billing records.

Claude Rounds, vice president of plant management for Albany Med, said that a payroll unit of 11 employees has been moved to its main campus, but another 154 employees at the Delaware site returned to work Monday.

"Our building is safe for occupancy, and we resumed operations today," he said.

Nevertheless, a search is on for temporary quarters elsewhere, and Rounds said the Albany Med office expects to relocate within two weeks, for as much as six months to a year.

"Traffic is a big-time issue for us," he said. "We have a lot of people who use the bridge, and a lot who come by way of public transportation."

Uncertainty also worries Jim Sampson, whose Tastee Freez ice cream stand at Delaware and Grant, across from the closed Hoffman's Car Wash, is no longer accessible to traffic from Delmar, owing to access restrictions.

"The main thing as far as business owners are concerned is they want to be informed of decisions that are being made," he said. "We're finding things out second hand. We've had every suit in the state out here, but we can't get any information."

In the affected neighborhood, with Crannell Avenue as its spine,

a few residents have broken apartment leases and moved out, but most simply wait.

"I have a house that's full of a lifetime, and I don't know if I should be packing," said Annette Chambers of 75 Delaware, directly across the street from the remains of the California Produce market, as she surveyed the scene Friday. "I was looking out my front door last night, and the building across the street just went, bwoom!" — a suddenness that is "overwhelming," she said.

"Obviously there's uncertainty for us," said Crannell Avenue resident Dan Hogan. "But I think people have been pretty calm about it. I think people realize this is a very difficult situation, but Sheila Fuller and state officials have been very honest with us and told us as much as they can. Now, we just have to wait."

Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue visited the site Monday and offered assurances that the disaster would receive a "high priority" from state officials. She also praised the coordination of state and local officials.

"Sheila Fuller has done an outstanding job. ... The partnership, the team is very effective, from the statewide level to the local level. I'm not hearing negatives here," Donohue said.

Fuller said Monday that public safety remains her top priority, and praised town officials including Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, and John Flanagan of the building department, "who have been on site with me constantly since last Tuesday."

"I'm trying to stay in touch with those citizens most affected by this, to answer their questions and allay their fears," Fuller said. "Obviously, we can't allay them all. But I think the community has been really fantastic in all of this. In the area that has been impacted, the residents have been really patient and understanding while dealing with their anxiety."

As to the long-term impact of the disaster, Fuller said, "It's weighing very heavily on me. How long will this go on, what's the solution? Right now, I'm just trying to hold this community together."

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Matters of Opinion

Open for business

No one's quite sure what will happen to the stretch of Delaware Avenue near the Normanside where the landslide occurred last week. Some residents across the street from the site where California Produce once stood have packed up for safer ground. Others may be forced to leave if the ground continues to erode.

Businesses are in a quandary as to what will happen in the immediate and long-term future. Seasonal businesses, like Taste Freez are especially concerned, and rightly so. Even McDonald's reported a severe drop in business in the days right after the slide.

Still, with all the uncertainty, Delaware Avenue businesses remain open, hoping their clientele will be there for them in this unsettling time.

And, we're already hearing about offers of help from Bethlehem's good neighbors. Del Lanes owner Ken Ringler has offered Taste Freez use of the snack bar in the bowling alley. Though, we don't know how or if that will play out, it's the spirit of lending a helping hand that is so moving.

We hope this spirit prevails with residents and regular patrons of all the affected businesses. The business need support in their hour of need, and we sincerely hope they get it.

Remember, Delaware Avenue businesses are open and waiting for their regulars to come through in the crunch.

Bootery moving

The Delmar Bootery, one of Bethlehem's oldest businesses, is moving to its sister store in Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland.

The Four Corners won't seem the same without the friendly little shoe repair shop. It's a shame that Bootery owner Gail Sundling couldn't strike a deal with Tom Spinosa to buy out his half of the building.

We're sure the Four Corners improvement group will view this move as a setback to plans to renovate and update this historic section of Delmar.

And to make matters worse, Destiny Threads will also be moving from its corner location to the former Fowler's Liquor Store on Delaware Avenue. That means there will be two empty storefronts at the Four Corners.

Business and property owners need to cooperate in order to begin to upgrade this key area in the heart of Delmar. Clearly, the facades on these aging buildings need a face lift. And clearly, improvements would only serve as a drawing card.

If improvements aren't made, it's likely more empty facades will dot the Delmar landscape.

Editorials

Hi-tech can't replace relationships

By Sandy Damhof

The writer is associate pastor of Delmar Reformed Church and leader of TGI Sunday: Church Like You've Never Experienced It Before.

She's sitting in the easy chair. Her legs are slung across the armrest of the chair, with a laptop computer perched on top. She's reading today's e-mail while responding to "instant messages" for two or three of her friends who are also online. In her hand she holds a remote control which allows her to choose from more than 100 cable channels or select favorite DVD, CD or video with just a touch of a button; she is currently flipping between programs. Her shoulder holds the cordless phone to her ear. As she chats with one friend, another is on hold thanks to "call waiting."

It is the snapshot of a new era — a reflection of those of us who find ourselves living in a new age — amid new advances in technology, a new way of living.

Many of today's teen-agers have the whole routine mastered while those of us from other more "technologically deficient" generations are forced to limit ourselves to only one or two forms of technology at a time. I have now mastered the remote and can usually find my way around the Internet, but I must admit that I rarely can do both at one time (at least not successfully). Where my ability is concerned, using three or more forms of technology simultaneously is simply out of the question.

In so many ways, the words of that old ad campaign — "We're all connected" — is more true than ever. We're connected in old ways and new. We're connected by computers, beepers, pagers, fax machines, voice mail and a variety of phones which now travel with us so we never have to be disconnected.

Without a doubt, there are benefits. Life in the Information Age provides a seemingly endless number of details, facts and insights on any a topic known to humankind. We have become a global community. As we have connected with our fellow humans around the world, we have learned from them and they have learned from us.

Point of View

Yet, a startling new concern has emerged as well. It appears that in our all-out attempt to be plugged into the world through the latest technological tools, we have lost our sense of connectedness with those who are most immediately near us.

A generation or two ago, folks would get their news by conversing with their neighbors and in the process they would form friendships and develop relationships. Now, we get our information faster but it is often in a relational vacuum.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not suggesting we throw out our laptops, pull the plug on our phones or toss the remotes in the trash. Actually, I appreciate the information I get off the Internet and hardly a week goes by when I don't use it in my work or in my life. While I refuse to pay for the whole cable lineup, I love to curl up on the sofa with my popcorn and the latest video release. There was a time when I swore off cell phones, but now I have to admit that I have succumbed to the convenience of having that little pocket-size unit in my pocketbook for emergencies.

I've recently become aware of another voice that can sometimes be heard between the frames of film footage, amidst the ringing of phones and beeps and blips of the computer screen. It is a voice calling for a return to relationships. As it turns out, there is truth in the old telephone slogan — "It's the next best thing to being there."

Connecting online, via voice mail, e-mail and instant messages is still not the same as connecting with real people in real time in a real and meaningful way.

Folks are searching the World Wide Web and coming up empty. Why? Because as humans, we have within ourselves the need, desire and the longing to connect with something more than technology alone can provide. It's the way we are; it's the way we were made.

Even God declared pretty early on "It's not good that Adam should live alone" and so Adam was given a partner, someone with whom he could relate.

For those of us in the church, these are exciting times. Just when we thought people might be going into seclusion and barricading themselves in their homes within reach of the remote, we're finding that they are emerging from their protective walls in search of something bigger.

What's exciting is that the thing folks are looking for is the very thing the church, by its very nature, has provided down through the ages — relationships. The church offers a means to connect via the ultimate relationship with God, and a means to connect with other humans who share similar values and beliefs, as well as common concerns, questions, doubts and struggles.

At the church I serve in Delmar, we have long advertised that we offer "A Place to Belong." For some, that means discovering anew that they belong to God. Others find that belonging means finding a small group where questions can be asked, answers can be sought, doubts shared and encouragement offered.

In a world where extended families are separated by miles and immediate families are sometimes torn apart, church is one of the few places left where caring relationships can occur. Children find a place to be loved and nurtured, teens find a place to explore meaning and adults find a place to interact with others in a way that is just not possible with a computer keyboard.

There's not much we can do about the influx of technology into our offices, our homes and our very lives. But there is still something we can do — when we hear that voice within us calling for something more, we can turn off the power, take off the earphones and move beyond our four walls to connect in a new way with the people around us.

Try it this weekend, venture outside your techno-world into a world where relationships matter!

Time spent on BC board was valued experience

Editor, The Spotlight:

Although I was disappointed to lose my school board seat in a close election, I am thankful to those Bethlehem Central School District residents who voted for me and have been supportive of my efforts during my three-year term.

To deal with the many issues the district faced during that period, involving the concerns and well-being of students, teachers and support staff was challenging and rewarding. I came to know and appreciate the many excellent administrators, teachers and support staff that make Bethlehem Central one of the state's top ranking districts.

I enjoyed my tenure. Those who know me are quite aware that

I am not a rubber stamp for the administration. I had many questions and insisted on evaluation/performance measures, review of facts and options before making a decision that would impact students, employees and finances. The district's goals deserve constant attention and school board members work long hours on many areas to keep up with this charge. (Warren Stoker's recent letter to *The Spotlight* gives you a glimpse of what it's like).

The Bethlehem board of education has consisted of talented, caring individuals with multi-skills and opinions. I have been privileged to be part of such an outstanding group.

Dick Svenson
Delmar

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Matters of Opinion

AG urges parental supervision of kids on Internet

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Internet is an amazing communication tool that has changed the way we learn, play, and exchange information. Among its chief benefits are ease and speed of use as well as access to a world of resources and markets. Many young people are using the information on a daily basis to research term papers, download music and e-mail their friends.

However, this rapidly expanding and evolving network of sites, home pages, and databases requires parental supervision for children and teen-agers who are exploring a still wildly unregulated environment. In short, we all need to be concerned with online safety.

In response to these issues, one of my first initiatives as attorney general was the creation of an

Internet Bureau within the Department of Law. This new bureau, which was among the first of its type in the country, has taken a three-pronged approach to deal with the issues surrounding Internet safety. First, the Internet bureau investigates and prosecutes criminal and inappropriate actions involving the use of the Internet. Second, the bureau has developed a list of proposals that I have submitted to the Legislature which deal with issues of Internet privacy. And, last, it offers educational programs which ensure that people are aware of how to protect themselves and their families while online.

From their earliest days, we teach our children not to speak with strangers and urge caution in virtually every element of their

lives. Yet, how carefully do we monitor the actions of our children in our own homes — including when they flip the switch of a personal computer?

Before your child logs on there are several important things I urge you to consider:

- The Internet has countless Web sites, some of which are clearly not appropriate for young people. Parents must monitor their child's activities on the Web. Keep the computer in a public room in the house so you can see where your child is when he/she is online

- Parents and children should use the Internet together and talk about their experiences. Let your child know that you are concerned about his or her use of the computer, and that you will be moni-

toring his or her activities

- Tell your child that if he or she accidentally comes across a Web site that is inappropriate, they should leave the site immediately and report the problem to you. Better yet, consider using monitoring and blocking software that will prevent them from getting to those objectionable sites at all

- Tell your child that if someone communicates something via the Internet that makes them uncomfortable or scared, they should not respond. Again, urge them to tell you about the situation

- Instruct your child not to provide personal identifying information without your permission. This includes name, address, phone number, Social Security number, credit card number or other confidential information

- Remind your child not to believe everything they read on the Internet. People are not always who they claim to be, and not everything they read is true. In fact, if it sounds too good to be

true, it probably is

- Finally, make sure your child does not arrange a personal meeting with anyone they meet online.

No one, especially our children, should be discouraged from using their computer, but like anything else, the Internet can be abused. That is why it is so important for parents to educate themselves about possible dangers and monitor their child's online activities.

For information about staying safe online, visit the attorney general's Web site at WWW.OAG.STATE.NY.US.

Eliot Spitzer
New York state attorney general

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Your Opinion Matters

Why is coach target of director and board?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Why is Jesse Braverman being forced into the court system in order to be allowed to devote his time, his energy and his skills to this community?

Why are the school board and the athletic director determined to fight one of its own — a dedicated teacher and coach who has spent 20 years serving this town and its students?

And how much of our district's money is the board willing to spend in support of what appears to be an indefensible and inexplicable position?

The Suburban Council guideline that the BC athletic director accuses Jesse Braverman of violating is designed to prevent varsity level school coaches from pressuring student athletes to play on a particular community team.

First and foremost, is there a shred of evidence that Jesse has ever pressured a student to play Mickey Mantle ball?

It is my understanding that the only complaint was registered by the athletic director.

Second, the guideline is merely that — a guideline. It is not a rule, regulation or policy of either the New York State High School Athletic Association or the Suburban Council.

In fact, the Suburban Council has indicated that it would not pursue this matter and that it is up to the school district to decide.

Why then, does the board with the notable exception of Dick Svenson, persist?

Don't we have better things on which to spend our tax dollars?

Someone, please explain it to me, because there must be something I'm missing.

Why are the athletic director and the school board pursuing a path that will force coaches to make a choice between coaching school teams or community teams. And what will be the cost to the district, the town and our kids?

Ira Certner
Delmar

Police policies are questionable

Editor, The Spotlight:

Some time ago, I urged readers of *The Spotlight* to report any police misconduct for the protection of all Bethlehem residents.

I would like to update my letter as there have been a few more details that have developed.

I was wrongfully convicted on a charge of not stopping for a stop sign on Adams Street.

I appealed the conviction to Albany County Court and received word that the conviction was overturned and that an erroneous standard had been applied in finding me guilty.

In essence, I proved through the legal system that the Bethlehem officer involved was not truthful about seeing a violation he said he did.

We found out about some other interesting police policies in Bethlehem.

For instance, if a local retailer calls the police after allegedly seeing someone shoplift and they are insistent about having that person arrested, then that's what the police do.

Let's put this in perspective. Thirty professionals paid by the town and trained to determine if a crime has occurred and an arrest is necessary yield to a retail manager.

This did happen to a family member, and the only evidence was the manager's statement. Video surveillance was available, but it was never reviewed before an arrest was made.

When exonerating evidence is ignored, it destroys the concept of innocent until proven guilty. You now have to go in front of a judge and prove you are innocent.

The damage has already been done, you've already been pub-

licly humiliated being brought out in handcuffs, you already had to hire an attorney and had sleepless nights about jail and professional licenses revoked.

Why did this happen? Because a manager trainee wanted to prove himself, and the police didn't bother to review the evidence.

In our case, it was sensible to plead not guilty and take an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal in six months when the incident gets completely washed away.

The problem with that kind of decision is the police and the retailer are never brought to task.

In other words, without a trial you sacrifice all legal counter suits and the "witch trial" wins. It's obvious that this town needs a night class teaching the Constitution.

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Matters of Opinion

Voorheesville's 'Fiddler' was spectacular

Editor, The Spotlight:

'Wow, this is fantastic,' I found myself repeating as I watched Voorheesville High School Drama Club's presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof."

I also couldn't help thinking with all the negative press students receive these days, how proud everyone in our community should be of these wonderful students.

Special congratulations must go to Mr. John Lopez, the director, and Ms. Julie Ploss, the musical director and conductor of the extraordinary pit ensemble. Their leadership molded the performance into the finest high school production I've ever had the privilege of enjoying.

The stage crew, costumes and actors were of professional caliber. These students sang and danced their hearts out. They were spectacular. A special mention must go to Adam Lustick who became Tevye, the lead character. His portrayal of Tevye was first rate and made me laugh, cry and sing simultaneously.

It was great to see a full house, and I hope the community will continue to support the Voorheesville drama club productions and show its support for these dedicated individuals.

Roz Robinson
Voorheesville

Poor service angers patron

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have always made it a practice to shop locally for the 33 years I have lived in Bethlehem and have never had a problem or concern until a very recent experience with a "no name" cleaner and tailor on Delaware Avenue. It seriously has no name and has been in business a short time.

I brought a jacket to this establishment April 24. I checked twice to see if it was ready and was told it was not.

May 11, I again stopped. The owner was present and was busy playing with his stereo equipment. I waited for him to wait on me, which he eventually did. The stereo was far more important than a customer. He started looking all over for the jacket and could not find it. He then called the "plant."

