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Stitch in time



Arielle Rosen does a cross-stitch under the watchful eye of Dorthea Alonge of the Embroiderers Guild at Bethlehem Public Library. *Jim Franco*

Library forum details proposal

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Bethlehem Public Library board last week formally launched its campaign to promote a proposed renovation project, which will go before voters in December.

Last Thursday they publicly unveiled the plan, which board President Susan Birkhead said carries a preliminary price tag of \$8.5 million, at the first of a series of open forums preceding the referendum.

The comprehensive renovation of the 27-year-old library building on Delaware Avenue would add approximately 19,000 square feet to the current 33,361, principally through construction of a long-planned-for second story.

The renovation plan also calls for improvements to furnishings, creation of new reading and study spaces, bringing the library into better compliance with handicapped-access regulations and upgrading the building's infrastructure to accommodate future expansion of the library's technological services, from computer workstations to public Internet access.

"There needs to be expansion, there certainly needs to be renovation, but what we really want is to continue to provide the excellent services our community deserves," Birkhead said.

Her comment was echoed by board member Rena Button: "I have always thought of the library as really the center of the community."

In order to fund the renovation program, a Dec. 5 referendum is

scheduled for taxpayers in Bethlehem and New Scotland who are registered voters in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Cost projections are still being refined, Birkhead said, but the current estimate, assuming a 20-year municipal bond at a 6 percent interest rate, translates into a tax increase of roughly 46 cents per thousand assessed valuation over the current assessment of \$1.33 per thousand in Bethlehem and \$1.45 in New Scotland.



Birkhead

According to Birkhead, few other public sources of funding exist for building renovations.

"There's just no money coming from the state for library buildings," she said. "The Upper Hudson Library Federation, to which we belong, gets \$25,000 a year from the state for physical plant improvements, to be spread over 29 member libraries."

And the library lacks a dedicated endowment for such purposes, she said.

Thursday's meeting, at which Birkhead, library Director Nancy Pieri, and representatives of the library board and Upper Hudson Library Federation presented the architectural plans for the proposed renovation, was attended by fewer than 20 individuals but received mostly positive reviews.

Business people irked by red tape

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

As efforts to shore up the landslide-ravaged Normanskill ravine continued last week, federal emergency management officials at last declared Albany County and 11 others disaster areas last Friday, reversing an earlier decision not to do so. That declaration makes the town of Bethlehem eligible for partial reimbursement of costs related to May's landslide and its aftermath.

Friday's announcement of President Clinton's disaster declaration cited the ongoing impact in the affected areas in June and July — including heavy rains that have caused additional slide activity in Elsmere — in justifying the change.

The declaration followed an appeal by Gov. George Pataki and officials of the State Emergency Management Office

(SEMO) of the governor's disaster petition in May, initially denied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Under the declaration, 75 percent of the costs of municipal efforts to remove debris, provide emergency services and restore public facilities in the affected areas will be eligible for reimbursement.

They're scared to death of a loan. They don't even know if they're going to stay in business long enough to pay it off.

Jim Haas

ment. FEMA on Monday established a regional field office at the Albany SEMO headquarters to administer the disaster aid.

"Yes, it certainly is good news," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "I'm very glad the governor appealed their original decision."

As of July 20, the town has run up a bill of nearly \$151,000 for police overtime related to the slide and the accompanying closure of Delaware Avenue. Smaller overtime outlays have also been made by the public works and highway departments.

FEMA public affairs officer Ken Lott said a series of applicant briefings is planned to outline the details of the disaster aid, but no schedule had yet been drawn up by SEMO officials.

Lott said the disaster declaration will not provide any assistance to the town's beleaguered business community.

"Individual assistance that might be

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Warbirds gathering to benefit DARE

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

A different sort of plane will take off from South Albany Airport this weekend when more than 100 radio-controlled, large and giant scale model airplanes take to the skies.

This is the second Warbirds Over New York gathering, and since many of the model airplanes are replicas of World War II fighter planes, this year's two-day gathering is dedicated to World War II veterans.

"We thought it was time to honor these vets," said Vic Olivett, one of the event's main organizers.

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Deputies arrest two on DWI charges

By Joseph A. Phillips

Albany County sheriff's deputies recently arrested two men in the town of New Scotland and charged them with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

In addition, several individuals previously charged with DWI by local police agencies recently pleaded guilty to lesser counts of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) before courts in Voorheesville and Bethlehem.

The first of the two recent arrests occurred about 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, when deputies responded to a call to the sheriff's substation in Voorheesville reporting an erratically-driven vehicle on Martin Road. The vehicle, driven by Jerome Franckowiak, 30, of 92 Martin Road, was followed to his residence.

After field sobriety tests were administered, Franckowiak was arrested for DWI and ticketed for speeding and for failure to properly signal a turn.

Arraigned before New Scotland Town Justice Thomas Dolin, Franckowiak was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$500 bail, pending a July 13 hearing in Town Court. The case was adjourned until August.

Another arrest took place on Wednesday, July 19, on Voorheesville Avenue in Voorheesville, when Mark DiNapoli, 27, of 56 South Clement Ave., Ravena, was reportedly observed driving without a seat belt, and making an improper turn.

After field sobriety tests, he was arrested for DWI and ticketed for the two violations, and ordered to appear in Village Court on Aug. 7.

Three individuals arrested on

earlier DWI charges by Bethlehem police pleaded guilty to DWAI in Town Court on July 18.

Two of those arrests dated back to April. Richard Malatesta, 35, of 136 Kent St., Albany, arrested on April 9 and charged with a drug-related DWI count, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge, as did Spencer Lee Phillips, 30, of 42-B Beacon Road, Glenmont, arrested for DWI on April 27.

Carol Marie Acker, 48, of 39 Van Buren Ave., Albany, arrested for DWI on June 5, also entered a guilty plea to DWAI. All three were fined \$300 and a \$35 state-mandated surcharge, and had their licenses suspended 90 days.

In an earlier Bethlehem Town Court appearance on July 5, H. Glynn Spratt, 50, of Latham, arrested by State Police in Bethlehem on May 20, entered a similar plea, and was also sentenced to a \$300 fine, \$65 sur-

charge, and 90-day license suspension.

Three individuals facing DWI charges in Voorheesville Village Court on July 3 guilty to reduced DWAI counts. One case dated back to a DWI arrest last Aug. 7, involving Tyler King, of 18 Moss Road, Voorheesville, who was 18 at the time of his arrest by sheriff's deputies.

The other two were Timothy J. White, 42, of 18 Placid Lane, Glenmont, arrested on May 20, and David A. Martin, 50, of 30 Orchard St., Feura Bush, arrested May 28. All three pleaded guilty to DWAI and were fined \$300, a \$35 surcharge and had their licenses suspended for 90 days.

Both Bethlehem and Voorheesville courts also required all of those pleading guilty to DWAI to attend a victim impact panel and undergo drinking-driver remediation programs.

Library provides career services

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

First-time career seekers, anyone entering the work force and returning students can get help with job searches, resume preparation and educational planning.

Hour-long appointments are available both day and evening.

For an appointment, call 439-9314.

BCHS graduate publishes book

Walter McDowell, son of Ruth McDowell of Delmar and the late Arthur McDowell, recently has his second book published by the National Association of Broadcasters.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Syracuse University and the University of Florida, McDowell is a professor of media and communications at the University of Southern Illinois.

Delmar students earn awards

The Binghamton University Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization that provides philanthropic support for a range of educational, student life, and capital programs that enrich the life of university students, recently honored several dozen Binghamton students with awards.

Amy Nicols of Delmar received the Theatre Department Award and Jennifer Piorkowski, also of Delmar, received the Filley Award in International Relations.

Delmar woman wins service award

The Home Care Association of New York State recently awarded its highest honor, the Ruth F. Wilson Award, to its president, Carol Rodat of Delmar.

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Marchell Hough looks over some of the items at Delaware Plaza's annual sidewalk sale.

Jim Franco

Heldeberg Workshop turns 40

By Katherine McCarthy

Forty summers ago, Jean Pauley and a small group of Voorheesville mothers got together to create a program for their children that would be less structured and more creative than what was then being offered.

Their creation was the Heldeberg Workshop, still the area's premiere spot for the "adventure in learning" Pauley had in mind.

To honor their creation and 40 years of success, there will be a special celebration Friday, July 28, at the workshop on Picard Road in New Scotland.

"They met in the founders' kitchens," Heldeberg Workshop board member Joan Coffey said of the first classes. "They eventually moved to the Voorheesville high school and then to this site."

Original board member Frank Leavitt found the 250 acres of land the workshop now occupies, which caused as much consternation as elation among the founders.

Bill Morrison, also one of the original members, recalled the great concern about getting water to the site, and meeting the \$180 monthly mortgage.

The first year, 30 students met

for three weeks. The next year, there were 60 students. And this year, nearly 2,000 students will attend a number of one- and two-week sessions.

The one-week session costs \$65 and two-week sessions are \$130.

Classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon, and cover topics from sci-

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Joan Coffey

ence, art and archeology to the ever-popular spelunking.

On July 28, visitors are welcome to walk the land, see the class sites and remember their days at the workshop.

At 12:30 a.m., a flag ceremony will honor Frank McLaughlin, one of the original board members who was instrumental in getting many of the workshop's structures built.

"Gen. McLaughlin was able to get the Army Corps of Engineers in to build the pole building," Coffey said.

The building is the workshop's main and largest structure, and during the summer it is full of children weaving, spinning, painting and making clay pots.

McLaughlin is honored daily at the workshop: the flag that flies in front of the pole building is his burial flag.

At the beginning of each session, Morrison leads workshop students and teachers in a verse of "God Bless America" as the

flag is raised.

On July 28, there will be a complimentary buffet lunch after the ceremony and visitors will be invited to share memories of their days at the workshop.

Although Pauley and McLaughlin have died, Coffey said they expect Pauley's sister to attend the special event.

After lunch, one of the newest parts of the workshop will be dedicated to Frank Leavitt.

"We always wanted to have a pond on the land, so that the science department had access to the wildlife you find in a pond," Coffey said. "We had to find the right area, to make sure the pond would be spring-fed. We did, and two years ago, we started using the pond in our classes."

Although the day will be mostly unstructured, there will be an introduction, welcome and detailed history of the workshop.

"We'll have some old photos," Coffey said, "but we hope that anybody who has some will bring them, and mostly, we hope everybody will bring their memories."

To ensure enough food, event planners ask that participants register by calling 399-2387.

Concert to benefit food pantry

A benefit concert for the Bethlehem food pantry will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 28, at the Bethlehem town hall auditorium.

Admission is \$8, or \$7 with a donation of a can of food.

The following bands are scheduled to perform: Next to Nothing, For Years Apart, Whoopie Cushion, F-Timmi and Lounge.

For information, call Seth Odell at 475-1838.

Spotlight to launch Guilderland paper

By Joseph A. Phillips

Spotlight Newspapers has announced plans to add an eighth suburban weekly to its fold. The new *Guilderland Spotlight* will be launched with a first issue on Sept. 6, joining *Spotlight* editions currently published in Bethlehem, Colonie, and Clifton Park; the *Loudonville Weekly*; and three *Journal* weeklies in Rotterdam, Scotia-Glenville and Niskayuna. *Spotlight* Newspapers also publishes the monthly *Capital District Parent Pages*.

Bill Fonda, 28, editor of the *Clifton Park Spotlight*, has been named to edit the *Guilderland* paper.

"It will complete Albany County for *Spotlight* Newspapers," said *Spotlight* General Manager John McIntyre. "With the new paper, we will really hit all of the suburban demographic areas in Albany County. We've had a lot of requests from the business community as well as residents of *Guilderland* to give them a product that focuses on the town of *Guilderland* and the *Guilderland* School District. Our goal is a newspaper that covers just *Guilderland*. That philosophy has made us a success in other communities in the Capital District."

The new paper also represents further growth in the Capital District for Eagle Newspapers, for two years the owner of the *Spotlight* group, with a combined regional circulation of 38,000.

Based in the Syracuse area, Eagle publishes 14 paid weekly newspapers and seven monthlies in that area, as well as a commercial printing division. The Syracuse-area papers have a combined paid circulation of about 50,000. Eagle last month also announced the acquisition of four more weeklies and a bi-weekly in the greater

Binghamton area.

"We are very bullish on community newspapers in New York state and possibly beyond," said Eagle Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Richard Keene. "As we see many companies receding in their interest in community journalism, ours is continuing to grow."

"What we are trying to do in the Albany market is provide quality community journalism to the underserved suburban markets," he said. "*Guilderland* is certainly a growth area which deserves its own weekly. *Guilderland* fits in well with our plans."

The new paper will be available at newsstands throughout the town and also by paid subscription, McIntyre said.

Fonda, who has edited the *Clifton Park* edition since its inception in April 1999, said, "I certainly enjoyed the year and four months I was in *Clifton Park*. I learned a lot and formed a lot of good working relationships, and I hope to take the things I learned here and apply them in *Guilderland*. I'm looking forward to the challenge, and I wouldn't have sought the position if I wasn't."

A 1994 graduate of Utica College and holder of a master's degree in political communication from the University at Albany, Fonda joined *Spotlight* Newspapers as a full-time correspondent covering Colonie and also served as the sports editor for the newspaper group before taking on the *Clifton Park* position.

"Bill Fonda is a perfect match for *Guilderland*," said Susan Graves *Spotlight* Newspapers executive editor.