I waited and waited and waited. Finally, after spending close to a half hour, I was told he would call me.

I returned home. The owner called and told me my jacket was ready. Very curious. I went back on Friday, May 12, to finally get my jacket and was told by the owner he was returning it. Nothing had been done.

After all those weeks, nothing had been done. In addition, he was so snide, so insulting, so obnoxious, it was hard to believe.

Since then, I have heard several stories regarding clothing being lost in this establishment, and that the owner consistently says: 'No one is perfect.'

I was and am livid.

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BC board victor says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank the community for re-electing me to my fifth term on the Bethlehem school board.

For the past 12 years, I have endeavored to represent the community's interest in providing an excellent educational program while, at the same time, being fiscally prudent, recognizing that a majority of residents do not have children in school and that many are living on fixed incomes.

The Board of Regents' new and tougher graduation requirements present a challenge to the school

board as they are phased in and every student must prepare to receive a Regents diploma. We also face difficult decisions in the coming year as a result of the sale of the Niagara Mohawk Steam Plant.

I will continue to put forth the effort and the time to make the best decisions for the community and for our students, who are tomorrow's leaders and workforce. Again, thank you for your support.

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Legion in step for Memorial Day parade

American Legion Post 1493 will sponsor the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m.

A memorial ceremony will be held at the village park in honor of veterans immediately following the parade.

Village to honor volunteers

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held on Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m. behind the Voorheesville firehouse on Altamont Road.

The evening is designed to celebrate volunteerism, and friends, family and the community are invited to attend.

Music, dancing, food and entertainment will all be a part of the evening.

The members of the following volunteer organizations will be recognized: fire department and auxiliary, ambulance squad, village planning commission, zoning board of appeals, recreation commission, sidewalk commission, sewer commission, centennial committee and conservation advisory council.

Kiwanis to fire up Brooks barbecue

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Brooks chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 27, from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot at Reilly & Son Funeral Home on Voorheesville Avenue.

The menu will include chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and butter.

Proceeds support youth activities and community services.

Kiwanis break ground for gazebo

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 27, at 3 p.m. in Hotaling Park on the corner of Maple and Voorheesville avenues.

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will build and donate a gazebo to the village to commemorate the club's 50th anniversary.

Annual road race sets noon start

The 26th annual 15K and 3.2K runs will be held on Saturday, May 27, starting from the front of the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The 15K race will begin at noon followed by the 3.2K race at 12:05 p.m.

A trophy will be awarded to the first three place finishers in each

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



division.

Entry forms can be picked up at the village hall.

A children's dash will be held following the memorial ceremony in the village park.

Juniors to enjoy prom

The Voorheesville Junior Prom will hold a walk-through on Saturday, May 27, at 5:30 at the high school. The community is invited.

Professional pictures will be taken at the high school, after which the prom participants will be announced and escorted through the gym. Participants will attend a private prom at the Omni Hotel. An after-prom breakfast, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be held at the high school.

Kiwanis to celebrate 50th anniversary

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a banquet on Saturday, June 3, at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

Reservations are requested.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or by calling John Zongrone at 765-4084, Jim Hladun at 765-4241 or Dick Ramsey at 765-4225.

Dollars for Scholars to hold fund-raiser

Dollars for Scholars will hold its second great Ping-pong race on Saturday, May 27, following

the memorial ceremony at the village park.

Prizes have been donated by local businesses.

Tickets cost \$1 and can be purchased in the park or by calling Linda Conway at 765-4308 or Tim Kelley at 765-3314 ext. 205.

High school musicians tuning up for concert

Students in seventh through 12th grade will perform an instrumental concert tonight, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Friends of Music plan quilt drawing

A quilt drawing is being held to benefit the Friends of Music.

The wall quilt was donated by Cathy Conners.

Tickets cost \$1 each, or six for \$5, and can be purchased by calling Debbie Baron at 765-9371.

The drawing will be held on June 1.

Mid-level orientation slated for May 25

Mid-level orientation for parents of incoming sixth-graders will be held on Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

No school May 29

Schools in the district will be closed on Monday, May 29, to observe Memorial Day.

Preschool to celebrate graduation

Voorheesville Community Preschool will hold its graduation

celebration on Thursday, May 25, at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

The school currently has openings for the 2000-01 school year.

It is a nondenominational parent cooperative offering a prekindergarten experience to children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1. The school offers a morning or an afternoon program.

For information, call Joanne Patrie at 765-4903 or Annie Brill at 765-4395

Thacher Park trail tour slated

Thacher Park will sponsor a tour of the Indian Ladder Trail on Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

Hikers will meet at the Indian Ladder picnic area.

Library to close Memorial weekend

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed from Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day weekend.

Patrons may access the library's Web site, www.uhls.org/bethlehem, during these days.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30, at 9 a.m.

Beginning June 18, the library will be closed on Sundays through August.

Craft club to try scrapbooking

Scrapbooking is the first project for Bethlehem Public Library's new Middle School Craft Club for grades six to eight on Wednesday, May 31, at 3:30 p.m.

Participants should bring four photographs. All other materials will be provided. To register, call 439-9314.

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that the library helped them overcome loneliness. That is perhaps the most important statistic of all.

The article concluded that the breadth of these responses "helps suggest the multi-tasking nature of the modern public library, which can be matched by few American institutions."

Find out how you can contribute your creativity and vitality to this most worthy public treasure. Come to the annual meeting of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library today at 7:30 p.m.

The Friends are part of a national network of people who want to help libraries remain a viable and popular source of personal and civic enrichment. The meeting is open, and refreshments will be served.

We're open 71 hours a week —

the most of any library in our system. Nevertheless, we do observe some holidays. The library will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend from Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29.

Also, we will be closed on Sundays in the summer beginning June 18 through Sept. 3. Sunday hours will resume on Sept. 10 with our annual Library Day festivities.

Library Day will take on its customary format again this year: community group exhibits, refreshments, giveaways and special events for children and adults — with a few surprises in store. It's not too early to save the date.

And a final word — many thanks to our patrons for approving the 2000-01 budget.

Louise Grieco

Volunteers needed for archaeological dig

Bethlehem Archaeology Laboratory seeks volunteers to help with a dig at an early 18th century home at 28 Creble Road in the town of Bethlehem that was once owned by Daniel Winne.

The home has been purchased by Brian Parker, owner of a company which restores old buildings, who plans to live in the house when restoration work is completed.

Documentary evidence is limited, and foundation archaeology may be the best hope for determining the age of the house. The earliest Winne to arrive in Bethlehem was Peter Winne, who came from Ghent in Flanders in 1652.

The digging phase of the work around the foundation will be open two days each week: Saturdays and one day during the week, which will be negotiated with those volunteering. Monday, Wednesday or Friday are among the top suggestions.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with time off for lunch.

The dig will probably continue for at least six to eight weeks.

Volunteers should bring a lunch and a bottle or thermos of water.


Some tools are available, but bring a shovel and a trowel if you have them.

Anthropology interns are especially welcome, and will have instruction time in the laboratory during inclement weather.

For information or to help out, call Floyd Brewer at 439-6391.

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Bridge group forming for Thursday games

Attention card players: the first bridge session will be on Thursday, June 1, at 12:30 p.m. Lois Gallagher is coordinating the group, which will continue to meet

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Brochures are available at the library or you can ask the reference librarian for assistance.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on May 25 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

The library will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 27 through 29 for Memorial Day.

Barbara Vink



on Thursdays if enough people sign up to host two tables. Call the library at 765-2791 if you would like to attend.

If you cannot make it to the first meeting, call and leave your name and telephone number.

The adult book discussion group meets Wednesday, May 31, to talk about *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Books are still available. If you are a fast reader — stop in to get one and sign up.

The book for June, which will be the last meeting until September, will be *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.

Congratulations to everyone for supporting the new budget. You can't go wrong with an investment in library materials and services.

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BCHS student wins essay competition

Rachael Copp, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship as one of 10 winners in the sixth annual Kaplan/Newsweek "My Turn" Essay Competition, sponsored by Kaplan and "Newsweek" magazine.

Copp's winning essay, entitled, "From Auschwitz to Inspiration," was a description of her visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau last summer.

Eric Murr, manager of Kaplan's Albany center, presented Copp with her Kaplan/Newsweek certificate at the annual Bethlehem Central High School awards ceremony.

The winning essay was selected from more than 3,000 submitted

by high school students from across the country.

Kaplan and "Newsweek" will publish the winning essays, along with those of 10 students given honorable mention, in the Newsweek Education Program book "My Turn' Essays: Student Perspectives," which will be distributed to high schools nationwide in the fall.

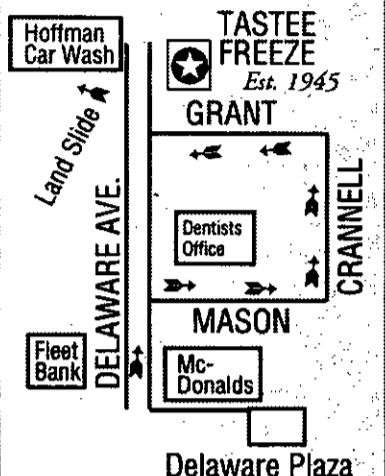
Judges for the competition included award-winning National Public Radio special correspondent Susan Stamberg, Cable News Network correspondent Maria Hinojosa, Children's Defense Fund president and founder Marian Wright Edelman, Kaplan vice president of publishing Trent Anderson and "Newsweek" senior editorial assistant Pamela Hamer.

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Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and free for those under 12.

The event will be held on Route 396 in South Bethlehem. For information, call 767-2744 or go to www.freedomfest2000.net.

Antiques center sets talk

A lecture designed to help potential antique-buyers distinguish real from fake furniture will be held at the Coxsackie Antique Center today, May 24, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 731-8888.

Villagewide yard sale set for June 3

Ravena's annual villagewide yard sale will be held on Saturday,

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June 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Historical museum open Thursdays

The museum of the Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society is open every Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the village office building on Mountain Road.

Museum curator Mary McCabe has also installed a display on the first floor of the building in commemoration of Memorial Day.

Historical society members will attend the Freedom Fest on May 27. The society will display patriotic memorabilia, articles relating to local veterans, lists of veterans buried in local cemeteries and a copy of a Civil War Record Book that lists soldiers from the area.

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Sports

Bethlehem Tomboys 2000 softball season standings

(Standings and results are as of May 10. Individual highlights have been obtained from coaches reports.)

| 10 and under division | W | L | T | GB | STR |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Frangella Associates | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | W3 |
| I Love Books | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | L1 |
| Morgan Stanley | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | W1 |
| Brian Grady Roofing | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 | W1 |
| Bethlehem DARE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 | W1 |
| In & Out the Window | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 | W1 |
| Rhodes Remodeling | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2.0 | L1 |
| Capital Region Tennis | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2.5 | L2 |
| Bennett Contracting | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2.5 | L2 |

| 12 and under division | W | L | T | GB | STR |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Saratoga Shoe Depot | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | W3 |
| Dr. Maestro, DMD | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | W3 |
| Frangella Associates | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | W2 |
| Del. Health & Fitness | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.5 | W1 |
| Brian Grady Roofing | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 | L1 |
| St. Peter's Saints | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2.0 | L1 |
| Beth. Police Officers | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2.0 | L2 |
| Adirondack Records | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2.5 | W1 |
| Meadowbrook Farms | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3.5 | L4 |

| 14 and under division | W | L | T | GB | STR |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Exit 23 Mobil | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | W2 |
| Beth. Democratic Com. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | W2 |
| Allen and Taub | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.0 | W1 |
| Brown and Brown | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.5 | L1 |

| Cap. Reg. Orthopaedic | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1.5 | L1 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Alb. Mediation Center | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2.0 | L2 |
| 18 and under division | W | L | T | GB | STR |
| Riccardo Studios | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | W1 |
| Bob Bellizzi Camp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | W0 |
| McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | L1 |
| Beth. Mem. Veterans Assoc. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | L1 |

DARE 6, (M-Leena Kleinhans, Molly McCann, both clutch hitting, D-Brittany Howland, 9K's, Lansing, 2 hits, 2 runs), Rhodes Remodeling 13, Capital Region Tennis and Fitness 4 (No specific player reports.), Frangella Associates 7, Rhodes Remodeling 6, (F-Jenna Hooper, 2 hits, Allison

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10 and Under game results

In and Out the Window 16, Brian Grady Roofing 6, (I-Kristy Averill, Natasha Hamm, 3 for 3, 3 runs scored, Amy Olinzock, 2 solid defensive plays, B-Rachel Sohnen, 2 hits, 1 run scored, Allison Greenberg, 2 doubles, sturdy catching), Brian Grady Roofing 13, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 12, (B-Aliza Lovett, 3 hits, 3 RBI, good defense, Haley Caldwell, 2 hits, double, solid job pitching and catching), DARE 18, Bennett Contracting 2 (D-Allison Yates, pitched 7K's, Kaitlyn Lansing, 4 singles, double, 5 runs, B-Brittany Low scored twice, June Low, 2 RBI), Morgan Stanley 11,

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Softball

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Applebee, 2 hits, 1 run scored) *Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 7, I Love Books 5* (No specific player reports.)

12 and Under game results

Saratoga Shoe Depot 19, St. Peter's Saints 0 (S- **Katie Dombrowski**, **Chelsea Swete** combined to pitch a shutout, 14 K's, 3 hits, 2 BB's, **Kelly Fitzsimmons**, 3 hits, 3 RBI, **S-Laura Hinds**, strong defense), *Delmar Health and Fitness 10, Bethlehem Police Officers Union 6*, (D- **Bridget Chisholm**, **Tiffany Kasarjian**, excellent pitching),

Frangella Associates 21, Meadowbrook Farms 1, (Miora **Danaher**, **Elizabeth Stupp**, 2 singles, double each) *St. Peter's Saints 17, Meadowbrook Farms Dairy 9*, (S- **Erin Fitzpatrick**, strong pitching, grand slam HR, M- **Kasey Agneta**, 4 K's pitching, 3 singles hitting), *Frangella Associates 9, Brian Grady Roofing 5*, (F- **Heather Conti**, 4 strong innings pitching, **Pilar Berghela**, double, 2 RBI), *Adirondack Records Management 15, Meadowbrook Farms 14*, (A- **Rachel Thompson**, 4 hits, triple, HR, **Monica Manning**, exceptional job on defense, M- **Lindsey Khoury**, single, double, HR), *Dr.*

Christopher J. Maestro, DMD 11, Bethlehem Police Officers Union 2 (D- **Rebecca Plog**, single, 2 RBI, outstanding defense, **Michelle Claire**, single, 2 RBI), *Dr. Christopher Maestro, DMD 9, St. Peter's Saints 4*, (**Rebecca Plog**, single, Grand slam HR, 4 RBI, outstanding catching, **Emily Caracandas**, double, 1 RBI)

pitching and excellent fielding), *Exit 23 Mobil 25, Brown and Brown 10* (E- **Kathleen Getz**, grand slam HR, **Rubin** 3 run HR)

18 and Under game results

East Greenbush 20, Riccardo Studios 3 (R- **Julie Caporta**, **Meagan Furst**, effective defense)

BCHS sports awards banquet scheduled

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association will host its annual awards banquet on June 1 at 6 p.m. at the Elm Avenue Park. Students who participated in varsity sports during the 1999-2000 season are invited.

Suburban Council and Sectional championship teams will be honored. There will also be individual awards including Senior Scholarship and other special awards from coaches.

14 and Under game results

Exit 23 Mobil 20, Capital Region Orthopaedic Associates 9 (E- **Erin Elfeldt**, **Anna Rubin**, each good pitching, C- **Elise Puzio**, 2 innings pitched, 6 K's), *Bethlehem Democratic Committee 21, Capital Region Orthopaedic Associates 6*, (B- **Liz Boyle**, **Vicki Graf**, both great pitching, **Chelsea Arduini**, **Sarah Spellman**, both timely hitting, C- **Fitzsimmons**, play-up, 2 singles), *Allen and Taub 17, Albany Mediation Center 2* (A- **Caitlin Dietz**, 2 for 2, grand slam HR, A- **Christine Jenks**, good

Win streak evens soccer club's record

The New Scotland Soccer Club's (NSSC) Under-8 team evened their record at 2-2 after a win against Watervliet on Monday, May 15 at Voorheesville Elementary School.

The NSSC team scored a 5-0 victory with **Zachary Keller** and **Sarah Mahar** scoring two goals apiece and **Eric Meyer** scoring once.

Zachary Jones chipped in with two assists, while **Spencer Glazer** recorded 12 saves in the second half and Meyer had five saves during the first half.

The win over Watervliet was New Scotland's second in a row, because on Friday, May 12, the NSSCU-8 team traveled to Cohoes and won their first game of the year by a score of 3-0. Goals were scored by Keller, **MacKenzie Blake** and **Brittany Wiley**. Meyer and **Salvatore Loccisano** teamed up for the shutout in goal.

Tickets available for area Skins Game

Tickets for the eighth annual Capital District Skins Game for Ellis Hospital are on sale at Price Chopper supermarkets throughout the area.

Spectator tickets are \$40 for the event, scheduled for Monday, June 5, at Albany Country Club.

All spectators will park at the Northeast (Guilderland) Industrial Park.

The charity golf event will feature PGA Tour star **Fred Couples**, Skins Game and PGA Tour favorites **Ed Fiori** and **Blaine McCallister**, and Skins newcomer **Mark Lye**, the lead analyst for the Golf Channel and a former PGA Tour professional. As an additional bonus, golf legend **Sam Snead** will appear at this year's event as an ambassador of golf.

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Area volleyball teams take first in regional tournament

The Capital District Volleyball Club boys Under-18 C.D. select team and the boys Under-16 team each recently won (in their respective age group) the regional championship tournament for the Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association region of the USA Volleyball Association held at SUNY Cortland.

The Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association, known as IREVA, covers an area of up state New York from the Vermont Massachusetts border to a line between Syracuse and Rochester and from the Pennsylvania border to the Canadian Border.

Each of the Capital District Volleyball Club Teams defeated a Salt City Spikers Team from the Syracuse area in the Championship match for their respective age group.

The regional championship is a qualifier for the National Championship Tournament which will be held in Reno, Nev. from July 13 to 18.

The players on the Under-16 team were Eric Hunter, Doug Kelly, Jon Kemp, Benjamin Meyers, Sandeep Murthy, Robert Soris, and Michael Wood and the team was coached by Hana Panek and Marty Weber.

The players on the Under-18



The Capital District Volleyball Club boys Under-16 team is seen after capturing first place in the recent Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association Tournament. Pictured in the front row, from left, Jon Kemp, Michael Wood, Doug Kelly, and in the back, coach Marty Weber, Benjamin Meyers, Robert Soris, Eric Hunter, Sandeep Murthy and coach Hana Panek.

C.D. Select team were John Delehanty and Steve Terplak, Jr. who were co-captains of Guilderland High School's varsity volleyball team, Alex Weber who was a captain of Bethlehem Central High School's varsity volleyball team, Simon Davenport who was the captain of Shenendehowa

High School's varsity volleyball team, Chris Hosley who was a captain of Columbia High School varsity volleyball team, Erik Addison who also played on Shenendehowa's varsity volleyball team, and Peter Sander who played on Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's varsity volleyball team.

The Under 18 team was also coached by Panek and Weber.

The Under-18 C.D. Select team will play in the 2000 East Coast Boy's Volleyball Championships in Richmond, Va. from May 27 to 29 and they are looking into playing in the National Championships in Reno.

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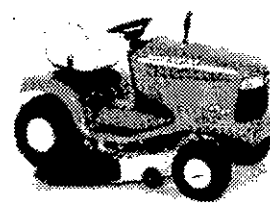
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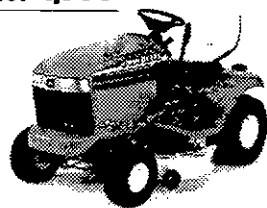
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Timeline

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• **Thursday, 4 p.m.** — DOT orders Delaware Avenue closed, just before evening rush hour; Bethlehem police scramble to limit traffic on the critical stretch of Delaware by setting up temporary roadblocks at Elsmere Avenue. With Route 9W named as a major detour route, traffic there backs up from Bethlehem Center past Corning Hill until well past 7 p.m. Dredging resumes in the Normanskill. An incident command center is established by Elsmere fire and Bethlehem police officials in the foyer of a dental office building across Delaware Avenue from the emergency scene. Elsmere fire officials go on full in-service standby at the sta-

tion just off Elsmere Avenue, bracing for another potential slide. Spectators and television crews gather to await the inevitable end for the produce building.

• **Thursday, about 8 p.m.** — All but the front facade of the produce market disappears into the ravine. Moments later, Supervisor Sheila Fuller goes before the assembled TV cameras in the Albany Med parking lot to announce a state of emergency. Albany City officials follow suit within hours.

• **Friday, May 19** — An American Red Cross team begins to distribute information on emergency shelter and services, if needed, to residents of the neighborhood adjacent to the disaster site. Police, private security and

DOT officials widen the security cordon around the slide. State emergency management officials arrive, begin aerial inspection. Minor erosion continues.

• **Friday afternoon** — Moving vans arrive at the Albany Med building to remove cartons of financial records. Albany police seal off Delaware Avenue to all but local residents from McAlpin Avenue south; Bethlehem police establish roadblocks at Mason Avenue. DOT announces the postponement of major roadwork due to begin Monday to refurbish the Delmar Bypass in Glenmont, concerned about the impact of lane closures on one of the major detour routes around the disaster scene.

• **Friday 7 p.m.** — Going door to door, Bethlehem police

and Elsmere firefighters notify nearby residents of an emergency meeting at Bethlehem town hall at 8:30 p.m. There they are advised of the possible threat to homes and businesses facing the disaster site across Delaware; some residents begin to pack.

• **Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.** — With the erosion largely halted, town and DOT officials convene a forum at town hall to brief the public on the situation; frustrations begin to show at the lack of definitive answers about when the hillside will stabilize. Maps of possible evacuation routes for the nearby neighborhood are distributed by Bethlehem police. Meanwhile, DOT crews begin to bore through the pavement to try to determine the stability of the underlying clay.

• **Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m.** — A second public briefing; town officials announce Local Area Access Passes to be distributed to residents of the impacted area. DOT spokesmen indicate the like-

lihood that the erosion will eventually reach the roadway. Residents within 100 yards of the landslide's edge are urged to consider gathering their valuables to safety, but no formal evacuation is ordered. Further briefings are put on hold. Sunday night, a decision is made to restrict traffic to and from the immediate area to local residents only.

• **Monday, May 22** — Barricades on Delaware Avenue are moved back in order to permit some residents to move belongings from apartments near the disaster area. Albany Med reopens its facility but begins planning to move its operations. Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue visits the disaster site, pledges that the state will do whatever it can to assist the local effort. Niagara Mohawk crews continue to lay temporary cables in tubing on the sidewalk, to guard against interruption of service caused by any further landslide. The hill has not moved significantly in days. The waiting continues.

Business info meeting on slide slated

Bethlehem town Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney will host a meeting for businesspeople affected by the

landslide on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at town hall on Delaware Avenue.

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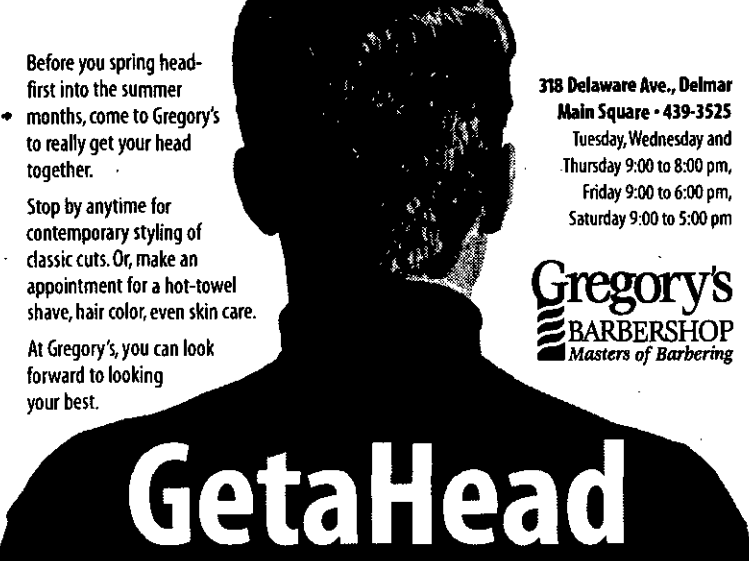
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Tips on how to choose the perfect summer camp

By Jennifer B. Miller

Choosing a summer camp for your child may seem as intensive as picking his or her college, but there are ways for parents to be sure they get the most from this summer experience.

Whether you want a day camp or overnight camp, an educational or sports-oriented camp, you still have to get started. Marian Edelman Borden's book "Summer Fun: The Parents' Complete Guide to Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Specialty Camps, and Teen Tours" can help you do just that.

Borden said there are several good ways to get started in your search to find camps in your area:

- Word of mouth. Other families in your community may recommend or criticize a local day camp.
- Check your church or

synagogue.

- The local YMCA or YMHA may also house day camp programs. o Ask your pediatrician.
- Call your local recreation commission.
- Go on-line and check with parenting forums.
- Check the yellow pages.
- Work with a camp adviser.
- Check local preschools.
- Visit a camp fair.

Once you get some suggestions on good camps in your area, Borden said there are a few things parents should look for before sending their child out the door.

"The most important ingredients of a good summer program are the people who run it," she said. "A good camp director and a strong staff make sure that safety is a primary concern and that the programmatic content of the

camp is age-appropriate and, of course, fun.

"You want to make sure that the staff understands – and enjoys – kids," she added. "It's not enough that someone is exceptionally skilled at a sport or craft, you want to make sure that the staff wants to work with kids and knows how to teach."

Borden said it's important for parents to do a lot of research before choosing a camp.

"Summer camp can be such a great experience – if it's the right program," she said. "Furthermore, it can be an expensive experience (although cost should never be used as an indicator of quality – there are great programs that don't cost a lot).

But before you spend any money – and most important, before you send your child to a program – you want to make sure it's safe and fun.

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One great feature of the book is a section that includes checklists parents can use when visiting camps or talking to camp directors.

"Summer Fun gives parents detailed questions and checklists to use as they evaluate the various summer programs," Borden said. "I cover everything from safety concerns to program issues. I pose the questions that parents need to ask."

And safety is probably one of the most important features of a camp.

Borden said parents should look for information on:

- Smoke alarms, fire drills and where the fire department is located.
- If there is list of safety regulations clearly posted for each activity and whether the counselors review the regulations with the campers before each activity?
- Is protective equipment worn?

• Are there warm-up and cool-down exercises before and after sports activities?

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• All waterfront safety issues including lifeguard policies, swim lessons and life vests.

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Borden also cites the American Camping Association at www.aca-camps.org, and the guide to accredited camps at 1-800-428-CAMP as great resources for parents.

There is also a suggested reading list for campers in the back of the book to help prepare them for their adventure.

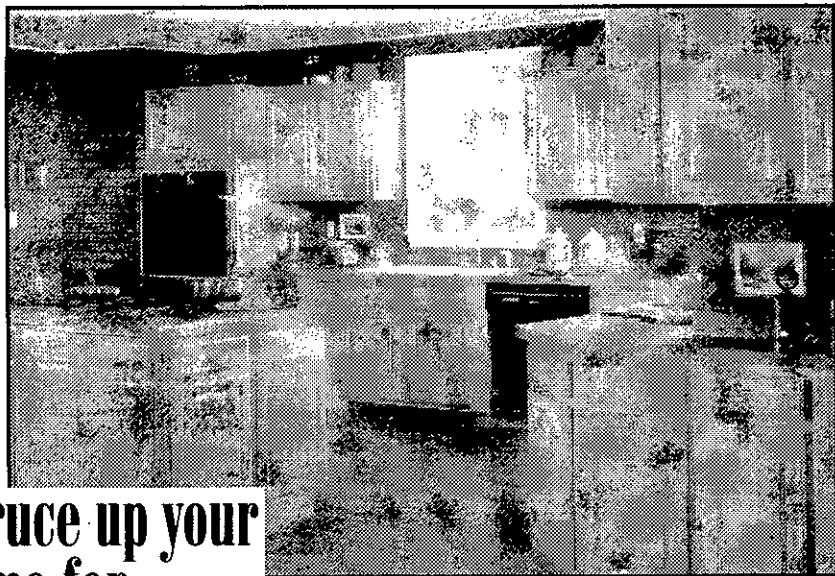
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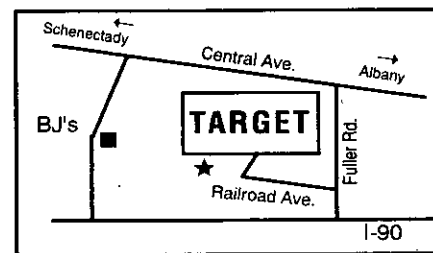


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"I wanted to help parents figure out the right program for their child," she added. "There are several good camp directories available – but I wanted this book to give parents the tools they needed to make an informed choice amongst the many summer programs that are available. And once having made that choice, I wanted them to know how to maximize the experience for their child – and how to avoid or deal with any

problems." Locally, several area camps are already gearing up for a busy camping season. Sue Mossey, director of Camp Scully on Snyders Lake, said camping is an excellent social and learning experience for kids.

Camp Scully is for campers ages 7 to 14 and runs June 25 through Aug. 12 in one-week sessions. Mossey said the overnight camp offers a lot to the camper.

"Children come from all over the area. It is a very diverse group," she said. "The camp

brings groups from different backgrounds together to have a great summer."

The cost for Camp Scully is \$190 week but Mossey said scholarship opportunities are available. For registration information, call 465-5408.

One camp with a twist is the Archaeological Perspective Summer Camp Program. Run by Geoffrey Purcell, the camp runs June 26 through Sept. 1 in one-week sessions. The cost is \$150/week plus a \$10 materials fee for children in second through eighth

grade, and \$100/week plus a \$10 materials fee for children in kindergarten and first grade. The camp is a hands-on camp where campers learn stories about the past and dig archaeological sites to assess the usefulness of the story.

"The camp is about learning through discovery," he said. For registration information, call 438-8620.

Albany Academy Summer Camp, run by Joe Urschel is held June 12 through Sept. 1. It is \$200/week, which includes a

snack and a beverage at lunchtime. Urschel said the camp is a good blend of three things.

"We have instruction with Red Cross swim lessons, golf and tennis; enrichment with gymnastics, arts and crafts, and the performing arts; and recreation with air-conditioned free-play in the arcade, playground fun, bikes and an oversized sandbox," he said. Albany Academy has been running summer camps for over 30 years and Urschel said the camps are great for kids.