McIntyre said a search for a new editor for the *Clifton Park Spotlight* is currently under way.

Board sets public hearing

By Joseph A. Phillips

In an otherwise routine agenda, the Bethlehem town board will conduct a public hearing tonight on stop signs for a new intersection in town — and will take up several infrastructure proposals presented by the Department of Public Works.

The hearing at 7:30 p.m. concerns a proposed local law to install a stop sign at the intersection of Cherryvale Boulevard and McCormack Road North in Slingerlands. The intersection is the entryway to the Cherryvale development, less than a quarter mile from the Cherry Avenue bypass.

A more extensive traffic safety improvement is a proposed new connector road to be built in North Bethlehem.

Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor will ask the board for the go-ahead to begin planning the new road through property owned by Quadrini Builders that would bypass the current intersection of Krumkill and Blessing roads — an intersection that sees heavy traffic from commuters and shoppers seeking a non-highway route to Western Avenue and Stuyvesant Plaza.

The new connector would intersect with Krumkill at the intersection of Schoolhouse Road, and

would re-connect with Blessing between Stafford's Crossing and Mosall Drive. In addition to relieving current congestion at the Schoolhouse and Blessing intersections with Krumkill, the new connector would enable Quadrini to develop property not currently accessible by existing roads.

The project would be a joint undertaking of the developer and Department of Public Works, and would be presented at public hearing after more detailed plans are developed.

The board will also vote on a proposed extension of the town's Water District No. 1 to provide service to 221 lots in the Dowerskill development as well as roughly 30 along Elm Avenue East and Wildwood Lane. Gary Hoffman of CT Male Associates presented the plan at a June 14 public hearing, explaining that the extension would also improve connections to the nearby Haswell Farms development.

"All these multiple connections do a lot to improve the flow of water throughout the town," he said, particularly in the event of service interruptions elsewhere, but he said the extension would have only a modest impact on overall water demand.

The proposal faced no opposition at the June public hearing.

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Cousins' visit evokes greater sense of family

By Katherine McCarthy

As the oldest of five children, sometimes I look around my house and wonder where everybody is. So when my sister's job took her to France for a month, I offered to take her two daughters.

My mother also wanted a piece of the action, and so took granddaughters Ama and Kokaale dur-

influence of girls, and my sister thought her daughters would benefit from the toughening up that time with boys would surely bring.

So after grandma spoiled them, they arrived here. The first couple of days were tentative, as the girls from the city of Oakland got used to just being able to go outside alone whenever they wanted, and all four kids had to figure out what TV show to watch.

We had to remind Christopher to tone down his wise-guy cracks, and ask Ama to use words, not tears to convey what she wanted. And Cormac and Kokaale, who bank on their cute round faces and winning smiles to keep them out of trouble, only needed to be told once that they needed to ask before riding their bikes to the firehouse.

I had a slight moment of panic on my first full day with four children, when the girls followed me into the kitchen when I went to make dinner. Those few minutes alone with the chicken, potatoes and vegetables are usually the time I gather my thoughts and enjoy some quiet; I didn't want to

insult these girls so far from home without their mother, so I let them stay.

Their narration of their lives made the dinner preparation time go faster. During dinner, though, I explained that with four children around, they really wouldn't need me too much. They took the hint, and I marveled again at how well the four children get along. In spite of geographic, gender, and even some ethnic differences, there is a connection that leads them to quick understanding, compatibility, and shows their many similarities.

Ama and Kokaale's father is from Ghana, but the girls clearly inherited the Irish "famine instinct" from my side of the family. Added to the huge appetites my boys have, the milkman, local supermarkets, ice cream truck driver and snack bar workers at the pool, all love us these days.

An enterprising streak seems to run in all the kids, and they set up their own business, The Family Jam. When we were in Burlington for the 4th of July, my mother took them strawberry

picking, and we showed these Y2K kids that not all jam comes from a store.

Making jam quickly showed off their lively imaginations, as I became the wicked factory owner from Dickensian England, and the nieces and nephews my four child laborers. Except for Cormac, who pretty quickly snagged himself the role of beloved nephew.

The children's ability to sustain an English accent was impressive; the workings of their minds horrifyingly dark as they discussed the imprisoned, impoverished or dead parents that forced them to end up in these horrible work conditions. The jam, though, was pretty good.

The Family Jam evolved into The Family Restaurant, which wasn't quite as much fun, as Chris and I were not allowed to help, but had to listen to four chefs heatedly battle out exactly how to cut the baguette, and whether to put the carrot greens around the outside of the plates for garnish.

We took their fertile imaginations to see "The Music Man," but got to Washington Park too late to get seats, and ended up on the hill, where the kids spent most of their time ignoring our advice that they'd stay seated better if they sat on the grass, not the blanket.

But the slippery blanket was too much fun, with the ever-

present possibility of knocking over, like veiled bowling pins, the group of nuns in lawn chairs on the level grass below us.

Our theater excursion ended just before Professor Hill and Marion the Librarian declared their love for each other, when Cormac wailed in panic that the "stick in my belly button broke! We have to go now!" Sure it was appendicitis, and not wanting to totally ruin the good sisters' evening, we left. The tiny nub of Cormac's umbilical cord was, of course, fine, and the children had to hear my edited version of the end of the musical.

As well behaved as they've been, the work has been constant. What time I don't spend in the kitchen I spend in the laundry room. I seem to need something at the grocery store each evening after Chris comes home from work. Did you know that supermarkets can be blissfully quiet?

When my sister returns this week, we'll be back to just our two, and our regular milk order. For a little while, though, we all got a sense of life in a bigger, more diverse family. Years from now, Chris and I will remember the week we fell asleep at 9 p.m. every night, and I hope the four cousins remember that a strong sense of family is bigger than what surrounds you each day.

COMMENTARY:

*Mom's
the
Word*



ing her two-week vacation, leaving them to visit us for 10 days.

My boys professed only grumpiness at the intrusion of two girls into their summer, but I was not too worried. These four cousins have only been together a few times, but since they are all about the same ages, they'd always gotten along remarkably well.

Plus, I thought it would be good for my boys to have the tempering

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Bethlehem zoning board OKs My Place request

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals' busy summer agenda of business-related applications continued to get busier at last Wednesday's meeting.

The board voted to approve the application by an Elsmere restaurant to expand its facilities, pending drafting of the formal resolution by board counsel. But it also scheduled two new business-related applications for future public hearings and set a date for resumption of a third, while postponing discussion of another pending application.

The board OK'd the application of My Place & Co. at 241 Delaware Ave., which will permit expansion of its kitchen, food preparation and dining room facilities. The restaurant's owners, James and Noreen Giacone, requested before a public hearing on June 21 a variance from restrictions placed on the expansion of certain businesses, including restaurants and taverns, that are within 250 feet of a school; the restaurant is just two doors away from Elsmere Elementary School.

A discussion scheduled for last week's meeting of a variance request by the Masonic Temple Association, presented at a July 5 public hearing, was postponed until Aug. 2, despite the presence at the meeting of about a dozen supporters. The postponement will permit a member absent from the earlier hearing to acquaint himself with the hearing record.

The Masonic association seeks a variance from parking space re-

quirements at the temple, located at 421 Kenwood Ave. at the intersection with Adams Street. If granted, it plans to construct a one-story addition to the building that would house classrooms for a tutoring center for dyslexic children, to be operated free of charge as a charitable venture by the Scottish Rite Masons.

The building is currently "grandfathered" from requirements to provide on-site parking that the lot is too small to support, but would lose that exemption with the construction of the addition.

The Aug. 2 meeting will be a busy one: in addition to a hearing on a residential variance request, another is already scheduled for an application by Albany Telephone Co., a local Cellular One service provider. It seeks to install three 9-foot antennas atop the a building in Meadowbrook Apartments in Slingerlands to augment the company's cell-phone service along Route 85.

Last week the board also set a pair of business-related public hearings for Aug. 16. Lake Plain Associates of Niagara Falls, which recently purchased the former Arco gasoline station at 414 Route 9W, at the Bethlehem Center intersection in Glenmont, has applied for a modification of a previously granted Special Exception that would permit changes to the station's signage and gas pump canopy.

The new owners are affiliated with the Sunoco chain and are seeking the changes as part of a national "re-imaging program" for

Sunoco stations. The zoning code applies certain restrictions to the size of signage on properties in a CC Commercial zone.

The sign change is not controversial, but the applicants' intentions for the station may be. In their application they request, among other things, placement of a "snack shop" sign on the station, which prompted a June 9 letter to Lake Plain management from town Building Inspector John Flanigan, reminding them of the restrictions imposed in their 1993 zoning exception.

Flanigan said they are limited by previous board action to provide gasoline sales and simple maintenance services, and barred from leasing service-bay space to an outside vendor (for, say, oil-change or car-wash services) without first applying to the board. Food sales on site are limited to

vending machines; addition last year of limited convenience-store service at two Hess Express facilities in Bethlehem required zoning variances.

Also scheduled for a public hearing on Aug. 16 is an application by Albany Obedience Club, owners of a 4.5-acre site at 535 Wemple Road in Selkirk. The club obtained previous special exceptions from the board to allow it to offer outdoor dog-training programs on the site, and to build an equipment storage shed there; it now seeks an amendment that would allow it to build a year-round training building, 60 by 125 feet, with plans for a future addition of the same size.

The application is the second such request under consideration by the zoning board this summer. Richard Pulice of Reigning Cats & Dogs, a kennel at 759 Route 9W

in Glenmont, outlined a June 7 public hearing his plans to build a year-round training building on his site, which would require a use variance.

Pulice maintained the lack of an enclosed year-round training building costs him potential business, but the zoning board requested financial data demonstrating that need, and adjourned the hearing to an unspecified time until Pulice could provide such data.

Earlier this month Pulice submitted a memorandum outlining his financial hardship argument, and reiterating his contention that "training is a vital component of our and most other kennels who provide comprehensive pet care services." Last week, at Pulice's request, the zoning board scheduled a resumption of a hearing for Sept. 6 vote.

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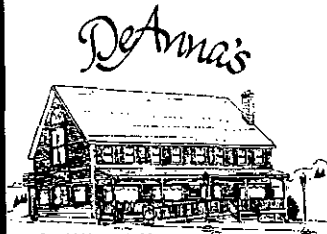
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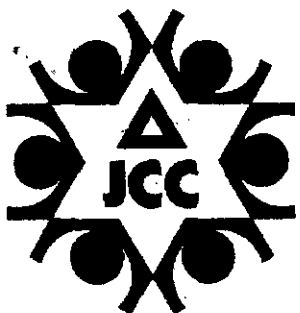
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Matters of Opinion

Good news, bad news

The very good news is that FEMA funds have been awarded to the town to help defray expenses in the wake of the May landslide.

The not so very good news is that Delaware Avenue business people are still very frustrated — partly because the road is still closed, with no timetable for re-opening — and partly because state relief is not immediately forthcoming.

Editorials

Bureaucracy! In order to receive up to \$5,000 to help offset losses, businesses must fill out application forms, that can be filed up to September.

We can appreciate the frustration of affected business people, but we urge them to go through the tedious process of filing for loans to get through the ordeal. We also urge landlords and others to be patient with people who have seen up to a 40 percent drop in business since the slide.

Hound site, hindsight

Opponents of the proposed dog park in Delmar have presented a host of arguments as to why it shouldn't be sited near the town park.

They have made an important point: safety is an issue that should be considered. Dogs of all shapes and sizes don't always tend to socialize well. Dog owners themselves could be in jeopardy if their pets got into an altercation with another animal.

But worse than that is the potential for harm to children who live across the street from the proposed park site.

Still, a dog park would be a good thing for the town, it just needs to be located in a more suitable location, where the dogs could get a good workout.

We think the town board must rethink its decision to site the dog park near the people park, to allay neighbors' concerns and to prevent potential injury to both man and beast.

Surely someone in a town the size of Bethlehem can come up with an idea for a better and safer site

Happy 40th b-day

The Heldeberg Workshop has served the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland and, in fact, the entire region well during its 40-year history. Its celebration on Friday is a great opportunity for workshop alumni and members of the community to see how much has been accomplished over the years.

Workshop creators, teachers and supporters deserve much credit for this marvelous natural sanctuary.

If you've never visited the workshop on Picard Road, set aside some time on Friday to see what it's all about.

Privacy thrown to the wind

By Bill Fonda

The writer is editor of the Clifton Park Spotlight.

I was watching a stock-car race on CBS a couple weeks ago, otherwise known as a series of commercials and CBS promotions wrapped around a few laps of racing at a time. Every five minutes, it seemed as if someone was promoting a new show set to debut that week, "Big Brother."

It was described as total strangers moving into a house with cameras recording their every move, and YOU (the viewers) get to decide who stays and who goes! Its lead-in was "Survivor," where strangers got together on a "deserted island" with cameras recording their every move, but the viewers don't get to vote who goes.

"Survivor" must be pretty popular; I kept hearing that it's "the No. 1 show in America," beating even "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." There are already plans for a sequel in the Australian Outback, and one of the drivers said he wanted to try out in his post-crash interview. Really — a guy destroyed a 3,400-pound race car at almost 190 mph and talked about wanting to be on the show.

Personally, I think the shows' concepts are pretty inane, as are those of MTV staples "The Real World" and "Road Rules," which helped spawn this whole phenomenon. I find the shows to be about as real as cubic zirconium, and they show every move? Yeah, right.

Very frankly, I don't care what the vast majority of people do. There's absolutely no reason why it should matter to me what some nobody who won an audition to be on TV to just "be" does. Earn your fame first, then I'll watch.