Here's a list to help parents find just the right camp

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135 Academy Road
Albany 12208
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Clifton Park Soccer Camp
Town of Clifton Park
1 Town Hall Plaza
Clifton Park 12065

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Summer Day Camp
61 State St.
Troy 12180

EBA Dance Theater
Summer Day Camps
351 Hudson Ave. at Lark Street
Albany 12210

Hidden Lake Camp
And Camp Woodhaven
1040 State St.
Schenectady 12307

Hudson Valley Community
College

80 Vandenburg Ave.
Troy 12180

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1702 Central Ave.
Colonie 12205

RPI Instructional All Sport
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RPI Football Office
87 Gym
Troy, NY 12180

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Loudonville 12211

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Shen Summer Adventures
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Clifton Park 12065

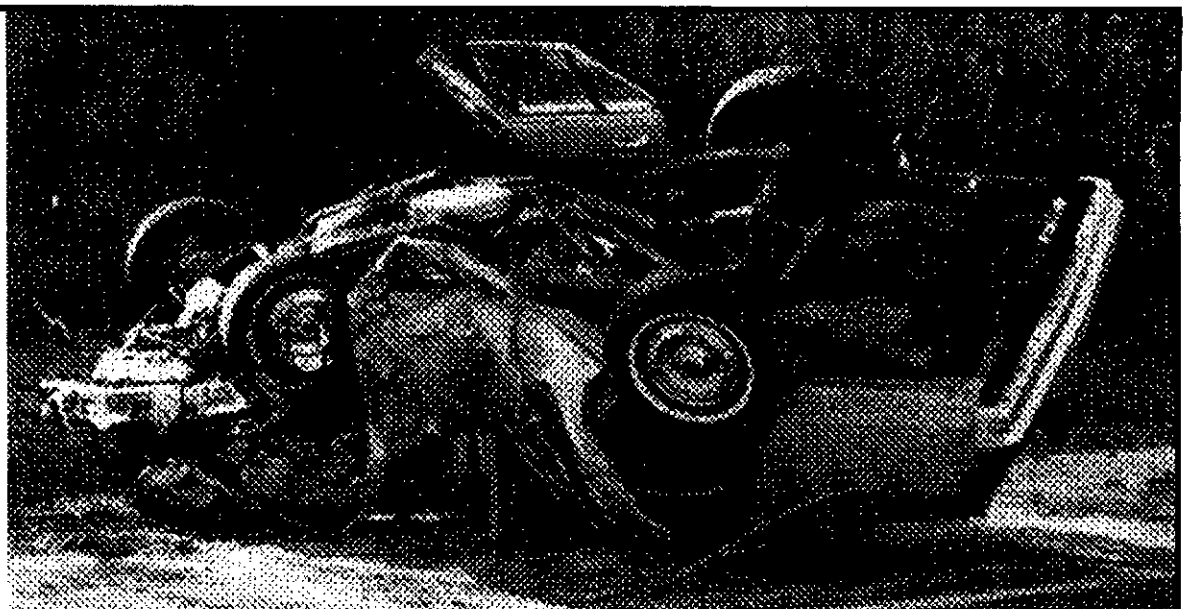
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Saratoga Springs 12866

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The Archeology Perspective
Summer Camp Program
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Albany, NY 12203

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Albany, NY 12212

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Schenectady, NY 12304

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Summer Program
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Albany, NY 12205

Camp Brookledge
962 Albany St.
Schenectady, NY 12307

Camp Chaverini
2565 Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12309

Camp Pinnacle
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Saratoga Springs, NY

Preparing children for camp

By Jackie Moylan

Despite what the calendar says, this year summer officially begins at 10 a.m. on the last day of school. Thus begin the summer rituals of picnics, vacations, and, of course, summer camp.

Summer camp. What images those two words conjure up. For some, these words evoke sweet memories of hiking through wooded glens on sunny days, making new friends, shivering to ghost stories, and making s'mores over the campfire.

As for me, I remember rain, leaky tents, burned marshmallows and fingers, psycho camp counselors and macaroni crafts. Yes, I lived Alan Sherman's "Camp Grenada" song.

But what about today's campers? How do they feel about camp? Why do their parents camp? They do their parents camp? I spoke with dozens of parents and more than 100 teen-agers for insight into the "Camp Question."

First of all, there are several types of camps. These range from the traditional sleep-away camps to specialty camps such as computer, horse, basketball, and soccer.

About 85 percent of the teen-agers I talked with have had at least one camp experience and all of them were overnight camps.

Surprisingly, these kids were evenly divided on the types they enjoyed most. Teens who loved traditional camp were those fond of the outdoors, hiking, and swimming. Boy/Girl Scout camps and Bible/Christian camps seemed to be the most popular of this genre. Campers who attended specialty camps went to learn or hone a skill.

Basketball, soccer and horse camps were the overall favorites. Both groups viewed camp as an excellent way to meet new friends, have fun and relieve summer boredom. Despite the varying camps, there was another commonality.

Each of these teens wanted to go to camp and had a say as to when, where, and how long they would stay.

Those who disliked camp experiences were vehement in their responses. In all instances, these kids did not share in the decision-making. For example, Nikki did not even know she was going to camp until a few days before her departure.

Others also explained that they were sent away unwillingly from two to six weeks.

They felt "gotten rid of" and angry. Whether their parents truly chose camps as convenient baby sitters is not the issue. What is important, is how these teens felt. They were so upset that it colored their entire camp experiences.

Feeling insecure and unwanted left them no time for them to happily participate or

appreciate camping activities.

Fortunately, the majority of parents I talked with made camp arrangements with input from their children. The child's interest and cost were of major concern.

On the other hand, I talked with one mother who felt that school should meet every day, year round.

Since that is not the case, she sent her daughter to several camps throughout the entire summer.

Her daughter returned home the last week in August and was not a "happy camper." She missed her friends and hanging out.

A father told me that he sends his son to camp so he will "learn to be a man." When asked for an explanation, he said he felt his son was weak and needed to "toughen up." He hoped his son would learn how to fight and play football. It did not happen.

As a parent, I have gained some valuable insight into the camping dilemma. Before choosing a camp for my daughter, I vow to do the following:

1. Talk with her.
3. Choose a camp she thinks she might enjoy.
4. Choose a camp that is affordable.
5. Assure her that she goes only if she wants.
6. It is what she wants from a camping experience, not what benefits me, that is truly important.
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Raise your glass to wines that suit summer

By Leigh G. Kirtley

A new season means a chance to try new things. So why not treat yourself to some fabulous summer wines to go with your grilled chicken or fresh seafood?

Chilled white wine can make the perfect end to a hot summer day. Sauvignon blanc, pinot grigio and chardonnay are all crisp, refreshing choices that appeal to a wide variety of tastes.

Labels from California, Europe and as far away as Australia all produce these wines with subtle variations, but all at good values.

"The popularity of Australian wines has picked up tremendously and they offer beautiful values," said Sheila McNeil of Wine & Spirits of Slingerlands.

McNeil was a judge for the New York state wine competition last fall and her two-year-old shop received the 2000 Retailer of the Year Award from the New York Grape and Wine Foundation.

One of her picks from Australia is a blend of semillion and chardonnay grapes by McPherson.

It is full-flavored and refreshing with a hint of tropical fruit.

"It makes a great deck wine," she said.



Summer wines are abundant at Wine & Spirits of Slingerlands.

The popularity of Australian wines has picked up tremendously and they offer beautiful values.

Sheila McNeil

Of course, you can find terrific wines right here in New York state.

McNeil favors the cabernet franc variety that recently won the Governor's Cup for Best Wine in New York State.

"It's the Finger Lakes' hidden jewel," she said.

If you are not a white wine fan, or if you want some variety, there are plenty of red wines to complement your

summer mood and menu.

Some of McNeil's favorite barbecuing wines include syrah by Pepperwood and the red zinfandel from several different vineyards.

With so many wines to choose from, making a selection can be difficult.

To help shoppers, magazines like "Wine Spectator," "Wine Enthusiast" and "Wine Advocate" rate individual wines on a scale of 0-100.

But what do the numbers

really mean?

"It's like going back to school," said George Schroder of Parkwood Wines & Spirits in Clifton Park.

"A rating of 90 to 100 would be an 'A,' 80 to 89 a 'B,' and so on," Schroder said.

To be more specific, anything over 96 would be an excellent wine, usually with a price tag to match; 90 to 95 outstanding; and 80 to 89 above average to very good.

Schroder suggested avoiding

any wine with a rating less than 80.

He also said that while the ratings are fairly standard, they vary by as much as two points.

"Ratings from 'Wine Advocate' are the toughest," he said.

Schroder cautioned that you should not select a wine by the numbers alone.

"Ratings are a good starting point and each rating comes with a description of the wine. But it all comes down to personal preference," he said.

Taking advantage of wine tastings is a great way to discover which wines fit your style. A wine tasting journal can help you remember what you have tasted or bought and how well you liked it.

Some people save the labels from wines they have purchased and give their own ratings.

Wine & Spirits of Slingerlands schedules tastings on the weekends that feature several wines.

You can call the store at 439-5535 for information.

At Parkwood Wines & Spirits, they usually have a bottle or two open for their customers to sample.

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The 2000 season brings to the Electric City a number of big name players, most notably Serena and Venus Williams.

The sisters Williams will join others top players of today and yesterday, including Mary Pierce, Martina Navratilova and Jim Courier in league play in July and August.

In all, nine teams will be competing in the 2000 DuPont WTT Professional League — four from the Eastern Conference, Delaware Smash, Hartford FoxForce, New York Hamptons and Schenectady County Electrics, and five from the Western Conference, Idaho Sneakers, Kansas City Explorers, Sacramento Capitals, Springfield Lasers and St. Louis Aces.

The WTT season will be played July 10 to 30 with the top team from both the Western and Eastern Conference advancing to the finals.

The finals are set for Aug.

26 on the Grandstand Court #3 at the National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York.

Each team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Team matches consist of five sets, with one set each of men's singles, women singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

The first team to reach five games wins each set. A nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four-all.

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Sponsors expect more than 150,000 people this year to attend the events.

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Billie Jean King and Larry King originated the concept of team tennis. In 1981, World Team Tennis hit the courts with four California teams competing for \$310,000 in prize money.

By 1993, the league had expanded to record 12 teams and offered \$720,000 in prize money.

Beginning in 1996, players no longer competed for prize money but instead signed contracts prior to the start of the WTT season.

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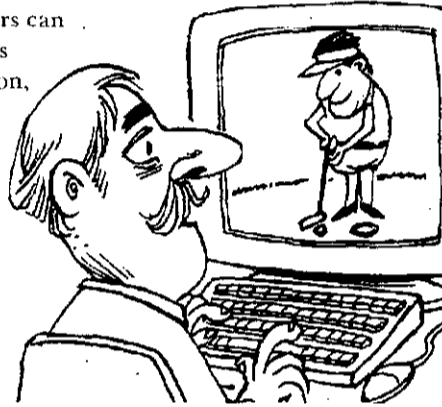
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Some of the newer shock products may only clear the water. For maximum control of bacteria and algae, the National Spa & Pool Institute requires 5 to 10 parts per million shock delivery.

Here are some simple daily, weekly and monthly tasks you might take note of to make sure

your pool is safe and fun for all this summer.

Daily

Test the water; add chemicals as soon as readings deviate from preferred ranges.

Run the filter 12 to 24 hours a day. If pool water appears cloudy, run the filter continuously until the water is clear.

Use a skimmer net to remove leaves or any other debris that may float on the pool surface.

Weekly

Choose a day for once-a-week duties. But plan for some flexibility.

Your pool will need immediate attention after a day of heavy use or after a weather event.

Very high temperatures, wind or rain all affect your pool water.

Vacuum manually at least once a week, brush down the sidewalls every other week.

If you have an automatic cleaner, run it for eight to 12 hours at least two or three times during the week.

Cleaning helps lower the chances of an algae outbreak in the pool water.

Clean the skimmer and pump baskets as often as you can, especially when nearby trees are shedding seed pods and leaves.

Always check the skimmer and baskets following a rain storm.

Monitor the pump pressure gauge.

It's time to backwash whenever the pressure is 5 to 8 pounds per square inch above the normal level.

Monthly

Clean pool walls to remove

the scum ring that forms at the waterline.

Remember that automatic vacuums, covers and new filter cartridges help to reduce maintenance time.

Doctors caution about swim lessons

Kids under 4 may get dangerously overconfident

The American Academy of Pediatrics has warned against swim lessons for children under 4, saying such training may give youngsters a false sense of security around the water.

In the April issue of the Academy's journal *Pediatrics*, Dr.

Barb Smith said, "We're discouraging lessons for children under 4 if the parents' idea is that teaching their baby to swim makes the child safer."

The academy is not discouraging programs that get children accustomed to the water and teach safety tips.

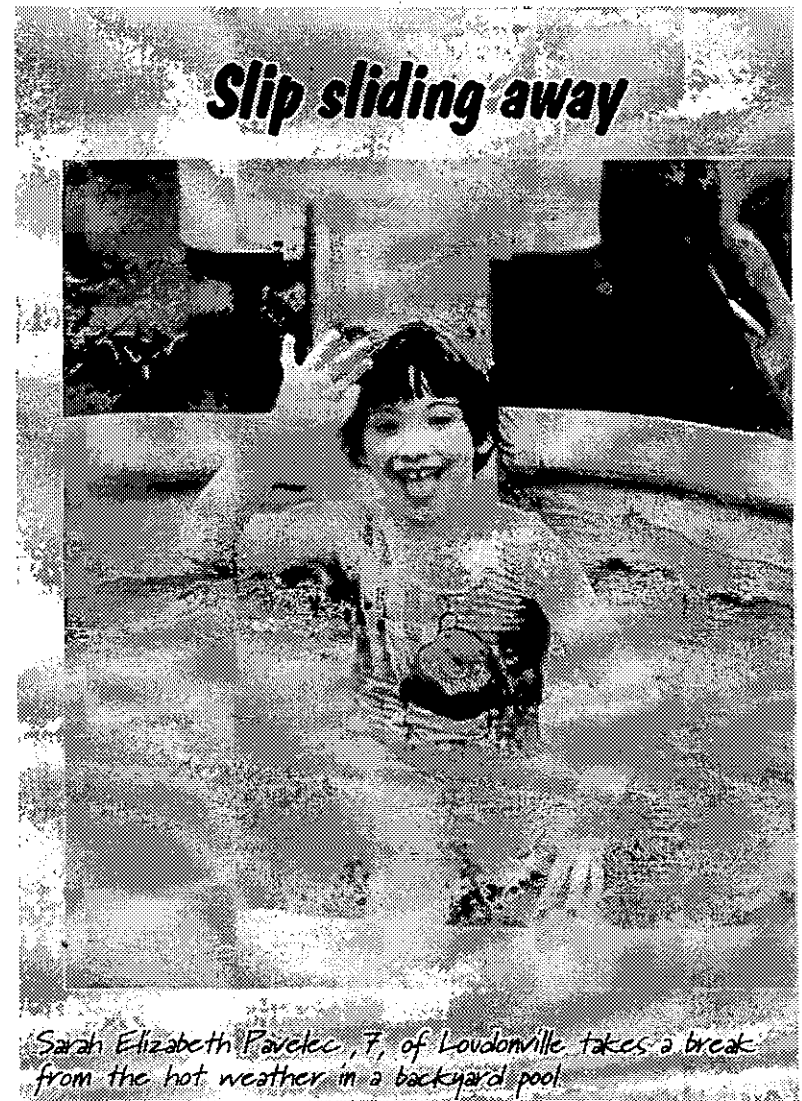
The academy is not discouraging programs that get children accustomed to the water and teach safety tips such as those developed by the YMCA and the American Red Cross.

Authors do advise, though, that some programs try to develop water survival skills and advise parents that children that young can be taught to swim.

The fear then is that the

parents will become less vigilant and the toddler will become more fearless around the water. This false sense of security is what the Academy is concerned about.

According to the Academy, drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional injury and death among children.



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Get summer family reading off to a great start

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Whether you are off to the beach, hanging out poolside or lazing under a shady tree, books make the perfect companion.

Reading outside surrounded by summer weather and sounds makes us feel as though time has slowed and summer will last a bit longer this year.

"The pleasure of reading a good book can last a lifetime," said Polly Hartman, one of the children's librarians at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Perhaps creating and hanging onto that memory is why summer is such a great time to read.

A visit to your local library can open a new world to you and your children.

"Just come in and browse the shelves, then sit on one of our shady benches outside to read," said Ann Moore, a librarian at the Niskayuna branch of the Schenectady Public Library.

Moore, a mystery fan, suggested some interesting titles. One is "Half Moon Street," by



Your local librarian is a valuable resource when looking for the right summer books.

Anne Perry.

Set in Victorian England, you get a mini-history lesson in every story. Moore also recommended a series of mysteries by author Diane Davidson.

Like all her books, the newest, "Tough Cookie," revolves around a caterer and she includes a recipe with every story.

"I even tried making one of the recipes in the book," Moore said.

Of course, if you are looking for inspiration, Moore suggested "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius," an autobiography by Dave Eggers.

When Eggers' parents died leaving behind Eggers and his 8-year-old brother, he took on the responsibility to raise them himself.

At 22, Eggers struggles with the challenges of being a single parent, welfare authorities and his own health.

Of course, most children would rather be inside the pool, than reading poolside.

To help keep them motivated over the summer break, many libraries have reading incentive programs that reward children with small prizes for reading books.

At Bethlehem, the reading program "Discover 2000 Read" runs from June 26 to Aug. 9, and

every Friday during the summer the library has a free book drawing for participants.