But that's just a matter of my own taste, which has been questioned in the past, usually by my brother, who can't believe I haven't seen "Jurassic Park" yet. What really got me was the willingness of people to supposedly put their entire lives on camera for millions to see.

Wouldn't they want to keep some things private? I never read "1984," but last I knew, "Big Brother" was a bad thing. Now

Point of View

there's a TV show with that name, and we all know it's going to be a ratings hit.

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they want to be celebrities, regardless of the cost to their privacy or dignity. If it takes eating bugs out in the middle of nowhere, so be it. If it means dealing with a drinking problem on MTV on a daily basis, so be it.

Even making a fool out of oneself over an love triangle between a grandmother, a 12-year-old boy and his stepfather is OK, as long as it's on "Jerry Springer." By the way, I made that up. I've never sat through a whole episode.

Before too long, the person clocking our 15 minutes of fame is going to have to hire more employees to keep up with the demand.

But for everyone, that 15 minutes will be up. Since "The Real World" has been on the longest, I'll use that for a quick quiz. Out of all the cast members before the most-recent season, how many have ever been heard from again?

I can think of two — Pedro Zamora, who became well-known as a gay-rights advocate before dying of AIDS, and a guy known as Puck, who had a short stint as an MTV personality before the station apparently realized that he was throughly obnoxious and returned him to his well-deserved obscurity.

All the people voted off the "Survivor" island get to do the talk-show rounds and plaster their faces on TV a little bit more, but a year from now, I almost guarantee no one will know what they're doing. So much for the fame they're hoping to achieve.

And it's not just TV. It's on the Internet too. I can deal with people having their own Web pages, even if I have no interest in visiting them. A little self-aggrandizement never hurt anyone, although I don't anticipate starting one be-

cause it would damage my ego too much when no one looked at it.

But then there are people who put cameras in their homes and broadcast the images over the Internet. Why should I care the least bit what some college kid in Idaho is doing in his or her apartment? Let's be honest; people only look at those sites in the hopes of seeing something salacious anyway.

If I mounted cameras in my apartment and called my Web site billfonda.com (which does not exist), it would be really exciting.

"Oooooooo, look at Bill paying bills."

"Oooooooo, look at Bill channel surf. He is really good with that remote, isn't he?"

"What's Bill reading? Oh, it's one of those Tom Peters' books."

"I love this part. Bill's trying to take out his bike. Doesn't he know it would be a lot easier if he moved those boxes? Watch your head!"

In fact, the most excitement would probably occur when I was gone, because that means my cat has free rein over my apartment.

"Hey look! Scrapper's near the garbage can, and it's Wednesday, so it's full of stuff! She's pawing at it, a little harder now, and there it goes! Bill's going to be so mad when he gets home."

Then, of course, they could log back on in a few hours to hear my reaction, as my cat cowers under the bed somewhere.

"SCRAPPER!!!!!!"

Of course, the ultimate situation would be if I logged on to my site to see an image of me looking at my site ... looking at my site ... looking at my site. At that point, I think the world would be sucked into a black hole with my computer as its center.

Real spell-binding stuff, isn't it? Doesn't it leave you hungering for more? Don't worry, because I'll never do such a thing.

First of all, I have no delusions that anyone would ever be interested in it, but more important, when I go home, that's my time and my space.

No matter how much I'd like to be famous, I want it to be because of something I've accomplished, not because I let some TV crew or Internet site record what I do.

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Your Opinion Matters

Neighbor objects to dog run site

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a resident of the Park Edge neighborhood, across from the proposed dog park. As the first house on the street, my house will be directly across from the proposed dog park. Therefore, my husband and I are justifiably concerned not only about the cost of the dog park, but about traffic, noise and safety issues involved, which may affect us and our two children.

We are not opposed to the idea of a dog park — we own a dog ourselves. However, we are opposed to having such a park located across from a residential area.

We have done a significant amount of research on this issue, including discussion with various persons involved with the Clifton Park Dog Park. We took a trip to the Clifton Park site ourselves and have the following concerns, primarily involved with safety, cost and monitoring of the site.

With respect to safety concerns, the Clifton Park site is located in a commercial/industrial area, with only two homes nearby, and both are separated from the park by a farm and a heavily wooded area (not some screening trees).

Although dogs make lovely pets, they are unpredictable animals and may bite people or other dogs for various reasons. An original site considered by Clifton Park was denied because it was too close to where kids played.

Further, because of safety concerns, Clifton Park allows only one animal at a time in the park, unless the owner consents otherwise. Others must wait outside (thus the probable reason for the litter and feces we observed outside the dog park on our visit).

Traffic on the Route 32 Bypass Extension and our street will most likely be increased at the Park & Ride, and the result will be that town police will be less likely to identify inappropriate and potentially criminal activity.

Although Clifton Park limits its dog park to residents with permits, there is limited monitoring. The dog park is open from dawn to dusk, and there is no peace officer power for enforcement, not to mention that the proposed rules for our park are unenforceable.

Clifton Park has had unregistered dogs in its park from Halfmoon and as far away as Albany. Monitoring cleanup in the town will continue to be a problem.

On our visit to the Clifton Park site, we also observed at least five separate piles of feces inside the park area, in addition to the litter and those outside the park. People who clean up after their dogs will continue to do so, and those who do not will continue not to clean up.

The cost of the proposed park is a significant issue in that I believe the town contingency fund can be put to better use at this time. For example the Delaware

Avenue business area, rather than a dog park would be a more appropriate use of that money.

Also the cost does not end with installation. In addition to the approximate \$13,500 to get the park started, additional maintenance and sanitation measures would be needed. If garbage cans are needed, pick up will be required and monitoring funds should be included in any cost estimate. Insurance is another cost consideration because of the public safety and liability concerns raised by the location of the park and its proximity to residential areas and particularly children.

I feel this use is inherently incompatible with residential use and would never be allowed to be located across from a residential area if it were being proposed by a private developer. Not to mention, that environmental assessments and traffic studies and a series of meetings would be needed before approval.

If residents of the town of Bethlehem feel this is a necessary or desirable project, then I am sure a more appropriate location can be found which will not impact residential homeowners and their children.

Barbara Rusin Scheuermann
Delmar

Support diabetes walk scheduled Sept. 24

Editor, The Spotlight:

"Bethlehem Cares," a townwide walking team that will participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes, is looking for individuals, and school, church, fraternal, youth and Scout groups to join the team.

All proceeds from the walk scheduled for Sept. 24 at Corporate Woods in Albany, will benefit diabetes research.

The first 175 people who register as members of "Bethlehem Cares" and turn in at least \$25 will

receive free team T-shirts. Free food and entertainment will be provided for all participants on the day of the walk.


If you want to join the team, call 439-6894 or preregister using walk brochures that many Bethlehem businesses have. If you are unable to participate but would like to make a donation, mail your check, payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, to "Bethlehem Cares" at 65 Boylston Drive, Delmar 12054.

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Delmar

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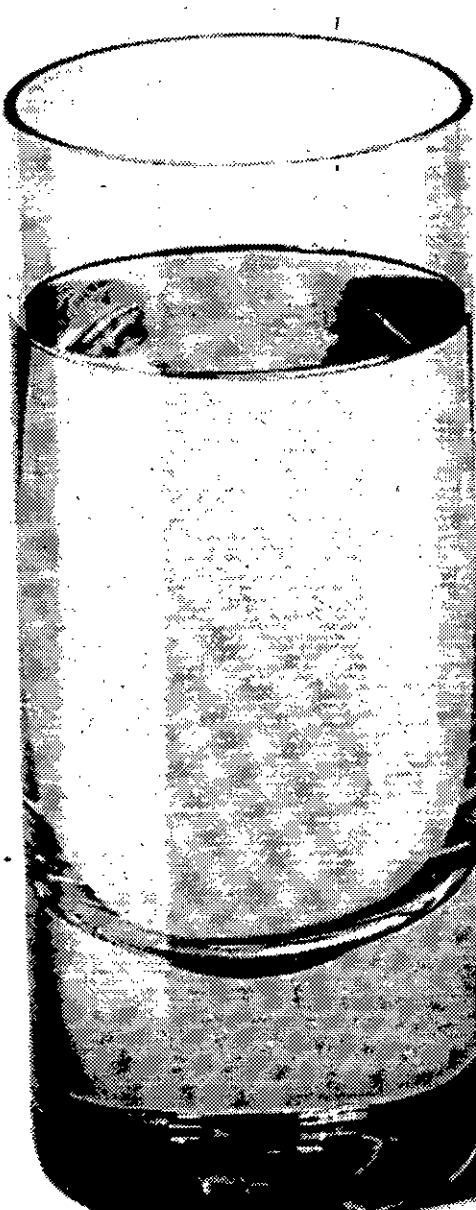
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Matters of Opinion

Resident takes issue with town dog park

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to the letter in the July 11 *Spotlight*. It states that the dog traffic on the bike path near Park Edge Lane would be alleviated as a result of the proposed dog park.

In my opinion, the exact opposite will occur. Currently, the level of dog traffic is not excessive and commensurate with the population of dog owners living in the vicinity. The dog park will be an attraction for dog owners throughout Bethlehem. Many will walk their dogs to get there. Children use the entrance next to the proposed dog park to access the town park. This poses a safety risk.

Clifton Park has a dog park. Its dog park was originally planned to be near a residential area, but because of safety concerns it was moved to a more remote area. Clifton Park has already had problems with waste control. Dogs are only allowed in one at a time for 15 minute intervals because of safety concerns. The proposed rules for the Delmar park do not restrict the number of dogs using the park

at one time and impose no time restrictions.

Previously, dogs were allowed to run loose at the middle school. This practice had to be stopped because adherence to the pooper scooper law was so poor. Why would the dog park be any different? The dog park will have rules, but they will be unenforceable.

The active proponents will most likely be responsible in the use of the park, but history has already shown us that most users will not.

Our town leadership is looking for a quick way to satisfy a small minority interest group. A real effort has not been made to evaluate other possible solutions. This solution is not a good thing for our community. It is unfair to ask the Bethlehem taxpayer to pay so that others can have a fenced in yard for their dogs.

The safety of our citizens and the quiet enjoyment of our taxpayers' property should certainly weigh higher than the rights of dogs.

Len Micelli
Glenmont

Group changes name to avoid confusion

Editor, The Spotlight:

Sometimes, the associations connected with a name make all the difference in the responses of the public.

In our case, the name Five Rivers Limited, is often confused with the name of the environmental center — especially since both are often abbreviated to just Five Rivers.

Why is that a problem? When we seek donations of money, grants or service, those who believe our organization is a branch of the state of New York balk at contributing anything. 'We pay taxes; why should we give anything more?' they often say. Even funding organizations require

large amounts of documentation to show that we are indeed a non-profit corporation, supported solely by the dues of our members, contributions of friends and our annual fund-raising effort.

As president of Five Rivers Limited, I've been interviewed a number of times and am continually surprised at the necessity to explain the difference between the environmental center and our group. Even visitors who regularly come to the center don't really know what we are or what we do.

As a result, the board decided that it might be helpful if we adopted an alternate name similar to that used by other support

groups. We chose Friends of Five Rivers.

Board member Bob Stone has processed the necessary legal paperwork to designate the name as an "assumed name." We will keep the name Five Rivers Limited for legal documents, but we can use the name Friends of Five Rivers in our contacts with the public and the media.

Sometime in the fall, you will start to see references to this new name in our literature. I hope you will agree that the name, Friends of Five Rivers, really represents what we are and what we do.

Marge Farrell
Friends of Five Rivers
president

Trees in park dying from lack of care

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been noticing the condition of all the crab apple trees in the town of Bethlehem park. They are dying. The leaves show damage from apple scab, cedar apple rust and worm damage.

A tree or any perennial plant takes food reserves from the roots to produce leaves in the spring until mid-July. After that, trees and

plants store food reserves in the roots in order to start growth in the spring.

I understand that a certain environmental group has been instrumental in passing a town ordinance that prohibits the use of fungicides and herbicides on town property.

This ordinance is destroying these beautiful trees. In addition,

there will be a large cost to the town to remove the trees and replace them with other ornamental trees. This will cost several thousand dollars in labor and plants.

The proper use of insecticides and fungicides is not harmful to people.

Louis Dushek
Ravena

Thanks to 'mystery' woman

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is a letter of heartfelt gratitude to the anonymous woman who rescued my wallet from the women's room at Price Chopper on Friday, July 21, around noon.

When I noticed it was missing an hour after leaving the store, I prayed fervently that it would be found and turned in by a person of great integrity, since it contained

my debit card as well as a fair amount of cash.

As I soon found out, she not only turned it in with all contents intact, she failed to leave her name so she could be properly thanked. So I hope she sees this letter and gives me a call. Thank you, mystery woman.

Lois Caulfield
Delmar

RCS library programs under way

RCS Community Library has announced some of its special summer programs.

There will be a summer preschool story hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

RCS traveling library will be

bringing story hours, activities and crafts, and children's books around the district in summer according to the following schedule:

- Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

- RCS Community Library in Ravena on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

- Wyche Park, District No. 1 in New Baltimore on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

- A.W. Becker School in Selkirk on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

- Feura Bush Neighborhood Library on Thursdays at 3 p.m.

The traveling library will also

be at Food For Thought at the P.B. Coeymans School each afternoon at 1 p.m. and will meet with a different age group each day.

There will also be the following special events at the library:

The Zucchini Brothers will perform at P.B. Coeymans School on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. as the finale of the Summer Reading Program at Food For Thought.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Brian Melick will bring the World of Percussion to the library on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

This workshop is free and open to all ages.

Benefit concert on Friday

Local jazz musicians Adam Waite and Bill Leary, along with Seth Fruiterman and Josh Fialkoff will give their fourth annual benefit performance on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

All proceeds will go to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany.

This year's concert marks tenor

saxophonist Leary's return to the series since suffering a career-threatening jaw injury two and a half years ago. Leary heads off to New York City in the fall to complete a jazz performance degree.

Admission is \$5, and tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call 439-8594.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the July 19 *Spotlight* that the town of New Scotland will transfer funds from the LOSAP program to pay for its proposed computer networking project. Any funds that have been allocated for the computer network have been transferred from contingency funds.

Headed for England

Melanie Thornton of Delmar, a member of the Union College class of 2002, will be participating in the college's fall term abroad program in York, England.

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ELEVEN COUNTIES THINK THE CHOICE IS CLEAR.

Group opposes river dredging

HERKIMER—An organization representing 11 North Country counties has come out against dredging of the Hudson River to remove PCB contamination.

"We want the Environmental Protection Agency to hear the voices of the people who live and work near the river and would suffer the consequences of a dredging project," said Donald Cummings, a member of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks and chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

The resolution, approved at the group's May meeting in Herkimer County, is intended to send a "crystal clear message from elected officials representing more than 700,000 people," Cummings said in a press release...

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A message from GE.

Concerned about dredging the Hudson? Visit our Web site at www.hudsonwatch.com for more information.

Punkintown Fair festivities on deck this weekend

The 58th annual Punkintown Fair will be held Thursday through Saturday, July 27, 28 and 29, beginning each night at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Route 85A in New Salem.

The fair will include rides by Green Mountain Amusements.

Free events include Dean Davis and his reptiles on Thursday and Friday evening, Investigator Richard Vore's K-9 demonstration on Friday at 7 p.m., Lady Bug's clown show on Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and wood carving demos by Jim Donato.

There will be pizza from Smith's Tavern, chowder from Picard's Grove, and Tony's steak or chicken sandwiches. Hot dogs, fried dough, lemonade and other refreshments will also be available.

This year's prizes include a Gateway computer or a 5 horse-

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



power, single seat go-kart.

Parking and admission are free.

Punkintown Fair benefits the New Salem Fire Department.

Village to host concert in the park

The village of Voorheesville will sponsor a concert featuring the Hamilton Street Jazz Band on Sunday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Hotaling Evergreen Park on the corner of Maple and Voorheesville avenues.

The band plays a wide range of jazz.

The concert is free. Blankets or lawn chairs are suggested.

Baseball clinic slated

The town of New Scotland will hold a baseball clinic at the Swift Road Park July 31 through Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Feura Bush Park clinic will be held from Aug. 7 to 10, also from 9 a.m. to noon.

The clinic is for children 8 through 12. The fee is \$25 per session.

To register or for information, call the town office at 765-0938.

Helderberg Workshop sets paleontology program

The Helderberg Workshop on Picard Road will hold a paleontology workshop for children and their families on Sunday, July 30, at 1 p.m.

Len Porter will introduce students and adults to the science of paleontology and discuss ancient geologic oceans and the plants

and animals that inhabited them.

For information and reservations, call 765-2777 between 9 a.m. and noon.

Town offers Great Escape trip

The town of New Scotland will sponsor a field trip to the Great Escape on Friday, July 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Buses will depart from the town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

The cost of the trip is \$33.

For information or to make a reservation, call the town office at 765-9020.

Lake George bike trip on tap

New Scotland will also sponsor a bike trip in Lake George on Thursday, July 27, beginning at 8 a.m. for ages 11 through 15.

Transportation will leave from the town hall on Route 85.

Bicycles will also be transported from the town hall. Helmets are required. There is a \$5 fee.

Men's club plans flower show

The Albany Men's Garden Club will hold its Flower and Garden Show on Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Center on Martin Road.

For information, call 765-3500.

Thacher Park offers Indian Ladder trail tour

Thacher Park will offer a tour of the Indian Ladder Trail on Sunday, July 30, at 10 a.m.

The tour will introduce hikers to the geological and culture history of the trail.

Hikers should meet at the Indian Ladder picnic area. There is a \$5 parking fee.

School census under way

The Voorheesville Central School District will conduct a census this summer as a way to keep records on children living in the district, from newborn to age 18.

The census is taken every two years and enables the district to gather information on students who may have special needs and those who may be attending private schools.

The census is under way now and will continue throughout the month of August.

For information, contact JoAnn Donohue, census enumerator, at 765-2382, ext. 514.

Glenmont church schedules program

Glenmont Community Church will sponsor a week-long family study on Biblical Architecture and Buildings Aug. 21 to 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Geoff Purcell of The Archaeological Perspective will offer a hands-on adventure in archeology as it relates to Biblical architecture.

Children of all ages and their families are invited. To register, call 436-7710. For information, call Lynda Schoonbeek at 463-6806.

Fire commissioners reschedule meetings

The board of fire commissioners of the Elmwood Park Fire District has changed its September meeting from Monday, Sept. 4, to Monday, Sept. 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the North Bethlehem firehouse on Russell Road.

Kiwanis seeking craft fair vendors

Delmar Kiwanis Club will hold its ninth annual Flea Market and Craft Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Days Inn on Route 9W.

The grounds will be open at 7 a.m. for vendors.

Vendors offer antiques, collectibles, crafts, new merchandise, plants, jewelry, household miscellany, etc.

Spaces of 20-feet by 20-feet each can be reserved for \$20 if payment is received by Sept. 7. After Sept. 7 and on site spaces will be \$25.

For information, contact Jim Krathaus at 439-6808.

Chamber sets annual golf classic

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for its 14th annual Chamber Golf Classic at Normanside Country Club on Oct. 2.

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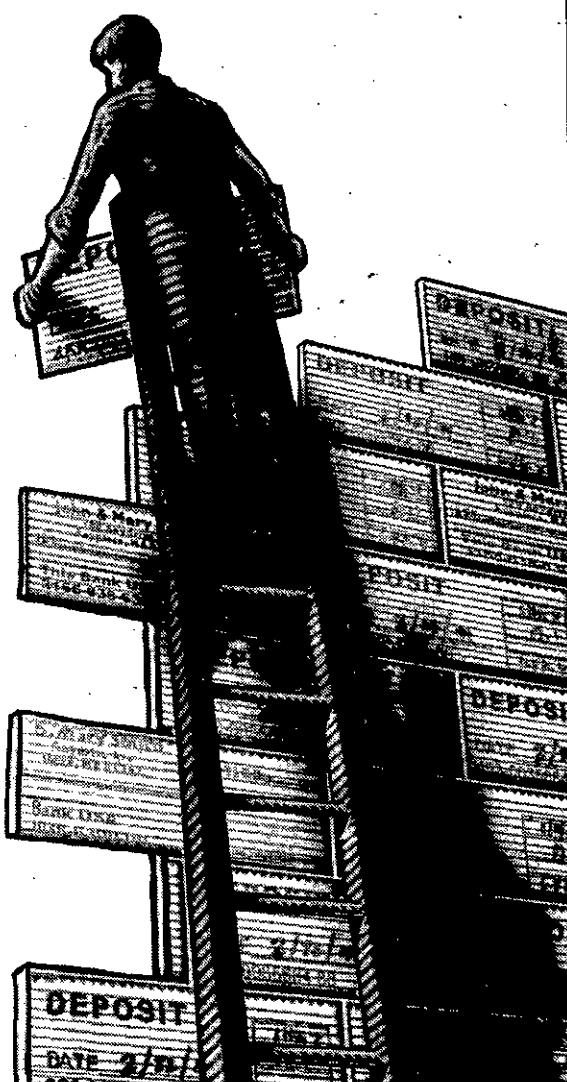
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Adult learning program fall offerings on tap

Only a few weeks after the school-age population of Bethlehem returns to the classroom in September, their parents and grandparents will be following suit, attending the 15th semester of classes provided by the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL).

HILL meets on various days of the week in local venues, such as Delmar Reformed Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem town hall and town park in Delmar.

Classes will consist of five college-level courses, taught during two hour weekly sessions for eight weeks. They are taught by college professors from Skidmore, Union, Siena and the University at Albany.

Beginning on Sept. 24, HILL will offer the following courses:

- What Lessons Should We Learn From 20th Century History? taught by Donald Birn of the history department at the University at Albany

- The Voice of the Wilderness: The Book of Job, Then and Now taught by Rudy Nelson, professor emeritus of English and religion at the University at Albany

- From the Renaissance to the Revolution taught by Warren Roberts of the history department at the University at Albany

- Politics in American Films taught by Fred Silva, professor emeritus of English and film at the University at Albany

- Other Chamber Music Combos taught by Ann-Marie Barker-Schwartz, a chamber musician and recitalist, commentator on WMHT and WAMC, and a teacher at Siena College and Emma Willard School.

HILL is tailored to accommodate parents of school-age children as well as the mature and retired who are seeking ways to satisfy their eagerness to learn.

It is now serving approximately 300 students in its various classes, providing "the best adult learning" in Upstate New York.

Each eight-week course costs \$35 for Bethlehem residents and \$45 for those outside the district.

Bethlehem residents are given preferential treatment when class size becomes prohibitively large.

The interim speakers, presented between the two HILL semesters at Bethlehem Public Library, are free of charge.

These speakers will be:

Helen Desfosses of the University at Albany, discussing "What a

Candidate Learns During the Run for Public Office" on Dec. 11.

David Nightingale, professor emeritus in physics at SUNY New Paltz and regular commentator on WAMC, discussing "Einstein's Birthday" on Jan. 3.

Sheldon Solomon, associate professor of psychology at Skidmore College, on "Grave Matters: On the Role of Death and Life" on Feb. 5.

HILL's annual musical recital at Bethlehem Public Library is also free of charge.

HILL is also sponsoring a free 11-part book discussion series, Books in the Morning, which will meet every third Friday morning between 10 and noon, beginning on Sept. 29.

Books discussed will include *Jane Eyre*, *Jude the Obscure*, *Women in Love*, *The Good Soldier*, *Death of the Heart*, *Billy Budd* and *Benito Cereno*, *Winesburg, Ohio*; *The Scarlet Letter*, *Bread and Wine*, and *Walden*.

HILL is unique in having the sponsorship of the Bethlehem school district as part of its continuing education program.

No other Capital District lifelong learning program has been fostered and sustained by a public school administration.

HILL, though totally nonprofit and self-sustaining, enjoys the encouragement and guidance of the Bethlehem school system, offered as the humanities aspect of adult learning for the Bethlehem adult citizenry.

The complete schedule of fall semester HILL classes appears in the August issue of "Bethlehem Highlights," and spring semester classes in the February issue.

Look for the orange sheet in the centerfold and choose your desired courses.

Make sure to register early.

Those who live outside the Bethlehem district and want a brochure should call 463-0514.

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V'ville woman to head organization

Viola McKaig of Voorheesville has been sworn in a president of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of New York State.

McKaig is owner and chief financial officer of Universal Auto Parts in Albany.

Student earns award

Alyce Smith of Delmar has won Rochester Institute of Technology's Davis Scholarship.

She is also a Nathaniel Rochester Society Scholar.

BCHS graduate earns scholarship

Benjamin Odell of Delmar, a member of the Bethlehem Central High School class of 2000, will enter Colgate University as an Alumni Memorial Scholar in August.

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Raneri, Eck to perform tonight at twilight

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nounce her appearance at the Together at Twilight concert on the library lawn at 7 p.m. Raneri will team up with the powerful vocals and compelling melodies of Michael Eck, also well known as the host of Border's Songwriters' Forum.

These free concerts are made possible by the Friends of the Library. Bring a chair or a blanket.

The concert will be held inside in the event of rain.

Teen-agers can practice cartooning with artist Jeff Scherer on Monday, July 31, at 7 p.m. as part of the special Summer Read-

ing Club evening edition. Grades six and up are invited, but sign-up is necessary, so call ahead at 765-2791 or stop by and register.

You can also call now to sign-up for science story times on Aug. 2 and 9. Kids age 4 through 8 are invited to bring an adult partner and explore a variety of themes in science with stories and experiments.

The science theme is carried out through club activities next week with "Bubble Science" and "Kitchen Chemistry" at the various regular meetings. If you have not joined the club because of vacation or other activities, there are three more weeks of meetings and you can still sign-up.

Friday Films and Fun will feature ways to "Cure a Bad Day" with "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" on July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, a film and a craft will be part of the fun. No sign-up is required.

Barbara Vink

Delmar man earns business award

Robert Ward of Delmar, director of research for the Business Council and its research affiliate, the Public Policy Institute of New York State, was named an honorary small businessman at the Business Council's annual Small Business Day at Empire State Convention Center in Albany.

Ward, a Delmar resident, was recognized for his research on the negative economic effects of New York's added estate tax, which was repealed effective last February.

Slingerlands student to attend conference

Lindsay Chura of Slingerlands, a junior at the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, has recently been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference on Law and Advocacy which will be held this summer in Washington D.C.

About 200 gifted high school students from across the United States and from 35 countries around the world will attend special workshops and participate in

Glenmont student wins scholarship

Debra Kowalski of Glenmont has received a \$1,000 Merit Award as a new transfer student at SUNY Oswego.