The library has updated book lists for each age group to help children find the right book.

Although singling out just a few titles was difficult, Hartman does have some favorites for young readers.

Middle readers, ages eight through 12, will be happy to learn that the fourth Harry Potter book is expected out this summer.

For teens and preteens, Hartman suggested a story based on tales of the Arabian Nights by Susan Fletcher called "Shadow Spinner."

Another favorite for the same age group was "Spinners" by Donna Jo Napoli, who put a new twist to the familiar Rumpelstiltskin fable.

"And you can't leave out the Newbery 2000 winner, 'When Zachary Beaver Came to Town,' by Kimberly Willis Holt," Hartman said. This book is targeted for around the second-grade level.

Book groups are another great way to keep motivated over the summer.

Bethlehem has a unique book group just for mothers and daughters.

For girls as young as fourth grade, Hartman selects books appropriate for both generations. "It forms a common ground for communication," she said.

She got the idea from a book by Shireen Dodson, "The Mother-Daughter Book Club."

In addition to suggested reading lists, Dodson leads you through organizing and running a successful reading group.

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Visit your local library for more information on reading programs and book lists.

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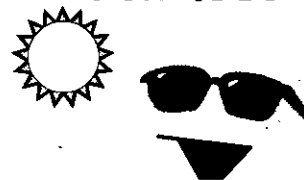
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In summer, warm temperatures and outside activities such as barbecuing increase the risk of food contamination.

When grilling outdoors, use paper towels and napkins, which enable you to wipe up and throw away the germs. Follow these other grilling tips and help keep your family safe.

Always marinate meat in the refrigerator. Defrost frozen meat in the refrigerator, microwave or under cold running water.

Use separate plates and cutting boards for raw and cooked meats.

Wash hands frequently when handling raw meat. Use soap and water, and dry hands completely with paper towels to help prevent the spread of germs.

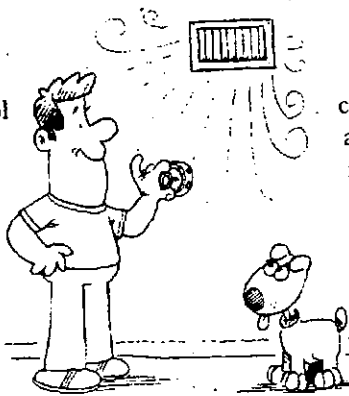
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Be proactive; don't wait for a breakdown. Preventive maintenance for air conditioners such as professional cleaning and tune-ups will cost less than repair or replacement.

Use your senses. Notice the sound your air conditioner makes when it's working and cooling properly.

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There isn't time to create a Sunday brunch that will please the whole family — or is there?

These easy, award-winning recipes let you spend less time in the kitchen and more time with your family.

Make-ahead dishes are a real time-saver.

With a little pre-planning and a stash of pantry staples, brunch can be on the table before

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Put together the Pecan Morning Casserole the night before and pop it in the oven the next morning while you linger over the paper.

And what's faster than making a sandwich? A BLH (that's brie, leek and ham) breakfast sandwich lends an elegant taste to the morning, without a lot of time or fuss.

A weekend brunch presents a perfect opportunity for parents and children to get together and reconnect, catch up on what's happened during the week.

And making this meal doesn't exhaust you for other weekend fun.



Try a new breakfast entree this weekend an easy brie, leek and ham breakfast sandwich.

Brie, Leek and Ham Breakfast Sandwiches

Ingredients:

- 2 large leeks (white parts only), cut lengthwise and rinsed of soil, cut to 1/4 inch slices
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/3 cup water
- 4 ounces brie cheese, sliced
- 8 slices ham
- 8 slices raisin or hearty wheat bread

In a skillet, sauté sliced leeks in butter for two to three minutes. Add maple syrup and water.

Simmer, uncovered, until leeks are almost tender.

Assemble four sandwiches; a slice of bread, an ounce of brie, two slices of ham and a portion of the leek mixture.

Top with another slice of bread. Brush both sides of the sandwich with melted butter.

Grill on a preheated griddle until bread is toasted and cheese has melted.

Slice each sandwich in half

diagonally and serve with scrambled eggs.

Pecan Morning Casserole
Ingredients:

- 1 loaf (16 ounces) raisin bread
- 1 package (8 ounces) sausage
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups half and half
- 6 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Topping:

- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Prepare 9-by-13-inch glass baking pan with nonstick spray.

Cube raisin bread and put in baking dish.

Brown sausage, drain and cut into bite-size pieces. Mix with bread.

In a large bowl, mix milk, half and half, eggs, vanilla, nutmeg and cinnamon.

Pour over bread and sausage. Tightly cover with plastic wrap.

Refrigerate overnight.

In the morning, pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

To prepare topping, soften, but do not melt, butter in microwave.

Mix in brown sugar, syrup and pecans. Uncover casserole and spoon topping evenly over casserole.

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Don't sweat summer heat. Summer means more time spent on shaving or waxing underarm hair which can lead to dry or irritated underarms.

Switch to an anti-perspirant that cares for your skin with moisturizer.

Choose invisible solid to prevent messy white residue on clothes or skin.

Wear protective clothing. The right clothes can increase your protection against the sun

and help decrease your risk of wrinkles, age spots and skin cancer.

A sun-savvy outfit will even help you keep cooler, so choose cotton over silk or wool and a tight weave over a loose weave.

Slather on sunscreen.

Apply a full-spectrum SPF 15 or higher sunblock 30 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every couple of hours, and after swimming.

Use a generous amount to ensure total body coverage.

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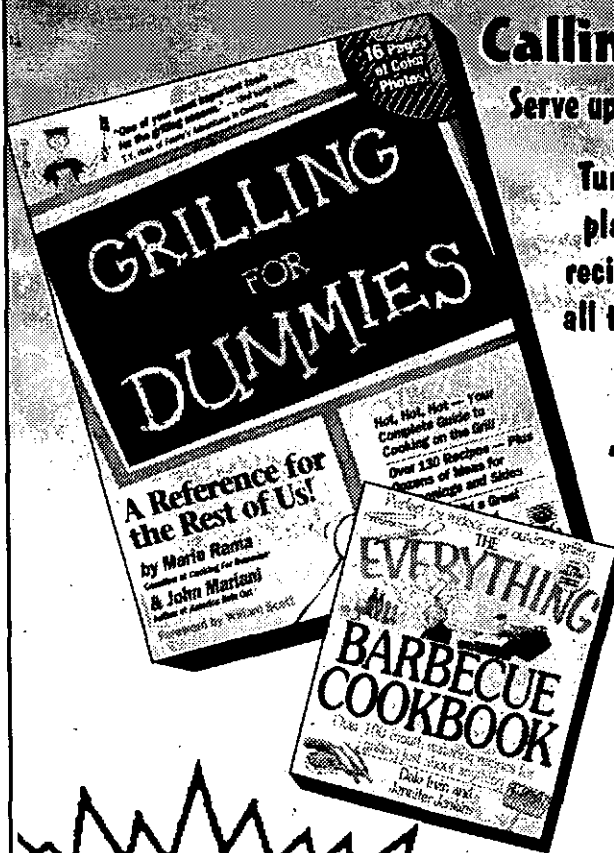
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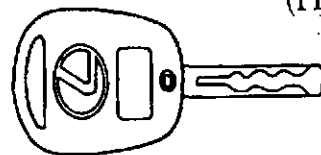
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Wear a waterproof sunscreen of 15 SPF or higher all year round, even when you can't see the sun.

Wear clothing with a tight

weave and a wide-brimmed hat to shade your face and neck.

Wear sunglasses treated to absorb UV radiation to protect your eyes.

Avoid sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the sun's peak hours.

Protect your children. Research shows that people who have a severe sunburn before the age of 18 are more likely to get skin cancer.

Keep babies under six months out of the sun completely.

Equally important is practicing early detection. Once a month, give yourself a skin exam. If you see any suspicious signs or changes, see your doctor immediately.

For information on cancer prevention, visit the Cancer Research Foundation of America at www.preventcancer.org.

Remember pets when the weather heats up

Summer sun not always fun for pets.

The warm months are here, and as you make plans to beat the heat this summer, don't forget to think about your pets.

Keep cool. Never leave

Heed the heat.

During the hottest part of the day, try out the temperature of your pet's hideaway yourself. If it feels uncomfortable to you, it's probably too hot for your pet, too.

Double the dose. No matter how big the water bowl, always double the amount of water you give your pets to prevent dehydration and refill constantly.

Bathe your beauty.



your pet in a car even if you roll the windows down, as your pet can quickly overheat. Likewise, at home, avoid placing aquariums or pet cages in front of sunny windows.

Give a spritz.

Fill a squirt bottle with cool, clean water and keep it handy. When your pet shows signs of needing to cool down, just give him several spritzes to wet him down.

Cancel the clippers. Don't give your pets a summer buzz cut; most veterinarians agree that a longer coat actually helps to insulate and keeps pets cooler.

Clothing optional.

If your pet enjoys sunbathing, or has a thin coat with limited sun protection, be sure to cover him/her up with a T-shirt. You can also protect his/her head with a cap or soak a cotton neckerchief in cool water and tie it around the neck.

If your pet is feeling the summertime blues from sunburns and stings, soak him/her in an oatmeal bath. Also, keep birds chipper with birdbaths filled to the rim.

Let them take a dip. Fill a wading pool with a few inches of cool water to give pets a pleasant place to "chill out."

No fleas, please.

There's nothing more troubling than being hot and itchy. Check your outdoor pet daily for fleas and ticks. Ask your veterinarian to recommend the best product for prevention.

The bang of Fourth of July fireworks and summer thunderstorms can make even the toughest of pets tremble. An extra dose of TLC, plus a safe place to take cover, will help pets survive the "bombs bursting in air."

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BC board names new Slingerlands principal

By Heather Brockbank

Superintendent Les Loomis announced that Heidi Bonacquist will be the new principal of Slingerlands Elementary School at the May 17 school board meeting. She will replace longtime principal David Murphy, who retires at the end of the school year.

Bonacquist has worked as coordinator of elementary English language arts and K-8 math programs for the Mohonasen Central School District.

"We went through an extensive interview process, and Heidi was the clear front-runner," Loomis said. "We're all very pleased to have her come to us and join us."

In other business, teacher Joan Link reported on the first-year of the Functional Skills Instructional (FSI) class at Bethlehem Central High School.

As teacher of the class of six developmentally disabled students, Link has sought to help each student become more self-sufficient and comfortable within society. Other staff members, aides and professionals also provide the students with instruction and reinforcement on essential life skills.

This year, students have worked on learning how to prepare a meal, do laundry, write a

check, navigate with a map, read road signs, type on the computer, plant flowers, shop at the market, complete a job and socialize with others. All of these skills, Link said, will help them after they graduate from the program, which will be at age 21 for most students.

Though most of the students live with their parents, Link said that in the future many will move into some type of supported-living environment.

"In that case, we want them to feel as independent as possible — to do as much as they can on their own," Link said.

"Anything hands-on, anything real-life supplements anyone's learning, but particularly students' with developmental disabilities," she added.

For example, when students planted daffodils in the town, each student used a ruler to measure the depth and distance between each flower. They predicted which flowers would grow best, based upon the amount of sun they received. The students also participated in clean-up of the site when the planting was complete.

Link reports that the FSI class continues to contribute to the community and school. Students spruced up the Four Corners area for a holiday celebration. At the high school, they provided laun-

dry services to coaches and the technology and art departments.

Many of the students are involved in school clubs, and they cheer on and provide water for athletic teams.

"The other focus I've had is to have [the FSI students] active participants in the community — that they can be doing for others and feel good about themselves," Link said.

Through the high school's mentor program, many disabled students have a buddy, and a social group of both FSI and non-disabled students meets frequently. They've had holiday parties and gone to concerts and athletic events.

Link said her students were pleased to receive nondriver identification cards from the state Department of Motor Vehicles and a library card giving them the privilege to check out books. One student was so happy to receive his class ring, that he couldn't keep his eyes off it. Link said the same student was overjoyed when she gave him the form to include his picture in the yearbook.

"You'd think I'd given him the key to the city — he was thrilled," Link said.

The FSI class studies English, math, science and social studies. Students produce a weekly newsletter for their parents on the computer, present a daily weather report to the class and go bowling every week at Del Lanes. They also occasionally swim at the pool and go on nature walks.

FSI students receive vocational training at job sites throughout the community. Link expects that all of the students will qualify for a job upon graduation.

She is especially pleased with how well FSI students have blended into the high school environment.

"They've adjusted wonderfully," she said.

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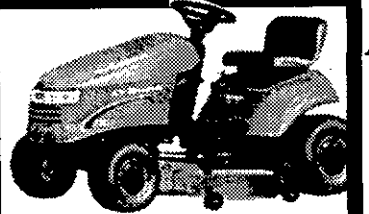
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and if a dishwasher is unavailable you should soak your toothbrush in Listerine for about 20 minutes. It is important to understand that we can reinfest ourselves with our own bacteria. When you or a family member is ill you should brush your teeth then either discard or wash your brush to ensure that you don't reintroduce the bacteria back into your body. Family members should also keep their toothbrushes separate from the others so bacteria can not spread by the heads of the brushes being so close.

Staying healthy is important to all of us. By taking the above precautions, hopefully we can help you protect yourself from unnecessary exposure to illness. So while cleaning your bathroom, clean your toothbrushes too!

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Obituaries

G. Jeane Hammont

G. Jeane Jones Hammont, 75, of Borthwick Avenue in Delmar died Thursday, May 18, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, she attended Albany High School.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hammont was a member of Oakwood Bible Church in Troy.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene Hammont; two sons, Mark Hammont of Canton, Ga., and Brian Hammont of Jordanville; two brothers, John Jones of Fort Edward and William Jones of Malta; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and Oakwood Bible Church.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the NYS Right to Life Committee, State Office, 41 State St., Albany 12207 or Capital City Rescue Mission, 50 Hudson Ave., Albany 12207.

Hobart Shanley Jr.

Hobart J. Shanley Jr. of Delmar and Harwich, Mass., died Wednesday, May 17, in Harwich.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., he was a graduate of Mount Hermon School and Nichols College.

Mr. Shanley worked for the W.H. Smith Paper Co. in Albany for more than 30 years before he retired.

He was a member of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, the Second Milers and a volunteer for Bethlehem Senior Services. He was a deacon and elder of Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Gordon Shanley; sons, James Shanley of Averill Park and David Shanley of Delmar; a daughter, Susan Shanley of Rochester; sisters, Jean Puckhaber of Rochester and Marie Devlin of San Diego, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Services, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Robert Gregory

Robert Gregory, 69, of Delmar died Wednesday, May 17, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Staats Gregory; four daughters,

Deborah Gaetano of Clifton Park, Sandra Ackert and Darlene Eddy, both of Selkirk; and Kathy Carter of Delaware; five sons, Robert Gregory and Brian Gregory, both of Galway, David Gregory of Clifton Park, Donald Dunston of Tennessee and Daniel Dunston of Selkirk; a sister, Lucille Pierce of Clarksville; 34 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Anna Perry

Anna E. Perry, 59, of South Bethlehem died Tuesday, May 16, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, John Perry; her mother, Florence Slingerland of South Bethlehem; two daughters, Lisa Anne Milette of Delmar and Dena Perry of Glenmont; two sons, Mark Perry of South Bethlehem and Brian Perry; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem Methodist Church, PO Box 98, South Bethlehem 12161 or the ALS Regional Center, c/o St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Mauritz Johnson

Mauritz Johnson, 78, of Delmar died Tuesday, May 16, at his home.

He received bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY and a doctorate from Cornell University.

Mr. Johnson was a distinguished service professor emeritus. He taught at SUNY Albany before he retired.

He was a board member of the Friends of the Library at SUNY Albany and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Burial was in Westford Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Memorial service

A memorial Mass for Margaret Blaisdell of Voorheesville, who died April 19, will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. today, May 24, at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville.

Plea

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certain teams in the future. As a consequence, everybody loses — the players, Mr. Braverman, the school, the baseball community, and the community at large."

And he made it clear that Braverman and his lawyer Matthew J. Kelly face an uphill climb. But Kelly said he is ready to move forward. Efforts to reach Braverman were unsuccessful.