The award recognizes a student's past academic achievements and potential for success.

Singer to entertain at evening concert

Singer/songwriter Matt Cusson closes out the library's Evening on the Green concert series tonight at 7:30 p.m. Cusson is an in-demand session musician, having played on Brian

Call 439-9314 for information and to register.

Summer reading

A Comedy of Heirs by Rett MacPherson — The discovery of crime among one's own ancestors, especially a vicious crime like murder, is a genealogist's nightmare. That's the plot in this cozy mystery, and the hero's struggles to find out exactly what happened make a good story whether or not you're interested in genealogy.

Murder in Montparnasse by Howard Engel — A Canadian journalist assigned to a Paris news bureau in the 1920s joins the circle of American and European expatriots there. When one of their literary and artistic group is murdered by a serial killer, the journalist takes part in solving the mystery, providing the expected unexpected ending. The fun is in guessing who's who among the writers and artists, what is fiction, and what is real history.

Thanks to genealogy/local history librarian Babs Carlson for these reviews.

Louise Grieco

Check It Out
Bethlehem Public Library

McKnight's hit CD, Back At One. This spring Cusson performed to rave reviews with Livingston Taylor at the Egg.

Admission is free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if the weather's good. The concert will move indoors in case of rain. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Library.

Youth services lineup

• Thursday, July 27, at 7 and 7:45 p.m. — Games Around the World (kindergarten and up)

• Friday, July 28, at 9:30 a.m. — Children's Writing Workshop

• Monday, July 31, at 7 p.m. — Books Before Bed (age 3-6)

BIG Arena opens under 21 dance club

The BIG Arena in Delmar is launching its first summer season of its Under 21 Dance Club with the battle of the DJ's.

Three DJ's will battle it out for cash prizes every Tuesday of the summer in the Big View Room of the arena.

The 2,000-square-foot room will be outfitted with lights and other special effects.

In addition to inline and ice programs under way at BIG, the arena also aims to be known for its social programs.

The staff wants teens from Voorheesville, Ravena, Guilderland, Albany and Bethlehem will come and have fun at the dance club.

Besides music and dancing, the snack bar and arcade will be open.

The cost is \$5 with a flyer you can pick up before the event at BIG or \$6 at the door. The dance club will be open from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

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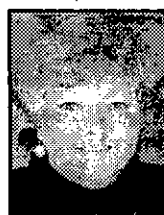
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Upgrades in BC schools on target

Some athletic upgrades at Bethlehem Central High School have been delayed, but the remaining projects approved by voters in the December 1999 bond issue are right on schedule.

The board of education, on the advice of its architects, has postponed beginning construction work on the high school track and tennis courts until the summer of 2001.

The new track and tennis courts will be ready in the fall of 2001.

This decision was reached after determining that completion of the work before winter is unlikely, due to delays in the review process and the current boom in the construction market.

Review of the project proposal by the state Education Department took twice as long as normal due to an increase in the number of proposals from school districts seeking to take advantage of this year's temporary increase in state building aid.

In addition, heavy demand in the construction market in general has put both materials and labor in short supply, potentially causing future delays if the work were to begin this year.

The district's primary concern is to avoid disrupting its interscholastic athletic and physical education programs to whatever extent possible and to maintain safe conditions for its students and athletes.

Postponement of the project helps to avoid conflicts with this fall's football program and other evening contests under the lights.

The delays to date raise the likelihood that final work on the track and football field would not be completed before winter, leaving the district without a track practice facility in the spring.

To require bidders to comply with an aggressive construction

schedule that demands completion by this fall, the district runs the risk of driving up the bids in order to receive the high-quality work that is a priority.

Work on the tennis courts and track will now be bid in conjunction with construction of the new high school classrooms and modifications to the high school entrance.

The bidding process is slated for October, with classroom construction beginning in November and finishing in time for the start of the 2001-02 school year.

High school construction of the lifelong fitness center, installation of an elevator and modifications to the team room are on schedule to begin in August, with completion projected for December.

Given BC's commitment to handicapped accessibility, every effort will be made to keep this phase of construction on schedule.

Technology projects are proceeding as planned, with most of the computer hardware equipment ordered, and delivery expected before school resumes this fall.

Each elementary school has already received two mobile learning labs, and the high school faculty computer center should be up and running by September.

The district anticipates that the writing and music components of the high school's new Virtual Arts Center will also be ready for the

start of school.

A number of projects remaining from the previous bond issue and energy performance contract are also slated for completion in the coming months.

The following are expected to be ready for the start of school this year: the addition to the bus garage, the new telephone system in all five elementary schools, modifications to the high school music room, improvements to the middle school auditorium stage, middle school boy's locker room and the high school auditorium.

Contracts for work on the high school pool, installation of central air conditioning in the high school and middle school media centers, and ventilation improvements at the high school and Elsmere Elementary School will be awarded in August, with work stretching into the school year.

Much of the work can be completed outside of school hours, so as not to disrupt classroom instruction.


Work on these prior projects was delayed in part because of changes to state rules regarding energy performance contracts.

For information, contact Gregg Nolte, director of facilities and operations for the school district at 439-2123.

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Five Delmar Dolphins on Adirondack team

Five members of the Delmar Dolphin Swim Team earned a place on the Adirondack Region Team. These swimmers qualified at the Empire State Trials held at the Colonie Town Pool June 23 to 25.

Sarah Richardson, Ryan Weaver, Richard Bailey, Matt Pasquini and Chris Shaffer all placed first or second in their events to earn a place on the team. They will join other area swimmers competing statewide at the Empire State Games in Binghamton July 26 through 30.

Delmar Dolphins is a year round

Bethlehem community based competitive swim program. It is open to swimmers between 6 and 18 years of age.

This summer the Dolphins will be offering a two week introduction to the sport of competitive swimming from Aug. 21 through Sept. 1. The cost is \$40 for the session. The program will run three evenings each week and is geared towards swimmers age 7 through 10.

Call head coach Doug Gross at 664-0801 to register or for information.

Job service available at park

The Youth Employment Service is a free community service helping young people between the ages of 14 and 21 find employment and community residents and businesses find reliable workers.

The service's office is located at the Bethlehem Parks and Rec-

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Jazz fans are invited to a night of old-fashioned fun.

All concerts at the gazebo are suitable for the entire family.

Hoops workshops set for park courts

Basketball workshops continue throughout the summer at the Mosher Park courts.

Monday through Friday from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Brad Palmer instructs girls and boys age 8 to 13. Lessons for children age 14 to 18 are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A girls-only basketball workshop is being offered by Bruce Stott on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Girls in grades seven to 12 are welcome to attend.

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High School boys have a league of their own on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bryan Wood leads the high school boys league.

And on Sunday at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Mike Babcock coaches an adult mens league.

Soccer sign-ups tonight

Final fall registration for RCS recreational soccer is today, July 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at RCS middle school.

Church to serve chicken barbecue

Congregational Christian

Church of Ravena will serve a chicken barbecue on Sunday, July 30, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The church is at the junction of Main Street and Mountain Road in Ravena.

Riverside festival set

Coxsackie Council on the Arts will hold its 24th annual Coxsackie Riverside Festival on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to dusk in Riverside Park in historic downtown Coxsackie.

Live bands, boat rides, craft and food vendors will be part of this festive occasion.

Youth soccer camp set for high school

RCS Youth Soccer Club is sponsoring a week-long youth soccer camp Aug. 7 to 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the RCS middle/high school complex.

The camp is open to youth age 6 to 18.

Currently in its fourth year of operation, the camp's objective is to teach young people the necessary skills to play and enjoy the game of soccer.

For information about RCS Youth Soccer and the summer soccer camp, call Gerri Roth at 756-8585.

Swim team news

The Ravena swim team came in second overall in its recent meet at Athens.

Team members finished first in 22 of 41 events.

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association's book *Images of America: New Scotland Township* is now available for purchase.

The book, which has been a year in the making, has been delivered to the association.

There are 220 photographs with captions in the 128 pages of the book. Priced at \$18.99 each (\$20.49 if mailed), the book will

be a family keepsake for generations. The association has 400 copies for sale.

It is being sold at New Scotland town hall, Voorheesville Public Library and at SuperValu Foods. All proceeds go to the historical association.

To order the book by mail, please send a check for \$20.49 to: Book Order, New Scotland Historical Association, Box 541, Voorheesville 121

Farm seeking new members

Roxbury Farm, one of the largest and oldest Community Supported Agriculture farms in the United States, is accepting members for the 2000 season at its Capital District pickup site.

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For information, call 758-8558, 393-9655 or e-mail roxburyfarm@hotmail.com.

Five Rivers offers nature walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will offer a guided walk on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

A walk along the Vlomankill stream will be lead by center naturalists and will explore the water-

course and the life within.

Come prepared to get your feet wet; bring boots or old sneakers.

The free program is ideal for adults and children together.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Delmar man joins Latham firm

Patrick Lennon of Delmar has joined MLB Industries of Latham as accounting manager.

Lennon will manage the daily operations of the professional con-

struction services company's accounting department and will assist the firm's controller with all accounting phases including payroll, billing, subcontractor baubles, receivables and general ledger.

He previously held accounting positions with Shaw Industries and Barry Bette & Led Duke.

He earned a bachelor of science in accounting from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

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Sports

Bethlehem girls lacrosse players & coach merit honors

Members of the Bethlehem Girls Lacrosse team continued to impress in the post season during the US Lacrosse National North-South game at RPI. **Ellen Lowrey** (2 goals-4 assists) was named Co-Most Valuable Player, **Lindsay Carter-Piechnik** (1 goal - 2 assists) scored the North's first goal and dominated the faceoffs with **Katie Riegel** (1 goal - 2 assists) scoring the game winner with 1:30 remaining as the North prevailed in a 16-14 victory over the South. Riegel's goal capped a comeback that saw the girls rally from a 9-2 deficit.

The north team was comprised of outstanding seniors north of the Mason-Dixon line from Maine to Minnesota and was coached by Bethlehem Varsity Coach **John Battaglini**, who was selected by US Lacrosse as Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

"I thought it was an honor for them and myself to be selected and they showed they can play with these kids and then some," Battaglini said. "This represents some of the best talent in the country and to have our kids here is a terrific tribute. I was real proud of them, our kids just took over as the game went on, brought our (Bethlehem) style of play into the game and it was fun and emotional coaching them one last time. I'm looking forward to following their careers while starting some new ones."

In other news revolving around the BCHS girls lacrosse team a group of recently graduates were golden at the Empire Games. The Bethlehem contingent of **Grace Tsan** ('99), **Carter Piechnik** ('00), **Lowrey** ('00) and **Jean Laraway** ('00) just hoped to gain some playing time with some of the best college lacrosse players in the country last weekend in the Empire Games held in Baldwinsville. The Bethlehem girls did that and more, scoring all six of the goals in a 6-5 win over Central New York as the Adirondack Womens Open Lacrosse team went on to earn the



Recent BCHS grad **Ellen Lowrey** makes her way upfield participating in a postseason all-star game. *Jim Franco*

Gold Medal.

Tsan, now attending Wellsey College led the team in scoring with 8 goals and 4 assists. Laraway (4 goals, 2 assists) tied up the semifinal game vs. Nassau and

Lowrey, (Columbia University) scored the game winner in the 4-3 semi-final victory over Nassau.

In the Championship game, Tsan netted the game's first goal and Carter-Piechnik (Duke Uni-

versity) tallied the next two, including the game winner, as the girls went on to a 3-2 victory. Tsan and Laraway were named to the all regional team.

BCHS girls who competed in the scholastic division played well enough to bring home the bronze. Led by Bethlehem's **Susie Breaznell**'s team leading 12 goals and 7 assists, the Adirondack region earned a bronze medal this past weekend. **Carley St. Lucia**

(8 goals-2 assists), **Emily Riegel** (1 assist) and **Kerry Hicks** (alternate) represented the Bethlehem contingent. Breaznell and St. Lucia were named to the All-Regional Team.

Kristin Link, **Katie Wagoner**, **Caitlin Primomo** and **Briana Bubeck** represented Bethlehem in the futures division (under 15) as Adirondack defeated a heavily favored Suffolk team for the first time in tournament history.



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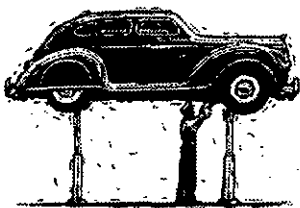
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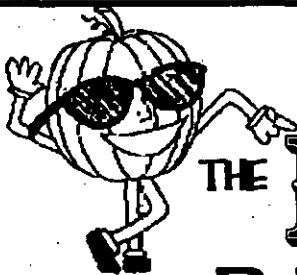
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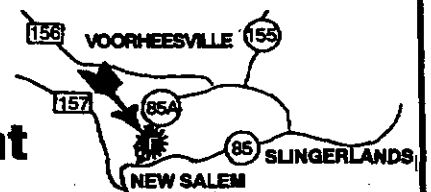
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The competition level was very high, but the girls from RCS were up to the challenge.

Playing in the Nordic Spirit Soccer Tournament in Middlebury, the team battled valiantly, barely losing their first game 1-0 to Liverpool.

In their next contest, they tied a team from New Hampshire 2-2.

The third time was the charm for the Rave, as their third game ended in 2-1 victory against a team from Connecticut.

Although tied for a playoff spot, the Rave could not advance further due to tiebreaker criteria. Nonetheless, the RCS girls displayed outstanding effort.



The members of the RCS Rave U-12 girls soccer team are all smiles after their success in the recent Nordic Spirit Soccer Tournament.

success was a reflection of the skill and dedication of the team, and the commitment of their coaches and parents throughout the long season, going all the way back to last November.

Off the field while in Vermont, the experience of staying in a hotel as a team, taking over the hotel swimming pool, and simply being together so far from home, will be a fond memory of these young athletes will certainly cherish.

In case their accomplishments in the Green Mountain State were not enough, the RCS Rave just concluded their outdoor league season with a championship record 12 wins and 0 losses.

The team includes Brianna Drexler, Lauren Howley, Maryann Lawrence, Jaclyn Levie, Holly Martin, Katelyn Matousek, April Mevoli, Trish Norton, Kim Poetzsch, Jennine Rider, Molly Salovitz, Lauren Scott, Johnna Thyrring, Larissa Townley, Dawn Wiedman and Brie Wertzbaugher.

The RCS girls have exhibited sportsmanship, courage and determination at all times and have become a source of pride to their families, their coaches, and the entire Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk and Bethlehem communities.

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Support groups help seniors with difficult transitions

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Life transitions are never easy and moving into a nursing home or other adult living community is no exception. In fact, it is probably one of the most difficult because it affects the resident and the family members so deeply.

"It's a painful, difficult decision and can be very

traumatic," said Erin Stachewicz with the Town of Colonie Senior Resource Department.

She specializes in aging services and runs a support group called TLC for family members.

"The family often feels guilty while the resident feels a sense of loss for their identity and their independence," she said.

"It's ok to feel guilty; it's how you overcome it."

Both parties are unsure of the new living arrangements and can be in denial. While she realizes that people don't often have time for support groups, Stachewicz said that it helps reduce a lot of the stress that goes with the situation.

The TLC group started about five years ago and they meet once a month. Topics vary depending on the group's needs. People come and go, but some have been attending since the group began. Veterans are the biggest help to new members. They share similar feelings and can tell family members what to expect in the future. They talk about visitation schedules, filling out paperwork and getting to know staff.

"Communication is a big part of the transition process and often an intermediary can help," Stachewicz said. If a support

group is not right for you, either because of schedules or you are not comfortable in a group setting, then meeting with a social worker is also valuable. Most facilities have someone on staff to help family members and residents handle the transition.

Nicole Bruno, a social worker for The Eddy, dedicates her time to helping family and residents.

"I spend a lot of time working with families. Many times they are grieving for a loved one who hasn't died," she said.

Residents feel like the facility is their "last stop" and they become depressed. Bruno said that often, rehabilitation programs allow residents to regain some or all of their independence, and they need someone to help them realize that.

Bruno also suggested that families look for facilities that offer multi-level care. That way if

a resident needs to transition to more care, they stay within the existing support network. In addition to an on-site social worker, many facilities offer their own support groups and annual family conference days.

"It's important to attend the conferences," Stachewicz said. "You get to know the staff better and you can see how the program operates. You'll feel better if you know what's going on."

Both Stachewicz and Bruno advised family members to become familiar with the facility and the staff. Take advantage of the services the facility provides including a specialist.

Another way to ease the transition is to plan ahead. Family members and their loved ones can tour and select a facility before a crisis arises.

"We see more and more people doing this and we welcome it," Bruno said. Stachewicz agreed that education and planning were helpful, but not realistic. Most people do not want to acknowledge that they are going to need assistance some day.

"It's very important to find support somewhere, to know that you're not alone," Stachewicz said.

You might join a support group, meet with a social worker, or make a connection with another family in the parking lot. Reaching out to someone in a similar situation is key to acceptance and knowing that you have made the right decision.

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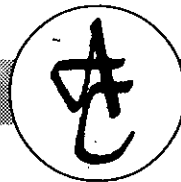


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By Juliana Larson

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Grandparents take more active role in grandchildren's lives

By Leigh G. Kirtley

While most retirees are out on the golf course or taking that long-awaited trip to Europe, a growing number of grandparents are raising their grandchildren.

In 1995, 2.5 million children lived with a grandparent in the home and by 1997, it was close to 4 million. Of those 4 million, 1.3 million were living alone with their grandparents. The numbers continue to rise. "I started with one support group in January and now I'm up to four and there's a need for more," said Lois Siegel, a support group facilitator with Catholic Charities.

She also watches her own eight-month-old grandson twice a week. The statistics represent every socio-economic group and

a wide variety of reasons.

Abandonment, death or illness, drug abuse and financial problems characterize some of the reasons why grandma or grandpa needs to step into the role as a primary caregiver.

"Some people have had to buy a house again after downsizing to an apartment," Siegel said.

In addition to housing concerns, these second-time parents are dealing with complex legal and custody issues, health insurance and education.

Resources are available through agencies like Brookdale Center on Aging and Albany Law School that has a group devoted to untangling legal issues. Emotional issues are another side of a difficult situation.

"There's a lot of guilt because some feel they failed with their

own children," Siegel said. "I understand where they are coming from, but they shouldn't feel guilty at all."

Any grandparent loves being part of their grandchildren's lives, but many feel torn between that love and wanting to

have time for themselves.

After a lifetime of devotion to raising their own children, it's hard to make that sacrifice a second time. "Some feel angry because they were thinking of retiring, but at the same time, they really want to help," Siegel said.

Support groups offer grandparents links to resources and a way to deal with the emotional turmoil they are experiencing.

It gives them an opportunity to share their feelings and realize they're not alone.

"The problem is that many just don't have time to attend," she said.

Some grandparents are faced with their own health issues while trying to find the physical stamina needed to raise young children.

And a growing number are raising children with special needs because the parent could not or would not raise the child.

"It's like a double whammy; we have a special support group for them," Siegel said. There's one more side to this issue:

young grandparents, in their mid to late 40's, who are raising grandchildren.

"They fall through the cracks because most of the programs are for seniors," she said.

Whatever your age or situation, there exists a vast number of resources that are worth seeking.

You can call Siegel at 785-0116 for information on support groups and to be on her mailing list.

The state Office on Aging can also give you information on services and resources; their number is 1-800-342-9871.

Each county publishes its own resource guide and local senior centers are a good starting point for numbers and contacts.

The American Association for Retired Persons, AARP, is another excellent resource. The Grandparent Information Center phone number is 202-434-2296.

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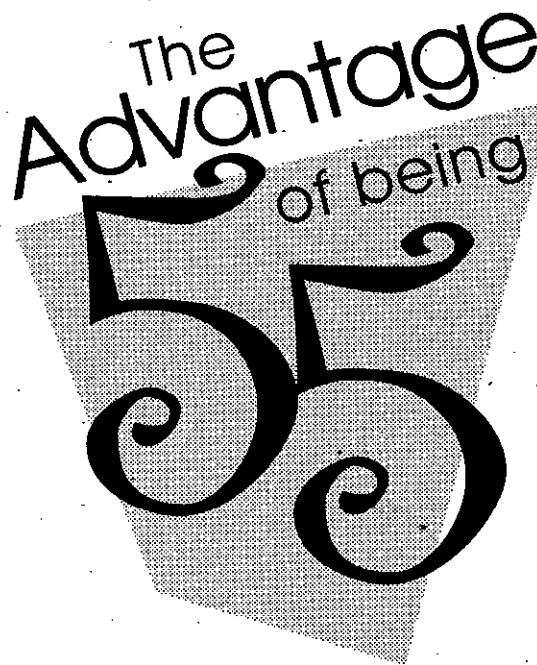
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Do age spots mean skin cancer?

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Age spots, also called liver spots, increase in number as we get older. By definition, they are flat patches of increased pigment, like freckles.

Should we be worried? Yes and no. Though cosmetically worrisome, age spots are not threatening and do not need to be treated.

On the other hand, it is no coincidence that age spots commonly appear on the backs of hands and necks, forearms and the face, all places that receive the most sun exposure.

"Age spots are a reflection of significant sun damage," said Dr. Jean C. Buhac, specializing in cosmetic, medical and surgical dentistry.

If you are talking sun damage, then there is an increased risk for skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, affecting one in seven Americans. Caught early, it has a 90 percent cure rate.

There are three types of carcinomas: basal cell, the most common, squamous cell and melanoma, the deadliest form. Knowing what to look for and when to see a dermatologist is as easy as knowing your ABC D's.

"A" stands for asymmetry. Benign or harmless moles or spots are round and symmetrical in shape, one side a mirror image of the other. Suspicious moles look distorted.

"B" stands for border. A doctor should evaluate moles with jagged, irregular or scalloped edges.

"C" means color. Usually moles are a uniform shade of brown. Mixed colors including red, black, brown or blue could signal a problem.

"D" stands for diameter. Give

special attention to moles larger than one quarter of an inch, or about the size of a pencil eraser. "In addition to the four basics, anything that changes should be evaluated," Buhac said. "There's also a misconception that melanoma is a raised bump, but it can be flat."

Sometimes, early forms of skin cancer can be misinterpreted as eczema or acne. Any skin lesion that refuses to heal needs to be evaluated by a dermatologist.

Prevention, of course, is always best. Limit sun exposure, wear protective clothing and remember your sunscreen. "You can reverse some pre-cancerous changes with sunscreen," Buhac said.

She warned that sunscreen does not mean you can stay out in the sun twice as long. You also need to remember to reapply frequently, especially after swimming.

When it comes to clothing, some of the new high-tech materials offer SPF protection. They contain brighteners and resins that absorb ultra violet, or UV, light.

You can save money by wearing unbleached cotton, silks and shiny polyesters. The cotton contains a pigment called lignin that absorbs UV rays and the other fabrics are highly reflective.

Tighter weaves also offer extra protection. Try to avoid bleached cotton and polyester crepe that are very transparent to UV rays. "And remember that anything wet offers no protection at all," Buhac said.

Finally, Buhac recommended vitamins E—especially the d-alpha tocopherol—and C for added photo protection. Any questions regarding skin conditions should be directed to your physician.



Bethlehem seniors have a new van. Bethlehem Seniors Projects is replacing one of its wheelchair-accessible vehicles with one that can accommodate 10 ambulatory and two wheelchair-bound clients. Roger Suttif, left, and Dick O'Connell show off the new vehicle.

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Daughters of Sarah nursing home grows to meet need

By Katherine McCarthy

Groundbreaking will take place this fall on an expansion project that will move Albany's Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center into the fore of senior care.

"The elderly population is growing in numbers, and with today's advances in medicine, seniors are living longer," Daughters of Sarah CEO Bernard Shapiro said. "When you put those demographics together, you'll see a greater demand for elderly services as well as alternatives to skilled nursing care for seniors. It's important for Daughters of Sarah to offer a broader continuum of services."

The Daughters of Sarah started in the 1940s, was located briefly in Albany, then moved to Troy until the early 1970s, when

it moved to its current facility on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

"Our mission has always been to provide care for seniors in a Jewish ambience," Shapiro said.

The first step in the \$23,000,000 expansion project will be the development of a 56-unit assistive living facility, The Pines at Daughters of Sarah.

"There will be 48 1-bedroom, and 8 2-bedroom units in the assistive living facility," Shapiro said. "In assistive living, certain activities of daily living are provided, like bathing, dressing, and medication administration. 3 kosher meals will be provided in a central dining facility."

Another part of the expansion is the creation of The Memory Enhancement Center. It will be

added on to the current Daughters of Sarah facility, but will not increase the size of the home. "We will remain a 201-bed facility," Shapiro said. "Right now, we have 12 wings, which sort of are like 12 spokes on a wheel. We'll be moving 3 beds from each spoke to the Memory Enhancement Center. This frees up space in the nursing facility, and lets us focus more directly on the needs of the Memory Enhancement Center patients."

The Memory Enhancement Center will incorporate the latest Alzheimer's and dementia research into its caregiving.

"The Memory Enhancement Center residents are likely to be people with high energy, but memory lapses," Shapiro said. "We'll be able to develop programs that support their needs. We'll have living centers, music, and open areas. The courtyard will be available to explore, for instance, but will be in a protective and closed setting. There will be screened in porches so the residents can enjoy nature and an outdoor setting, but still be secure."

"After we transfer the beds to the Memory Enhancement Center," Shapiro said, "we'll be able to design more of a home-like setting in our current

home." Shapiro said the 30-year-old facility needs modernizing and upgrading, and this project will let Daughters of Sarah meet the goal of having more lounges on each unit, and showers closer to the wings themselves.

Daughters of Sarah will continue to operate its adult day care program, Greatdays, at the Washington Avenue extension building and in Schenectady.

Shapiro is clear about the goal of the upcoming expansion at Daughters of Sarah. "We see ourselves transitioning from a skilled nursing center to a senior community," he said. "We want seniors to be able to enjoy their later years, and we want to provide the broader continuum of services that will let us meet the changing needs of seniors."

Nominate a favorite senior for award

While shuffleboard, early bird specials, bingo and bridge games may signify a rite of passage for some, these days many seniors simply refuse to act their age.

To celebrate this active and according to the U.S. Census Bureau-growing segment of the population, KFC kicks off its fifth annual Colonel's Way Award competition. The competition is a nationwide search for seniors whose zest for life keeps them ahead of their time.

The national winner will receive \$10,000 in cash and a trip for two to the World

Chicken Festival in London, Ky. for the official Colonel's Way Award presentation.