Braverman coaches varsity baseball at Bethlehem Central High School and also coaches a Mickey Mantle team in Bethlehem. Last summer, BC Athletic Director Fred Powers found Braverman in technical violation of a Suburban Council rule barring a coach from off-season coaching of a team more than half of whose members are also members of his school squad.

The BC school board said in August that if Braverman did not step down from his off-season duties, he risked losing his school coaching position.

Kelly then filed a federal suit against school district officials, including the board and Powers, as well as officials of the Suburban Council, charging that its rule and actions to enforce it violated Braverman's First Amendment rights to free speech and association as well as his 14th Amendment rights to due process and equal protection.

Last December, Kelly also filed a motion to enjoin the district from taking any enforcement action pending the outcome of the case. At a Feb. 14 hearing on the injunction motion before McAvoy, Kelly presented several witnesses, including current and former athletes in Braverman's programs and a regional official of the Empire State Games.

All testified that Braverman had never shown favoritism toward Bethlehem athletes in filling out his off-season team rosters, nor pressured Bethlehem athletes to play for the Mickey Mantle squad — the kind of pressure the council off-season coaching rule was designed to prevent.

But rather than issue an immediate ruling, McAvoy gave all sides until May 1 to resolve the matter. A single meeting with attorneys on both sides was held in February.

Among other conditions to the settlement, Kelly wanted the off-season rule to be rescinded and changes in the administration of Bethlehem's athletic programs — and the talks broke down. With no movement on resolution, McAvoy issued his ruling.

McAvoy noted that the district has shown no effort to fire Braverman while awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit, and that an injunction was therefore unnecessary. But he also reviewed the merits of Braverman's case.

McAvoy cited numerous rulings that found coaching a base-

ball team is not protected by a supposed right to "social association."

"Plaintiff has offered no evidence that, while coaching, he engages in speech of public concern. It is the more likely situation that Plaintiff's speech as a coach involves the proper execution of a double play or how to lay down a drag bunt; not, for example, a discussion of the pros and cons of the North American Free Trade Agreement or a healthy discourse on race relations," he wrote.

Braverman "has failed to satisfy his burden of demonstrating either a likelihood of success on the merits (of his case) or sufficiently serious questions going to the merits to make them a fair ground for litigation," McAvoy wrote.

Bethlehem school Superintendent Les Loomis remains optimistic that a settlement can be reached before the case goes to trial.

"Inasmuch as the injunction was denied, the next move would seem to me to be Jesse Braverman's and Mr. Kelly's to seek such a compromise," he said. "In order for there to be compromise, both sides would need to be ready to move toward a compromise. So far, that has not been the case. I would hope they would now be ready to move ahead."

But William Ryan, the lawyer representing the Suburban Council, said: "I would expect we will move next to discovery."

Ryan rejected statements by Braverman and Kelly about their position.

"It seems to me that Mr. Braverman's forgotten something rather basic here," Ryan said. "He lost the decision."

"I'm not going to sit here and interpret what (McAvoy) wrote," he added, "The message he was delivering, as I understand it, was that coaching is not a constitutionally protected right, and that the guideline in question is constitutional."

Despite the judge's strong lan-

guage to that effect, Kelly said he was satisfied with the ruling.

"The court's conclusion was in no uncertain terms: the parties should resolve this matter amicably," he said.

Kelly also found a kernel of hope for his client in McAvoy's declaration that "The Court is sympathetic with Mr. Braverman's situation and questions the utility of the subject rule," and that the rationales of the various defendants in taking action against Braverman are "somewhat questionable."

"We're going to go forward now and demonstrate there is no utility to this rule," Kelly said.

Kelly said he is confident that he can make his equal protection case at trial.

"Other coaches do the same thing Jesse does, and none has ever faced similar enforcement action," he said. "We'll subpoena every single Suburban Council superintendent, every single Suburban Council athletic director, and I'm willing to bet not one of them will have any scientific basis for enforcing this rule."

"The educational establishment in the Suburban Council stands alone among all athletic programs in New York state in trying to enforce the rule, and it has the opposite effect intended, which is to encourage people to come out and volunteer their time for these off-season programs," he said.

"If we get to next January and this hasn't yet been resolved, there will be a trial," Kelly added.

Bootery

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The schedule of summer youth activities sponsored by RCS Community Library is in the library's annual budget newsletter.

Every household in the RCS school district should have received the newsletter. Registration for most activities begins June 1.

If you have Internet access at home, you can request library materials through the Upper Hudson Library System Web site.

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For information, call RCS Community Library at 756-2053.

Rabies clinic set at town park

The Albany County Department of Health, in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society, will hold rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats Tuesday, June 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Park on Elm Avenue.

The cost is \$5 per animal.

For information, call 447-4620 or 477-4625.

Church opens seasonal thrift shop

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church's spring and summer thrift shop is open for business until Election Day, Nov. 7.

The shop is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Decker, Baldwin engaged

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

She is a first- and second-grade

Student to attend summer theater school

Bethlehem Central High School sophomore Risa Sarachan has been selected to participate in the New York State Summer School of Theater 2000 at Southampton College on Long Island for the month of July.

The program for 16 girls and 16 boys from high schools around the state. They are chosen through

teacher at Glenmont Elementary School.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Vermont and St. John's University School of Law.

He is an associate attorney at Maynard, O'Connor, Smith & Catalinotto in Albany.

The couple plans a July 8 wedding.

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Sarachan will spend the remainder of the summer appearing in "Grease" and "Annie" at the MacHaydn Theatre in Chatham.

Births

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Aaron Daniel Beams, to Elise and Frank Beams of Slingerlands, May 5.

Dean's List

University of Rochester — Sarah McDowell of Delmar.

Class of '00

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David Doyle (bachelor's in history), and Mary McCue (bachelor's in psychology), both of Delmar; Kristyne Kondrat of Glenmont (bachelor's in broadcasting and mass communication); and Cheryl Renker of Voorheesville (bachelor's in broadcasting and mass communication).

Youth group members help repair homes

Over spring break, 30 high school students from RPMs, a Bethlehem youth group, sacrificed their vacations and traveled to Kentucky to volunteer for a program called Homes Inc.

During the week of April 16 to 21, the teen-agers accompanied by 10 adult chaperones and leader Theresa Borchetta, worked on three separate sites, which included building a cement foundation, painting, and framing a house.

Based in Neon, Ky., Homes Inc. is a program which builds and repairs houses at lowered prices for people who cannot afford to purchase homes at full price. The area is poor with few employment opportunities for residents.

The program reduces the prices of the houses based on how long the volunteers work.

Volunteers come from religious groups and other organizations in the United States and Canada.

The RPMs completed \$20,000 worth of work in five days, averaging six hours a day.

The RPMs plan to return to Neon, Ky., next year to volunteer again for Homes Inc.

Throughout the year, members of the group raise funds for the trip by sponsoring events such as a dinner dance and live band night.

Many members of the group go on trips year after year for the rewarding experiences and memories.



Patrick and Kristin Cahill

Messenger, Cahill wed

Kristin Lynn Messenger, daughter of John and Gail Messenger of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and Patrick F. Cahill Jr., son of Maureen Magee Cahill of Slingerlands and the late Patrick Cahill, were married Nov. 6.

The ceremony was performed by Monsignor Joseph Martin at St. Mary's Church in Fishkill, Dutchess County. A reception followed at Dutchess Manor in Beacon.

The honor attendants were Kim Batterson, sister of the bride, and Jason Mehler.

Mary Kay Messenger was the bridesmaid and soloist and David

Messenger was the usher.

The bride is a graduate of the University at Buffalo.

She is a probation officer for Orange County and a graduate student at SUNY New Paltz.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. He is completing a master's degree in business administration at Marist College.

He is a senior property tax analyst for the state Office of Real Property Services in Newburgh.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple lives in Fishkill.

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Legion to sponsor Memorial Day Parade

Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post in Elsmere will sponsor the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29.

The parade will step off from the Legion on Poplar Drive at 11 a.m. and travel south on Elsmere to Bethlehem Cemetery and then west on Kenwood; left on Adams Place, right on Adams Street; and right on Delaware to Bethlehem Memorial Park, where there will be a wreath-laying ceremony, prayer service, final taps and playing of the national anthem.

Freedom Fest' 2000

kicks off Memorial Day Weekend



By JOHN BRENT

"Look at this," said Bill Tryon as he unfolded a piece of paper containing a handwritten message. "This is what it's all about." Tryon's voice fills with emotion as he reads the note, "In memory of my brother, 1st Lieutenant Carl Hahn, 48th Fighter Squadron, WWII — killed in North Africa, April 28, 1943. (signed) Ernie Hahn."

"This man gave his life for you and I," said Tryon, "we must remember and honor our veterans!"

In a weekend known for barbecues, traveling, family get togethers and parades, people sometimes lose sight

of the fact that Memorial Day was set aside as a time to honor those who served the country in times of conflict.

Tryon not only remembers, he is doing something about it. On his homestead, 2 1/2 miles west of South Bethlehem, he is hosting Freedom Fest 2000, a three day celebration on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29.

"We are going to celebrate our freedoms, honor our vets and have fun at it," Tryon said.

The festivities begin on Saturday with an 8 a.m. Balloon Launch followed by the official Opening Ceremonies at 11:30.

At noon Dean Davis will present the New York State Reptile Show.

Emphasizing the patriotic focus of the weekend, Revolutionary War Demonstrations will take place at 1 p.m. and a Revolutionary War Living History presentation is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Uncle Steve Crockett and the Cracker Barrel Boys will perform at 2 and 6 p.m. At 5:15 p.m. the Cloggin' Sweethearts will perform.

The headliner attraction for Saturday will be country, blues and rock singer Mirinda James

(performing at 3 and 8 p.m.): Hailing from South Bethlehem, James has made her mark as a performer on the regional scene as well

gaining some attention in the national spotlight. Writing as well as singing, James began acquiring a following while still in her teens. Area arts weekly *Metroland* called her, "a blue eyed knockout with talent to match."

The first day of the festival concludes with a Dance Party featuring Ethan the Dog beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday begins with a church service at 9 a.m.

The Bob Bates Band, of Grand Ole Opry fame, will entertain at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

Remember Hee Haw, the popular TV show that continues to run in syndication? Then you are no doubt familiar with the Hager twins, Jim and Jon who contributed to the zany comedy and country-style music of the popular series. The multi-talented brothers will be on hand for two Sunday performances at 3 and 6:30 p.m.

An 8 p.m. sunset cannon salute is followed by a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

On Sunday, polka fans will be delighted with the nationally known and acclaimed Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra. Performing at 2 and again at 6 p.m., the Grammy Award winning group has been chosen the No. 1 polka band in the country every year for the past 10 years.

Additional Sunday performers include Colleen Trendell at noon, Back 40 Band at 12:20 p.m. and Carla Page at 4:00

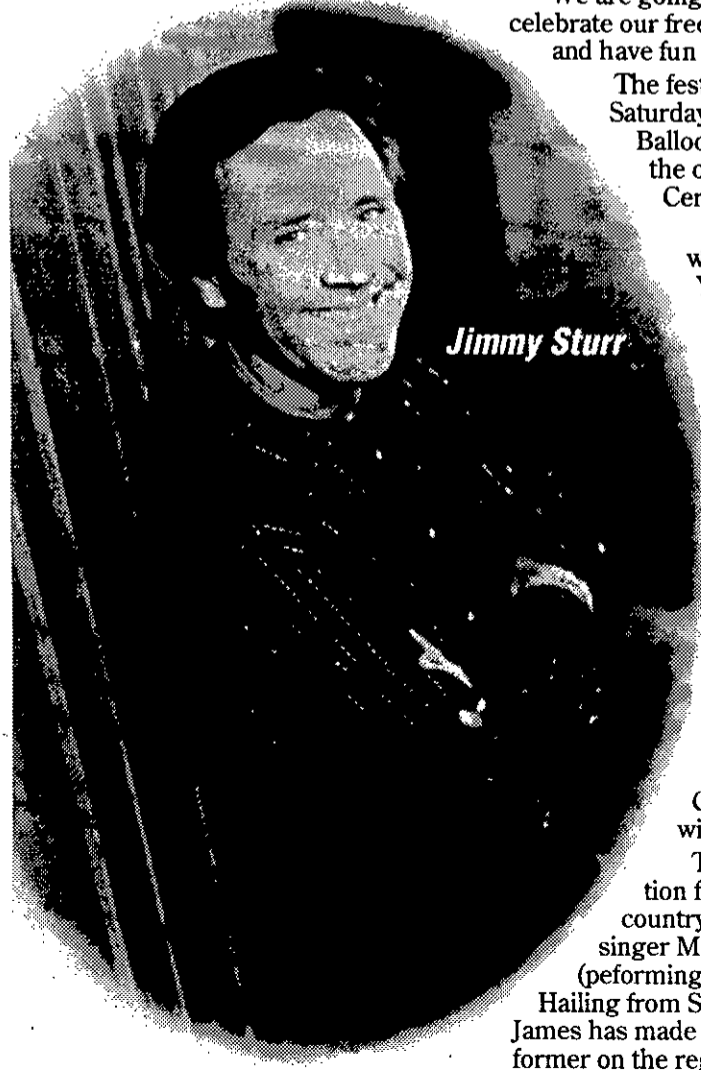
Mirinda James

Along with the entertainment, craft and food vendors and reenactment soldiers, the weekend will also feature the ground breaking ceremony for The Wall, a monument that in Tryon's words, "will stand for freedom." The Wall will be constructed of concrete and stone and blend with the rolling hills of the Tryon farm.

"People can come to etch their names and dates in the stone face," said Tryon.

Adult admission to Freedom Fest 2000 is \$10 per day. Students under 18 and seniors are admitted for \$8 and children under 12 are free. There is a \$20 three day pass for those wishing to attend for the entire weekend. 10% of all tickets sales will be donated to help build the proposed WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The festival takes place at Cedar Grove Farms which is located 2 miles west of South Bethlehem on Route 396. For information, call 767-2744 or 767-0852. You can also visit the Web site at: www.freedomfest2000.net.



Jimmy Sturr



Bill Tryon at the controls of his CAT backhoe excavating for "The Wall" at Freedom Fest 2000 site.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

SHOWBOAT

Kern/Hammerstein musical, Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady, May 26 and 17 at 8 p.m., May 27 and 28 at 2 p.m., May 28 at 7 p.m., \$32.50 to \$39.50. Information, 346-6204.

CAROUSEL

Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, Mac-Haydn Theater, Route 203, Chatham, May 25 to June 4, \$18.90 to \$20.90, \$9 for children under 12. Information, 392-9292.

SOMETHING

Canadian clowns Mump & Smoot, Proctor's Too production, Yulman Theater at Union College, Schenectady, June 2 and 3, 8 p.m., \$15, \$10 for students. Information, 346-6204.

ANDROCLES AND THE LION

Shaw comedy, presented by Impulse Theater and Dance in Conkling Hall, Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville, May 26, 27, June 2, 3 and 4 at 8 p.m., May 28 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 for seniors, students and children. Information, 797-3684.

Music

ROBIN WILLIAMSON

The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, May 25, 7 p.m., \$15. Information, 381-1111.

HERB REED AND THE PLATTERS

oldies, Alive at Five concert, Corning Preserve, Albany, June 1, 5 p.m., free.

JOHN FORD COLEY

pop singer, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, June 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m., \$18. Information, 381-1111.

JEFFERSON STARSHIP

legendary rockers, McGeary's, 4 Clinton Square, Albany, June 2, 10 p.m., \$10. Information, 463-1455.

BROOKS & DUNN

country stars, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, June 2, 8 p.m., \$35 and \$45. Information, 487-2000.

Comedy/Magic

JUST GOOD FRIENDS

Improv comedy troupe, Hilton Art Center Mini Mall Theater, May 26 at 8 p.m., 40 Russell Road, Albany, \$10, \$8 in advance, \$8 for seniors and students with ID. Information, 453-1048.