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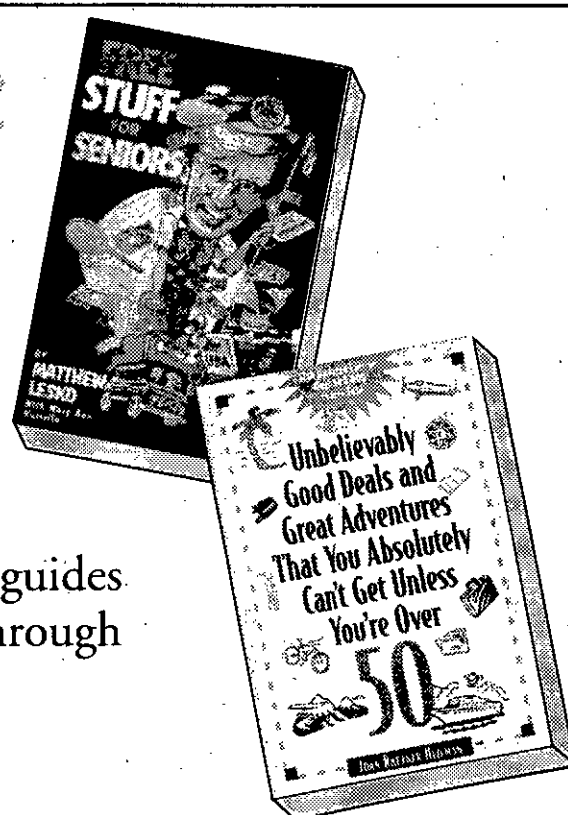
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Senior smiles



The senior adult department of the Sidney Albert Jewish Community Center held its third annual health and services fair for seniors May 7. Hundreds of fair participants took advantage of the opportunity to have free health screenings, obtain information on a wide variety of services and businesses relevant to seniors, and hear lectures on estate planning and health and humor. Seniors enjoyed refreshments and free drawings throughout the afternoon. Information on next summer's fair can be obtained by calling the Senior Adult office at 438-6551 extension 112.

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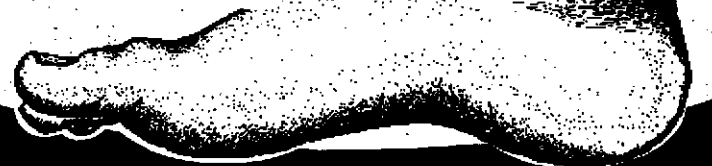
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Mercycare program offers seniors CHOICES in health care

By Richard Chady

For older people who live alone, CHOICES (Case Management Helping Older Adults Maintain Independence with Comprehensive Effective Services) means having an expert to help them obtain services they need, such as a ride to the doctor, for a health professional to make a home visit or assistance with legal and financial issues.

For a middle-aged person who lives out of the area, CHOICES means peace of mind that a frail parent in the Capital District will have someone nearby to help him or her cope with everyday needs.

Through CHOICES, Mercycare/St. Peter's Hospital provides a range of services

to help older adults maintain their independence.

Under the 10-year-old program, clinical social workers from the hospital's Department of Social Work and Continuing Care provide counseling, assistance in doing advance planning and help in accessing a wide variety of community services to enhance senior citizens' health, safety, independence, financial security and quality of life.

The services range from grocery shopping and delivery to transportation, home visits by doctors, nurses and other health professionals, recreation and therapy programs, legal and financial assistance, Lifeline (an emergency call system) and considering independent and alternative housing.

Because the social workers

have expertise in the aging process and the services that seniors may need, their planning helps to prevent many crises from occurring.

"With CHOICES, the client is always in charge," said Nora Baratto, the department director. "We support independence and having the older adult in

control of his/her care decisions." CHOICES is very affordable. Fees are on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay.

For persons interested, a clinical social worker will visit the home to discuss care options and develop an individualized plan for each client. After that, the social worker makes

follow-up visits to the home and continues to make sure the care is the best it can be. CHOICES is available to persons who are 60 or older in Albany and Rensselaer counties.

For information, call the CHOICES program at (518) 525-1364.

Bethlehem adult reading group readies for fall term

Only a few weeks after the school age population of Bethlehem returns to the classroom in September for the fall semester, parents and grandparents will be following suit.

Adults will be meeting in the Delmar Reformed Church, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Town Hall and Bethlehem Town Park to attend the 15th semester of classes provided by the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning

(HILL). HILL offers adults five college level courses (but no test or papers) of two-hour weekly session for eight weeks with university professors drawn from Skidmore, Union, Siena and particularly the University at Albany.

Beginning on Sept. 24th, HILL will be offering a number of classes.

The first, *What Lessons Should We Learn from 20th Century History* taught by Donald Birn of the U of Albany's history department. The

second, *The Voice of the Wilderness: The book of Job Then and Now* by Rudy Nelson, emeritus professor in English /Religion from U Albany.

The third, *Politics in American Films* by Fred Silva emeritus professor in English/film from the U Albany.

The fourth, *France from the Renaissance to the Revolution* taught by Warren Roberts of the history department at U Albany.

The fifth and last, *Other Chamber Music Combos* taught by Ann-Marie Barker-Schwartz chamber musician and recitalist, commentator on WMHT and WAMC teacher at Siena College and Emma Willard school.

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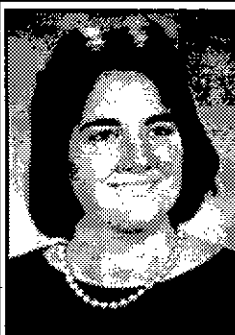
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Warbirds

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In keeping with the World War II theme, there will be a USO dance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in one of the airport's hangars, and the Veterans of Foreign War will provide coffee and doughnuts.

Music will be by The Sophisticated Ladies.

"We're a 12-piece, all-girl band," said band leader and lead alto Donna Weiss. "We play a lot of big band and Latin music."

With five saxophones, three rhythm instruments, two trumpets and two trombones, The Sophisticated Ladies will offer a trip down memory lane with tunes that include Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller numbers.

The Sophisticated Ladies knew each other from other bands, and started playing together in May.

"The audiences like us," Weiss said, attributing this to the fun the group has together. "We're a nice group of girls, and we all enjoy the music," she added. "That's what makes it fun, and we're looking forward to a great show on Saturday."

There will also be a great show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, when the Warbirds take to the sky.

"These are scale models of military airplanes," Olivett said. "The wingspans range from 2 to 12 feet, and the planes have chain saw type gas engines, and jet turbines that can reach 200 mph, sometimes more."

In addition to the planes, the State Police helicopter will be on display at the airport, as will choppers from the Air National Guard and Albany Medical Center.

"The Warbirds weekend is designed to be a family event," Olivett said.

To get more kids into the hobby, two complete flying setups will be raffled off, each with a value of about \$400. There will

also be a simulator set up for people to try out flying.

"You'll be able to grab a stick, and fly a plane on a computer simulator," Olivett said.

Admission to the daily shows is \$3 for adults, and free for children under 16. All proceeds benefit Bethlehem's DARE program.

"Last year, we took in about \$3,500," Olivett said, "and this year we're shooting for \$5,000."

Olivett credited the sponsors of the Warbirds weekend with making a lot of it possible.

"We've been lucky," Olivett said. "Security Supply Corp. of Selkirk stepped in as the lead sponsor."

Other sponsors include Barrett's Unlimited Auto & Detailing; Carstar Quality Collision Service; Choices Hair Studio; Edward Jones Associates; Fuller Road House; Jay's Mobil; Joyelle Jewelers; McCarroll's, The Village Butcher; Pixie's Pub; Rosen's Uniform Center and Sign Express. The South Albany Airport donated the use of its facilities for the weekend.

"We've formed a new club to help promote interest in Warbirds," Olivett said. "It's called the Bethlehem Screaming Eagles."

With interest coming from as far away as Canada and Maryland, Olivett expects a great weekend. "Just hope for good weather," he said.

Warbirds Over New York 2000 is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at South Albany Airport on Creble Road in Selkirk. The USO dance will be in a hangar at the airport on Saturday, July 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Olivett at 475-0942.

Library

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placed on the library as a center of the community," Pieri said.

"I believe this community truly does take a great deal of pride in the community and in its library," she added.

To make that case, she said, a public display of the plan's details will be in place in the library foyer by September, and a promotional video is currently being prepared with the staff of public access channel 18, headquartered in the library.

Direct mailings to voters will be forthcoming, she said.

The library also plans additional open forums for Sept. 20, Oct. 26, and Nov. 21.

Library board members and staff will also be available for presentations to community groups.

Should the plan gain voter approval in December, renovations could begin as early as next spring, with a projected 18 months to two and a half years to complete.

But there will be much convincing to be done before that comes to pass, Pieri acknowledged, though she believes the

case can be made.

"For so long, people have thought of this as 'the new library.' Even when I moved here in 1988, people were still talking about the new library," she said.

"You really have to come here and look at it with new eyes to realize it's not a new library anymore."

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GOP challenging third party lines

By Joseph A. Phillips

The dispute between the Albany County Republican Committee and its counterpart in the Independence Party intensified last week as the GOP took steps to challenge the third party organization's entire slate of candidates in the county. The goal, said attorney Jack Tabler, counsel to the GOP committee, is simple: "to knock 'em all off the ballot."

"We're obviously paying attention," said Independence county chairman Larry Rosenbaum. "But we're not allowing anything they're doing to divert our attention from winning the primaries, and winning in November. Otherwise, it doesn't mean anything."

On July 17, GOP county chairman Peter Kermani of Delmar formally filed notice of complaint with both state and county boards of elections indicating his committee's intent to challenge the designating petitions of nearly every Independence candidate for office in Albany County. The sole exception: they declined to challenge Surrogate Court candidate Cathryn Doyle of Slingerlands, running unopposed with the backing of Republicans, Democrats and Independence alike.

Challenges included candidates for town offices in Coeymans and Guilderland; in the county-wide 42nd state Senate district, where the party had backed Democratic incumbent Neil Breslin of Delmar over challenger Joseph Sullivan of Albany; and in two Assembly districts, the 104th, including New Scotland and part of Albany, and 106th, stretching from Albany to Cohoes, where Independence supports Democratic incumbents John McEneny and Ronald Canestrari, respectively,

over Republicans Thomas Hoey and Michael Mihalko.

It also included the Assembly race at the center of the Independence-Republican dispute: in the 107th district, which extends from Colonie to Saratoga County. The new party backed Democratic standard-bearer Dan Lynch against Republican incumbent Bob Prentiss. Rosenbaum denied Prentiss' request that his name be designated to be listed on the primary ballot against Lynch in September, a so-called Wilson-Pakula designation. Prentiss has filed an "opportunity to ballot" petition for the Independence line, but can only do so by write-in ballot, with Lynch's name listed on the ballot as the official party designee.

Kermani acknowledges that anger over the Lynch endorsement is at the heart of the effort to disrupt the Independence slate. Nevertheless, he said, "The challenges are made on what we feel are a positive legal basis. If what is wrong with the Independence Party petitions was wrong with any other party's petitions, we'd do the same thing."

Rosenbaum dismisses that contention as "nonsense."

"This whole thing Kermani is doing, this whole attack on the Independence Party, is a distraction from the fact that Bob Prentiss has no issues," he said. "Shall we say the emperor has no clothes?"

The GOP committee faced a Monday deadline to spell out its specific objections, but Tabner said the basis of that challenge would be a bylaw of the Independence Party, which specifies that party committees may not cross-endorse candidates from any one party other than their own for more than 50 percent of the offices for which they file endorse-

ments.


"All eight of the candidates they are backing in Albany County are enrolled Democrats with the exception of Dan Lynch, who is unenrolled, and Lynch has indicated publicly that he intends to enroll," Tabner said. He maintained that the Independence state executive committee can vote to waive the 50 percent rule — "but to my knowledge they haven't to date."

"That rule has been voted in abeyance by the state executive committee since 1996," said Rosenbaum, but he acknowledged that he is uncertain whether the committee, newly elected in February, has done so this year.

"According to our legal advisers, we don't have to worry about that objection," he said. "Our thinking is you'd have to look at all the endorsements in Senate and Assembly districts across the state before you make any judgments about the percentages of candidates we're backing" in the different parties.


Tabner said if the two electoral boards do not rule on their complaint before Thursday the GOP committee will formally file its objections in court. If the GOP eventually wins its challenge, only Prentiss stands to gain by it, as he is seeking the line in the Sept. 12 primary.

"When will Peter Kermani tend to his own flock and rebuild his own party, rather than try to take over ours?" Rosenbaum said. "Doesn't he have his own job to do?"



Wine Lines

by Beth



GOES TOGETHER LIKE...

While there may be those who adhere to certain rules when pairing wine with food, the rest of us simply like the way certain things go together. Champagne and caviar may be the conventional pairing, but some may argue that Riesling is a better choice. In any case, most would agree that a reasonable expectation of success comes with pairing foods and wines of similar status (steak with Cabernet Sauvignon, hamburger with Zinfandel) and intensity (from delicate to robust). Other than that, here are some tried-and-true pairings: oysters and Chablis; smoked fish and Riesling; Stilton cheese and Port; lamb and Cabernet Sauvignon; and grilled salmon and Pinot Noir. When pairing wine with food, it pays to be playful.

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AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk



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made available to homeowners, businesses and private citizens in other disasters was not made available under this disaster declaration," he said.

That is not welcome news for Delaware Avenue businesses as the cost of the road closure continues to mount. At a testy meeting last Thursday at Bethlehem town hall, attended by about 40 local business people, many vented their frustration at the slow pace of remedial work that will lead to reopening the road.