Family Fun

RINGLING BROS. BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, May 27 at 3 and 7 p.m., May 28 at 1 and 5 p.m., May 29 at 1 p.m., \$9.50 and \$16.50. Information, 487-2100.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

An Art of Pure Form, Selections from the Guggenheim Museum, through July 30, Theodore Roosevelt: Icon of the American Century, through July 9, Treasures from the Wunsch Americana Foundation and the Weitsman Stowever Collection, through Sept. 13, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

paintings by Geoffrey Detrani, Christopher Kobuskie and Ragellah Rourke, plus New Faith exhibit, through June 23, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

"Formations," modern sculpture exhibit, through July 30. Information, 242-2240.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

punchbells from the institute's collection, 63 State St., through June 23. Information, 463-4478.

YATES GALLERY

in Standish Library of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, contemporary sculptor David Peterson, through June 15. Information, 783-2517.

Call For Artists

AUDITION

for 2000-01 season of New York State Theater Institute, prepare a nonclassical two-minute monologue and bring photo and resumé, for adults over 18, June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, for children under 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Little Theater of Russell Sage College. Information, 274-3200.

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 June 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.

AUDITIONS

Empire State Youth Orchestra, for high school musicians, application deadline June 2 for auditions June 3, 9, 10 and 11 in Albany, appointments required. Information, 382-7581.

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, Old Songs, R01 Center, Route 155, Guilderland. Information, 765-2815.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

DANCE CLASSES

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

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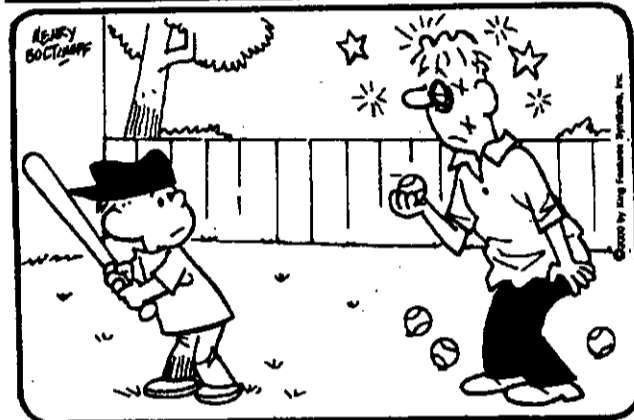
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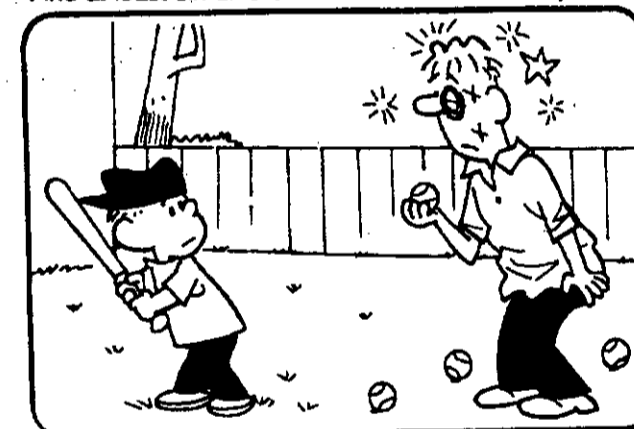


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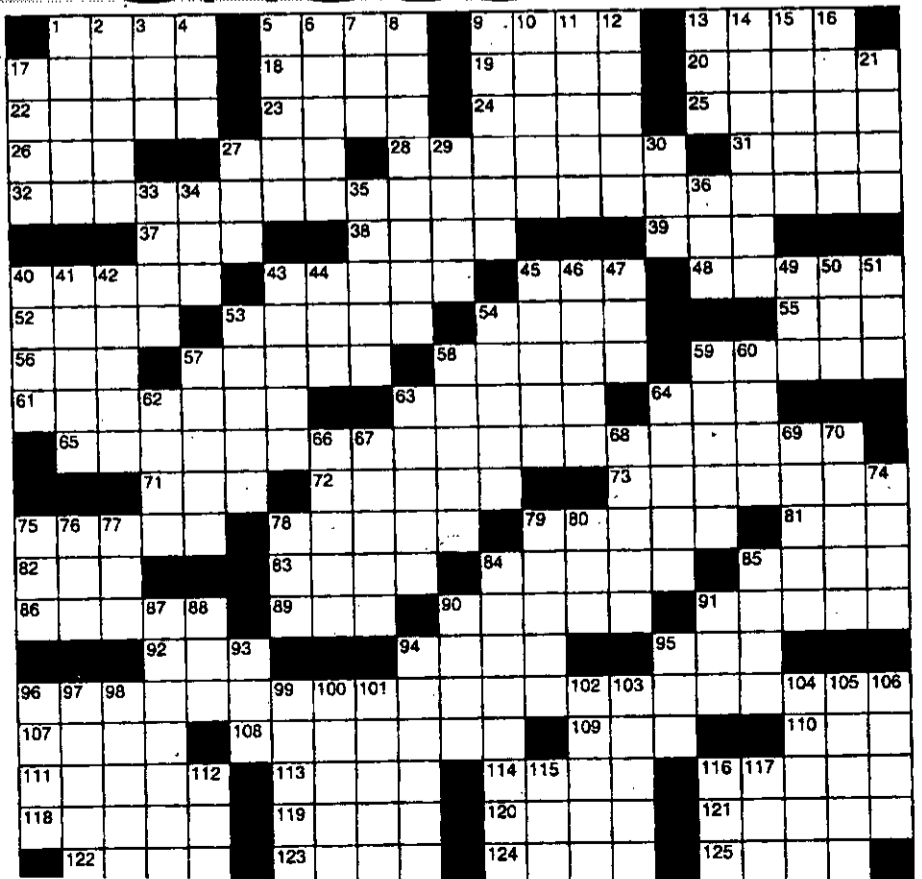
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| 31 Dress size | 84 Beetle Bailey's boss | 121 Quiet partner? | 29 Kentucky neighbor | 64 Gaw | 101 Cosmetician Lauder |
| 32 Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitely | 85 1,760 yards | 122 Singer Lonnie | 30 Westminster winner | 66 Violinist Mischa | 102 Everything considered |
| 37 Malamute medic | 86 Put on hold | 123 Start a crop | 33 Roman poet | 67 Inexperienced | 103 Bare |
| 38 Eaves dropper? | 88 Vañe letters | 124 Blabbed | 34 Aerialist's fallback | 68 Inedible fruit | 104 Kapitan's command |
| 39 — whiz! | 90 Composer Gabriel | 125 Conductor Jeffrey | 35 Senator Hatch | 69 Sound | 105 Armistice |
| 40 Assumption | | | 36 Spear-headed | 70 "Gay" | 106 Table d'— |
| 43 "Tosca" tenor | | | 40 Mama's boy? | 74 Facilitate a felony | 107 Flap one's gums |
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed., 5/24

BETHLEHEM
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
 Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Also Tues., Thurs., 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fri., 5/26

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS
 For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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

Sat., 5/27

BETHLEHEM
CAMPING PROGRAM AT FIVE RIVERS
 Workshop on family camping; pitch a tent, set up dining fly, cook a meal and more. Free. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

Sun., 5/28

BETHLEHEM

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFO
 St. Thomas The Apostle R.C., 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951;
 St. Stephen's Episcopal, 3265 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-3265;
 Bethlehem Lutheran, 5 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-4328.
 Delmar Reformed, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-9929.
 Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-3135.
 South Bethlehem UMC, 65 Willowbrook Avenue, 767-9953.
 Delmar Full Gospel, 292 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 439-4407.
 First Reformed of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
 First UMC of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
 Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
 Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.
 First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-2512.
 Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
 Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

NEW SCOTLAND
 Delmar Presbyterian, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
 Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
 Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST
 Sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co.; Clarksville Fire House, County Route 301, Clarksville, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children 3, under 5 free.

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFO
 St. Matthew's R.C., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
 First United Methodist, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
 Bethel Baptist, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.
 Unionville Reformed, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
 Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
 Mountsview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
 Onesquethaw Reformed, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
 Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
 Jerusalem Reformed, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
 Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, Route 85, 439-6454.
 United Pentecostal, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.
 Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

EXPLORER POST 157
 For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental education. Weekly, 310 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Tues., 5/30

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
 For ages 2-6; hour long programs of stories, songs, finger plays, films and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Free. Information, 439-9314.

TAKE-OUT DINNERS
 Weekly "Zippy Tuesday" fundraiser through June 13; this week, ham with scalloped potatoes. Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$5 each. Information, 439-1766.

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY
 Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

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

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

Wed., 5/31

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.
 Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Also Tues., Thurs., 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

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Thurs., 6/1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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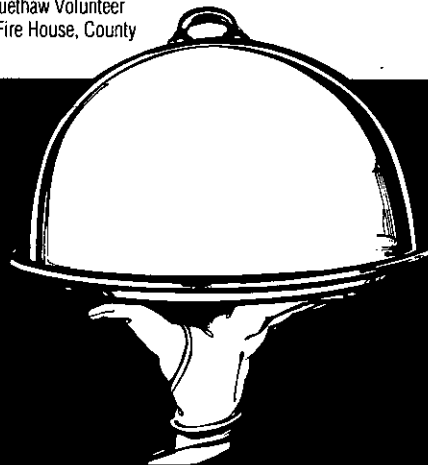
SUMMER RECREATION
 Registration for Summer 2000 events; 5:30-7:30 p.m., New Scotland Town Hall, route 85.

Fri., 6/2

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LINSON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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NOTREX TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MILES TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MAPPLE SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom

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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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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LINSON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BODIE TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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BONDED CONSTRUCTION LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BRIMSLEY TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is

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USA Corporate Services Inc. at same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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DISCAL MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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JANTRON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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FROSTEX SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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DOYLE MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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ANDERTON MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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BECKVILLE INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/14/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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MONTRES DISTRIBUTION MONDIAL LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/20/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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BARLAINE CHEMICALS LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/17/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

3712 13th Avenue Realty, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/14/00. Office: Albany. 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, 3712 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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836 Realty Associates, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/12/00. Office: Albany. 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, 346 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

YONI REALTY LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/5/00. 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, P.O. Box 559, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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E.C.O. TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/4/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TECHNOLOGY ASSET COMPANY LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/6/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 24, 2000)

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Jodee's Trading Post LLC, Art. of Org. filed NY. DOS 4/21/00. Albany Co. SSNY is process agent & shall mail copy of process: 13 Delafield Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purposes. (May 24, 2000)



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The bond resolution published herewith has been adopted on May 10, 2000 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice or such obligations were authorized in violation of provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Date: May 17, 2000

S/ Catherine T. Picarazzi
Town Clerk

Deputy
BOND RESOLUTION, DATED MAY 10, 2000, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$450,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 12" WATER MAIN BETWEEN NEW SCOTLAND ROAD AND EASTMOUNT DRIVE, WITHIN SAID TOWN AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

Recital
WHEREAS, following the review of Engineer's Report for the replacement of the 12" water main between New Scotland Road and Eastmount Drive (the "Project"), in the Town of Bethlehem (herein called "Town"), Water District No. 1, and to ensure the reliable, break-free transmission of water to the area of the Town north of the Normanskill and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined, that the Project is in the public interest, and ordered that the Project be carried out and that the estimated total cost of the Project is approximately \$450,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of said Town Board), as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Bethlehem, in the county of Albany, State of New York, shall issue its serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such serial bonds is the Project, all in accordance with the report drawings prepared by C. T. Male Associates, P.C. and detailed plans to be prepared by a qualified engineer or planning consultant to be selected. The proceeds of such obligations are hereby appropriated to such purposes.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the estimated maximum cost of such purpose as heretofore determined by the Town Board is \$450,000 and that no money has heretofore been authorized to the payment of the cost of such purpose and the Town Board plans to finance the cost of such purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the obligations authorized by this bond resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the purpose described in Section 2 is a purpose described in Subdivision 1 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such purpose is forty (40) years.

Section 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said serial bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said serial bonds, shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said serial bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds. Such bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes on all

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property taxable by the Town as may be necessary to pay such bonds or notes and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. Provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the serial bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. If the Town incurs any cost with respect to the purpose described in Section 2 prior to the issuance of any such serial bonds or any such bond anticipation notes, the Town expects to utilize general or special fund revenues to pay such cost and intends to reimburse itself therefor for such costs with the proceeds of such serial bonds or such bond anticipation notes. This declaration of intent to reimburse is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent under such regulations.

Section 6. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial Bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewal of such notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, the power to determine to issue said Bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of such Town to any such serial bonds or such bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

Section 7. The Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and, to the extent applicable, to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 8. The Supervisor is further authorized, in her discretion, to make application for and execute a project financing and loan agreement and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health, and amendments thereto, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose set forth in Section 2, or a portion thereof, by a serial bond issue of the Town and the sale of such issue to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. This resolution shall be published in full by the Town Clerk of such Town together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law and such publication shall be in a newspaper having a general circulation in said Town and published in Delmar, in the County of Albany and State of New York. The validity of such serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which such Town is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

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Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
(May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company, Briar Ridge Assisted Living Facility, LLC was formed on March 28, 2000 by Michael A. Blase. The address of the company is 200 Truax Lane in the Town of Guiderland and County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company upon whom process can be served. The purpose of the company is to hold an operators license for the operation of an assisted living facility or facilities.
(May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company, Briar Ridge Realty Holding Company, LLC was formed on March 28, 2000 by Michael A. Blase. The address of the company 200 Truax Lane in the Town of Guiderland and County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company upon whom process can be served. The purpose of the company is to acquire and develop real estate.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF NORTHEAST ARTICAT, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is Northeast Articat, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on April 11, 2000.
3. The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: c/o Lemery MacKrell Greisler LLC, 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.
5. The LLC shall have perpetual duration.
6. The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to undertake any other lawful act or activity whether or not related thereto in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York; all subject to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICALNEWSTODAY, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is Politicalnewstoday, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on January 14, 2000.
3. The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: c/o Lemery MacKrell Greisler LLC, 10 Railroad Place, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866.
5. The latest date on which the LLC will dissolve is December 31, 2040.
6. The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to undertake any lawful act or activity whether or not related thereto in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York; all subject to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
(May 24, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is GAMES OF NEW LEBANON, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 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

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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 650 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.
(May 24, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is CAMPUS ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 3, 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: First Albany Special Purpose Fund I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/4/00. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o FAC Management Corp., 30 South Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207.
Purpose: any lawful activity.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: First Albany Special Purpose Fund II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/4/00. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o FAC Management Corp., 30 South Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207.
Purpose: any lawful activity.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Hemisphere International Acquisition Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/25/1999. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MARK BRIAN FRIEDMAN, DPM, PLLC

(Pursuant to Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of MARK BRIAN FRIEDMAN, DPM, PLLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on April 18, 2000.

The Company is being formed to engage in the practice of podiatry; 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 201 Shaker Run, Albany, New York 12205.
(May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA MONTICELLO HOLDINGS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 13, 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(May 24, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is BROD PARTNERS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 10, 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 1025 Central Avenue (Rear), Albany, New York 12205.
(May 24, 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, June 7, 2000, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard Pulice/Reigning Cats and Dogs, 759 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17 and Article XX, Non-conforming Buildings and Uses, Section 128-88 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a dog training/exercise building at an existing kennel at premises 759 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(May 24, 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, June 7, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Louis and Patricia Meo, 57 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Area Variance under Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-79, Required Depths A(2) of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a deck addition which would encroach into the rear yard setback requirement at premises 57 Henderson Road, Glenmont, New York.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

EVERGREEN LEADING LOGISTIC INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 6/11/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

E.H. LAIER & SONS, L.L.C. was filed with SSNY on 5/8/00. 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, 100 Van Patten Lane, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

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R.E.P.H. Real Estate Properties Holding LLC was filed with SSNY on 5/10/00. Office: Albany, 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, 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is USA Corporate Services at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ADC AMERICAN DESIGN AND CONSULTING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

UNEX CONSTRUCTION LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TEETRON TRADING LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SPRINGTON SERVICES LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

RAWLINSON LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SEDEX LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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 Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SEDEX LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/25/00. 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, 100 Van Patten Lane, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(May 24, 2000)



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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY

LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
 1. Name: Lightwave Communications, LLC.
 2. Date of Filing: April 14, 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 Lightwave Communications, LLC for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to: Lightwave Communications, LLC/14504 Greenvue Drive, Suite 108/Laurel, MD 20708
 6. Does not apply
 7. Principal Office: Lightwave Communications, LLC/14504 Greenvue Drive, Suite 108/Laurel, MD 20708
 8. Lightwave Communications, LLC shall provide, on request, a copy of its certificate of organization with all amendments thereto
 9. Purpose of Business: Telecommunications Services
 (May 24, 2000)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE PINK ELEPHANT, L.L.C.

Under Section 203 of the New York State Limited Liability Company Law have been filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York:
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being natural persons of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizers of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certify that:
FIRST: The Name of the Company is The Pink elephant, L.L.C.
SECOND: The character and purpose of the Company is to own and in all respects manage certain real property.
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 agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her is 218 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.
FIFTH: This Company is to be managed by two managers.
SIXTH: This Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.
SEVENTH: These Articles were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on April 24, 1999.
 (May 24, 2000)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MARQUIS HOSPITALITY LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Marquis Hospitality 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:
 Marquis Hospitality LLC
 254 Wolf 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 managers.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 5th day of May, 2000, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
 S/ E. J. Vandergriff, Attorney in Fact
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SWF VI, L.P.

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act:
 1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF VI, L.P."
 2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
 3. The Secretary of State if hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
 4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is:
 DRL, LLC
 52 Corporate Circle
 Albany, New York 12203
 5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is March 31, 2100.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 6th day of April, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.
 SWF VI, L.P.
 BY: DRL, LLC, General Partner
 By: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
 (May 24, 2000)

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1. The name of the limited liability company is **COMPUTER VISIONS LLC**.
 2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on February 1, 2000 and became effective on said date.
 3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is Computer Visions, LLC, 4 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205.
 5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in the computer training business and any lawful activity.
 Dated: May 4, 2000
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution published herewith has been adopted by the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, on the 8th day of May, 2000, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
 Dated: May 8, 2000
 Voorheesville, New York
 Dorothea Pfeleider School District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 8, 2000.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,368,000 BONDS OF VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL FACILITY AT THE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.
WHEREAS, at a special district meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, duly called, held and conducted on March 28, 2000, Proposition No. 2 was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education 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 providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments for such

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purpose, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and **WHEREAS**, it is now desired to authorize such purpose and to provide for the financing thereof; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, as follows:
Section 1. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the construction of a swimming pool facility at the Junior-Senior High School in and for Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, which is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,368,000.
Section 2. SEQRA DETERMINATIONS: The State Education Department, acting as Lead Agency under the SEQRA regulations of the State of New York, has determined that the aforesaid purposes will not have any significant impacts upon the environment.
Section 3. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$1,368,000, and the plan for the financing thereof is by issuance of not exceeding \$1,368,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.
Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 61.0 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.
Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issued, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated or set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

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Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Altamont Enterprise and in The Spotlight, which are hereby designated as the official newspapers of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: IVIRA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/27/00. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of New Horizon Technologies Energy Services, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/14/2000. LLC organized in Montana on 12/21/1998. NY office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: P.O. Box 5000, 3040 Continental Drive, Butte, MT 59702. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with Montana Secy. of State, Montana State Capitol, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of WEST 5TH STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATES, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 05/04/2000. 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, 72 Coleridge St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Trinity Telecom, LLC., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/27/2000. LLC organized in Maryland on 12/24/1998. NY office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office address of the LLC: 508 McCormick Drive, Suite G, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with State Dept. of Assessments & Taxation. Office of the Director, Ronald W. Wineholt, 300 W. Preston St., Rm. 605, Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (May 24, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Network Design & Analysis, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/25/2000. LLC organized in New Jersey on 12/11/1998. NY office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporate Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY, 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 574 Ackerman Ave., Glen Rock, NJ 07452-1834. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with New Jersey Secy. of State, 125 West State St., P.O. Box 300, Trenton, NJ 08625. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (May 24, 2000)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Darby Fulfillment Services of New York, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New

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York (SSNY) on 4/4/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 865 Merrick Ave., Westbury, NY 11590. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of SupplyForce.com, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/31/1999. LLC organized in Pennsylvania on 10/14/1999. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CSC, 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207-2543, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address in jurisdiction of organization is: 2700 Horizon Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Copy of Cert. of Org. on file with Department of State, Corporation Bureau, 308 N. Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Internet commerce.
 (May 24, 2000)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Lakeshore New York, L.L.C., a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State on N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/30/2000. LLC organized in Delaware on 9/3/1998. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: c/o Corporation Service Co., 1013 Centre Rd., Wilmington, DE 19805. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with Delaware Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of East Energy Group LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 03/16/2000. 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.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of the filing on March 20, 2000 of an Application for Authority with the Secretary of State for the State of New York (the "SSNY") by Uro-Tech Medical Services, LLC, doing business in New York under the fictitious name of Uro-Tech Services, a Massachusetts Limited Liability Company organized on November 18, 1999 (the "Foreign LLC"). Office location in New York is Albany County; SSNY is designated as agent of Foreign LLC upon whom services of process against Foreign LLC may be served; SSNY shall mail copy of any process against Foreign LLC to Foreign LLC at 136 West Street Northampton, MA 01036 the address of the principal office of the Foreign LLC; a public filing of the Certificate of Organization of the Foreign LLC has been made with the Massachusetts Secretary of State, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108; purpose of Foreign LLC is to purchase, own and lease equipment to hospitals and physicians for conducting medical procedures and treatments and to engage in any lawful act or activity.
 (May 24, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

POST FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, L.L.C.
 Notice of Application for Authority for foreign limited liability company ("FLLC") filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 4/11/00. Jurisdiction: New Jersey. Organized: 2/2/97. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the FLCC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o Corpo-

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ration Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207 which is also the registered agent upon whom process against the FLCC may be served. Jurisdiction office address: Continental Plaza, 401 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. A copy of the articles of organization is filed at the State of New Jersey, Sec. of State, 820 Bear Tavern Rd, 2nd Fl, West Trenton, NJ 08628. Purpose: Producing & Brokering Insurance Policies.
 (May 24, 2000)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is NEW LOUDON ROAD, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 21, 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:
 270 Mount Hope Drive
 Albany, NY 12202
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 of activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law.
 (May 24, 2000)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is LDS Securities, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2000.
THIRD: The county within New York State 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: LDS Securities, LLC, c/o Louis Dempf, Jr., 236 Westchester Drive So., Delmar, New York 12054.
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement.
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.
 (May 24, 2000)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is B.A. Capital Corporate Campus, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 10, 2000.
THIRD: The county within New York State 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: B.A. Capital Corporate Campus, LLC, c/o British American Development corp., 4 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110.
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement.
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.
 (May 24, 2000)

Real Estate CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

DELMAR: \$595, Large 1 bedroom apartment, includes all electric, heat, air conditioning and hot water. Driftwood Building, 750 Delaware Avenue, 439-1468.

ALBANY: Near St. Peter's Hospital, 2 bedroom, heat/ hot water, garage, \$650, redecorated, 439-0934.

COEYMANS: Available June 1st. 2+ bedrooms, \$475+ utilities, security. Washer/ Dryer hookup, off street parking, 756-7557.

FEURA BUSH: 3 bedrooms, Bethlehem Schools, \$850+ utilities. Now available, 439-6693.

DELMAR area: one bedroom, country setting, washer/ dryer, \$425+ utilities. Available June 15, 439-9021, evenings.

SELKIRK area: 2 bedroom, quiet country setting, washer/ dryer hookup, \$580+ utilities, security, lease, no dogs, 767-3076.

SLINGERLANDS: Townhouse, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage, central air, deck, \$1,100/ month. 489-8264.

HOMES FOR RENT

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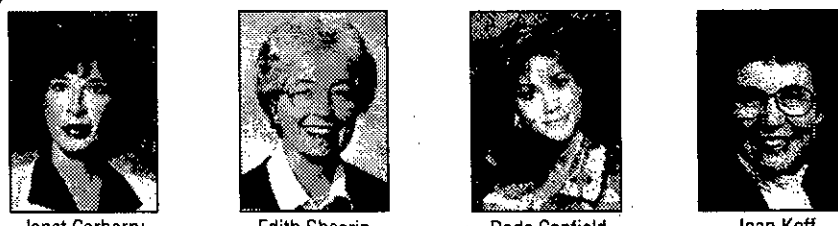
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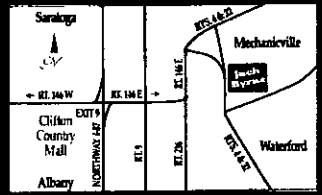
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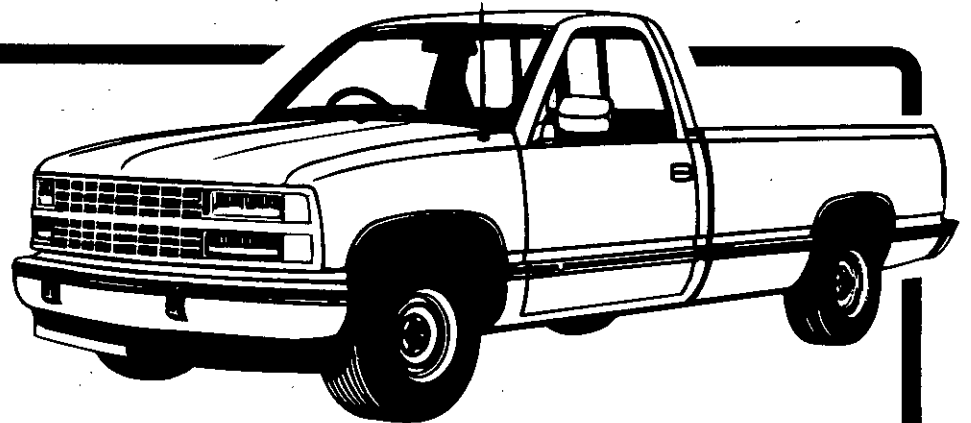
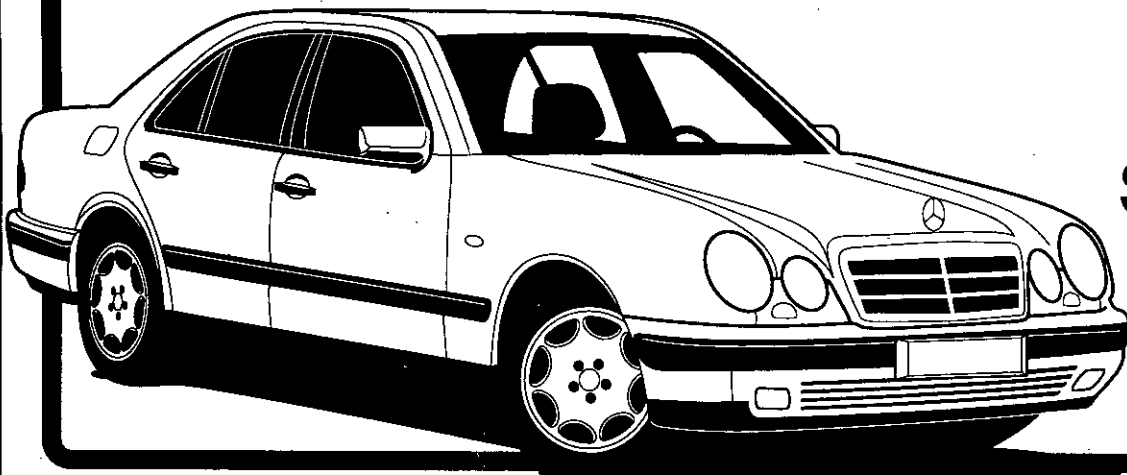
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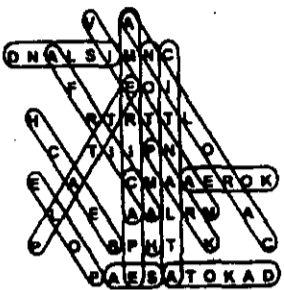
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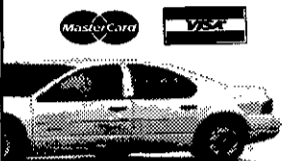
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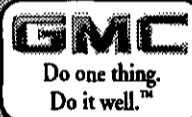


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Erase guilt, and take comfort in family amid clutter

By Katherine McCarthy

There are some things I wish I could give my children — like admission to Harvard and a Nobel prize someday, but until then, I know they would be happier if I just did a few things differently — like keeping the house clean.

When I left work to stay home with Christopher 10 years ago, I had a clear picture of how it would be. Everything would always be neat and tidy; colorful bins and toy boxes would hold all the toys; our bookshelves would be orderly marvels of classic literature; the closets would hold only that season's clothes; pretty baskets would hold the mail, and sunlight would always stream in clean windows with Mozart on the stereo.

That fantasy didn't last long, as I discovered that a full day of nursing, diaper-changing, figuring out why the baby always cried from 6 to 6:30 no matter what I did, and getting out of the house before the walls closed in on me killed any fantasies I had of even getting

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junk mail into the wastebasket.

Surely, I thought, it would get better as the baby grew. When he started napping at the same time every day, there was finally predictable time. But the appeal of mopping or dusting paled beside the stack of unread newspapers, the new book on the nightstand and the answering machine blinking with unreturned phone calls.

I felt guilty; I hadn't stayed home with my baby to be a lady of leisure. I thought of all the mothers who put in a full day at a paying job, then came home to cook, clean and have quality time with their children. Why was I getting nothing done, and why was it taking me all day to do it?

Was I a lightweight? A slacker? Horrified, I rallied, pushed by Christopher's ability to crawl and find M&Ms that had rolled into the corner — lying in wait to choke an unsuspecting baby. I vacuumed every day till he walked, which was a mercifully short time.

Then his brother came, and it was a victory if the breakfast dishes got washed by 3 p.m. and I got to take a shower by 4. When Cormac started crawling, I learned to identify the sound of his hands and knees approaching a choking hazard, and did an awesome Wonder Woman impression (sans cape, sadly) as I arrived in time to pluck the offending object from his tiny chubby hand.

Maybe when they go to school, I thought, I'll be overcome by some combination of Heloise and Martha Stewart, and the house will be clean. But my housework centers mainly around tidying up for the cleaning lady, and feeling like I'm dishonoring my female ancestors, who worked mill jobs and still kept immaculate homes.

I try, in the weeks Sue doesn't come, to set things to rights, but

we are surrounded by too much stuff. Too many pieces of paper; too many toys; and even too many books and CDs.

I try to assign blame to my family; Chris never puts the car keys on the rack; Christopher leaves dirty socks wherever he takes them off; and Cormac drops food wrappers after he consumes their contents.

But I am really the worst offender. Mail sits on the table until pay day, then gets sorted into "Pay," "Put off another month," or "Go rob that bank now." Jackets and sweaters pile up on dining room chairs, and my shoes could hold all-night dance parties — and never dance with their own mate. Important phone numbers, scribbled on scraps of paper, float to the floor each time the door opens, to be hunted down in a moment of panic. Cans of tomato paste tossed insouciantly into the pantry land on my toes each time I open the door. I've learned to stand back, and when the potato I know is on the pantry floor begins to rot, I'll take an hour and clean out the whole closet.

I hate to clean. I hate the tiny details: figuring out where everything should go, deciding if we need more containers to hold things and determining which of the boys' things are treasures and which can be thrown away. The only fun in vacuuming is playing gladiator with the dog, who hates the machine's whine.

Some people get into the mechanics of cleaning and find it soothing. I lack the Zen personality to live in the moment and get through the chores. By the time I finish any sort of cleaning routine, I'm only irritable and resentful that I'm the only one who periodically decides to clean up.

The men in my family say they don't care. Chris prefers a clean house, but doesn't want to spend the time he's home cleaning, and understands why I don't either. The boys insist that they prefer things messy, and when I go on a tirade about how they should clean up, don't get my point at all.

My fantasy about a clean house, I realize, isn't about the specifics of cleaning, it's about what happens afterward. With clear tabletops, we can sit and play Monopoly. In an uncluttered living room, we can read or listen to Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion." In their neat room, the boys can do homework quietly and efficiently.

I remember then why I chose to be home with my children. Not to be Suzie Homemaker, but to have more time with them. Even now, I treasure the moment when they come home from school.

We are comfortable in our clutter, and can always clear a space to do anything we need to do.

One day I'll let the guilt go, and acknowledge that just being home together is far more important than having an immaculate house.

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