The meeting was called by Fuller to outline the application procedures for grants under the Bethlehem Landslide Recovery Program, announced two weeks ago by Pataki. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be available for businesses that can demonstrate "substantial economic injury" — demonstrable loss of income or working capital, resulting in an inability to meet obligations or pay necessary operating expenses — as a result of the disaster.

The money, from the state's share of the Community Development Block Grant program, administered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, would be funneled through the town. Applications for the program are due by Sept. 8.

But in order to qualify, businesses must first apply for assistance from the federal Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. Many have already done so, and

"the first thing businesses should do is fill out the SBA application and send it in," said Steve McGrattan of the governor's office for small cities, which is overseeing the recovery grants.

Several business owners at the meeting objected to that precondition.

"They're scared to death of a loan," said Jim Haas, owner of Jim's Luncheonette, speaking for many. "They don't even know if they're going to stay in business long enough to pay it off."

Some found the SBA loan program's detailed disclosure requirements objectionable; Pete Devine of Delaware Plaza Liquor Store called them "tyrannical."

Others complained of the small size of the grants, or questioned whether the program would be extended beyond the Sept. 8 deadline if the road remained closed that long.

Fuller hoped such concerns would not dissuade business owners from seeking the grants. "I hope the businesses will take the time to apply for this grant program," she said. "I understand their frustration, but \$5,000 is certainly worth something to them."

Several demanded to know when the road would be open for business again. "No one set up business on Delaware Avenue thinking it was going to be a dead end," Haas said.

Rob Burnett, the state Department of Transportation's chief geotechnical engineer, attended the meeting and offered an im-

prompt update on work by DOT engineers to buttress the hillside.

With the temporary armoring of the Normanskill's banks completed and the haul road for construction material now in place, he said, "We're ready to go back to work on building that buttress again ... sometime in August we hope to have enough information to say that those two southernmost lanes of Delaware Avenue are safe to open."

But Burnett faced several angry and skeptical questions about the pace of work on the remediation site. "They're clearly very frustrated," he said afterwards. "What I'm surprised at is that they don't think we have their interests at heart or that we want this road open as badly as they do."

Work on the buttress began Friday morning and paused Sunday after an initial 1-meter "lift" of stone was in place over the footprint of the buttress area — nearly 4,000 tons of stone, according to DOT spokeswoman Paula Kelly.

Burnett said Monday that the pause permitted engineers to monitor slope stability and water pressure through the instruments in place in the ravine.

"There was a slight increase in water pressure measurements, but that's to be expected given the fact that we're hauling so much material in there," he said.

But the slide indicators showed no changes, and work resumed Monday on hauling in and spreading the next three meter lift.

Wednesday is expected to be another "pause day," Burnett said, "while we read the instruments and make certain that everything is going well. If it is, Thursday and Friday we'll be doing the next ten feet."

The eventual goal: a buttress that slopes up to a point about 25 feet below the edge of the slide. But Burnett cautioned that adverse weather or any anomaly in the instrument readings could bring the project to a halt.

"It'll be a careful call as we continue to move up," he said. "And we have no guarantees that this will work at all as long as the stream remains in its temporary channel."

As for the permanent relocation of the Normanskill, bids are due today from contractors who attended last Friday's meeting on the project.

Burnett said at least two or three of those contractors are expected to bid, and all were told to be prepared to begin work Friday, in the hopes of completing the streambed relocation by mid- to late-October. Incentives and penalties built into the contract should insure that it remains on schedule, he said.

Potential obstacles to that ambitious schedule remain. "I think the real issue is, how much is this going to cost us," Burnett said. "This is very tricky work."

Should the bids come in much higher than anticipated, a contractor is likely to be designated, and a renegotiation of the contract parameters begun, by week's end.

Therapeutic touch program slated

The practice of therapeutic touch and its benefits for people living with anxiety, chronic pain and serious illness will be discussed by registered nurse Shirley Gnacik in a two-part program hosted by To Life!, a local resource for breast cancer education and support.

Training sessions will be held on Wednesdays, Aug. 9 and 16, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the To Life! office at 278 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Advance registration is required, as program space is limited. For information or to register, call 439-5975.

BCHS class of 1975 to hold reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1975 will hold its 25th reunion on Sept. 3.

For information, contact Sue Krause Spencer at 478-0106.

Onesquethaw church to serve pork BBQ

Onesquethaw Reformed Church at 11 Groesbeck Road in Feura Bush will serve a barbecued pork dinner on Saturday, Aug. 5, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu will include salad, barbecued pork loin, baked potato, garden vegetables, apple sauce, rolls and butter, fresh-brewed iced tea, and blueberry cobbler for dessert.

For reservations, call 767-9143. On Aug. 5, call 768-2133 for take-out orders.

Donations are suggested.

All proceeds benefit the church.

Zoning board sets public hearings

Bethlehem zoning board of appeals will hold a public hearing on the application of Albany Telephone Co./Cellular One on Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The application of David and Carol Grand of 35 Salem Road in Delmar will be heard at 7:45 p.m.

Town park to host special events

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will present two special events at Elm Avenue town park.

On July 30, the Grateful Dads will perform their blend of music from the 1970s, 80s and 90s at the pool from 1 to 4 p.m.

On July 31, Puppetales will entertain children at 7 p.m.

In case of rain, the event will be at Delmar Reformed Church.

For information, call 439-4131.

Youth Network

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Warbirds weekend to benefit DARE

On Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, Warbirds Over New York 2000 will be at South Albany Airport on Creble Road in Selkirk.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Large and giant scale radio-controlled airplanes, flight demonstrations, dogfights and static displays will be featured.

All proceeds will benefit the Bethlehem DARE program.

Admission is \$3 for adults and children under age 16 are free.

On Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. Sophisticated Ladies, an all-woman swing band, will perform. Dance admission is \$5.

For information, call Vic Olivett at 475-0942.



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Deborah Burns and Christopher Corbari

Burns, Corbari engaged

Deborah Kiley Burns, daughter of Michael and Constance Burns of Voorheesville, and Christopher Thomas Corbari, son of Thomas Corbari of Stoughton, Wis., and Barbara Kerr of Schenectady, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and SUNY Oswego.

She is a finance clerk for the Albany Community Development Agency in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Niskayuna High School, Hudson Valley Community College and Clarkson University.

He is a chemical engineer at Lockheed Martin in Niskayuna.

The couple plans a January wedding.

Delmar man honored by council

Alan Dorn of Delmar, director of human resources development from the Office of Real Property Services, was presented with the 2000 Maurice Schwadron Memorial Award by the New York State Training Council.

The award is presented annually by the council to an exemplary trainer who makes an outstanding contribution to the field of human resource development and participation in the activities

of the training council.

Dorn received several nominations from colleagues in the field of training and development.

During the past 20 years, Dorn has been an active and accomplished member of the council. He has assumed leadership roles for many of those years, serving as chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and member-at-large, while also serving on a range of committees.

BCHS graduate elected to honor society

Josh Baird, a member of the Bethlehem Central High School class of 1999, has been elected to Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for junior college students. His biography will be published in *The National Dean's List, 1999-00*.

Baird is a sophomore at Dean College and a member of the college's community service pro-

gram. He has also received awards for his tutoring of Franklin Elementary students in math and reading, and has been recognized for achievement in Dean College's Emerging Leaders Program.

He has been on the dean's list both semesters this year and has received the school's Richard E. Crockford Scholarship for academic excellence.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Lillian Ashley Wilder, to Bonnie and Richard Wilder of Delmar, July 1.

Girl, Camille Easton Fredette, to Francine and Stephen Fredette of New Scotland, July 9.

Boy, Thomas Patrick Raleigh, to Tracy and Sean Raleigh of Delmar, July 11.

Girl, Taylor Marie Levy, to Sara and James Levy of Delmar, July 11.

Boy, Luigi Anthony Cubello Jr., to JoAnn and Luigi Cubello of Feura Bush, July 12.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Ryan Robert Johnson, to Denise and Bob Johnson of Delmar, July 3.

Boy, Zachary William Tomlin, to Antoinette and William Tomlin of Voorheesville, July 4.

Boy, Matthew Connor Gillespie, to Erika and David Gillespie of Delmar, July 14.

Class of '00

Boston University

Rebecca Dorn (bachelor's in psychology, cum laude) and Andrew Weig (bachelor's in English), both of Delmar; and Kevin Hull of Slingerlands (bachelor's in journalism).

Ithaca College

Kimberly Harvey of Delmar (bachelor's in journalism).

James Madison University

Andrew Read of Delmar (bachelor of science).

LeMoyne College

Daniel McGuire of Delmar (bachelor's in sociology).

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

J. Adam Cole of Voorheesville (bachelor's in communication; magna cum laude).

Simon's Rock of Bard College
Jaime Hoose of Feura Bush (associate of arts).

University of Delaware

Christopher DiMuria (bachelor's in business administration) Molly Conway (bachelor of science) and Craig Mosmen (bachelor of arts), all of Delmar; and Sara Haskins of Slingerlands (bachelor of arts).

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Susan Scott of Slingerlands (master's in public health).

University of Rochester

Leigh Alexander (bachelor's in anthropology) and Dana Romanoff (bachelor's in interdepartmental studies, cum laude), both of Delmar.



Jason and Tanya DeFazio

Williams, DeFazio wed

Tanya Virginia Williams, daughter of Thomas and Phyllis Williams of Middleburg, Pa., and Jason Lee DeFazio, son of Allan DeFazio of Coeymans Hollow and Leslie Hudson of Feura Bush, were married May 20.

The ceremony was performed at sunset on the beach on St. Maarten in the Caribbean. A reception followed at La Vista on St. Maarten.

The maid of honor was

Coreena Williams. The best man was Jared DeFazio.

The bride is photography manager for Life Touch Studies in Glenmont.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College.

He is sales manager for Life Touch Studies.

The couple lives in Delmar.

Dean's List

Bates College — Christian McTighe of Delmar.

Columbia University — Kathryn Sherwin of Delmar.

Johns Hopkins University — Joshua Szebenyi of Slingerlands.

LeMoyne College — Daniel McGuire of Delmar.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts — J. Adam Cole of Voorheesville.

Schenectady County Community College — Nicholas

Hammond of Glenmont.

Union College — Anne Bishko, Jill Foster and Tedi Hill, all of Delmar; Dmitry Abramov and Annette Grajny, both of Slingerlands; and Brian Kern of Voorheesville.

University at Buffalo — Matthew Melcher, Sharon Fellows and Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, all of Delmar; and Jeremy Cape of Slingerlands.

University of Scranton — Brian Healy of Voorheesville.

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Community



Glenmont Firemen's Fair starts Friday

The 44th annual Glenmont Firemen's Fair is set for Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, and Aug. 4 and 5, starting at 6 p.m. at the firehouse on Glenmont Road.

There will be games, prizes, rides and plenty of food. The fair will be held rain or shine, all games are under cover. Free parking at Town Squire Plaza.

The giant flea market will be on Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Town Squire Plaza. The rain date is Aug. 5.

Obituaries

Mabel Lawson

Mabel Weiss Lawson of Delmar and formerly of Lakewood, Chautauqua County, died Saturday, July 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a graduate of Jamestown High School.

She attended the University of Rochester, Juniata College and Portland University.

She was the widow of Henry Weiss and Charles Lawson.

She was a board member of Junior Board of Community House and a member of the Fine Arts Society, AARP, New York Teachers Association and Lakewood United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Lakewood Women's Club and the Delmar Progress Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Weiss Freedland of Delmar; two sons, David Lawson and Jeffrey Lawson; a stepdaughter, Julia Lawson Woods of Port Orange, Fla.; a grandson; and two stepgrandsons.

The family will be receiving friends at 42 Paxwood Road, Delmar tonight, July 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Amemorial service will be held in Jamestown in August.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Lakewood United Methodist Church, Lakewood or Martin Community House, Fifth Street, Jamestown.

Helen Hahn

Helen E. McKee Hahn, of Glenmont died Sunday, July 23, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Glens Falls, she was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Glens Falls and Adirondack Business College.

Mrs. Hahn was a secretary for Glens Falls Insurance Co.

She was a communicant of St. John's-St. Ann's Church in Albany and a member of the Selkirk Fire Co. auxiliary.

She was the widow of James Hahn.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Hahn of Glenmont and David Hahn of Gunderland; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and St. John's-St. Ann's Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, 1121 Route 9W, Selkirk 12158 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

George Cross

George F. Cross of Selkirk died Friday, July 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Cross worked for McKinley construction for 20 years and as an iron worker and foreman for Sharp Rigging and Welding of Waterford, before he retired.

He was a member of the Iron Workers Union Local 12 and the Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club.

He was husband of the late Peg Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Cross; a daughter, Georgine Plant of Bethlehem; two sons, Dick Cross of Colonie and Larry Cross of Knox; a stepson, George Hadden of Schodack; three stepdaughters, Victoria Conde of Albany, Christine Gillespie of Delmar and Sheri Dickson of Pennsylvania; a sister, Stella Polard; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

John Pacelli

John P. Pacelli of Equinox Court in Delmar died Friday, July 21, at his home.

Born in Schenectady, he received a bachelor's degree from Siena College.

Mr. Pacelli was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

He was the founder of Cottage Crafts, a general contracting business in Delmar.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

He was the husband of the late Marian Ryder Pacelli.

Survivors include a son, Lawrence Pacelli of Schenectady; a daughter, Laraine Pacelli of Saratoga Springs; three sisters, Mary Carhadi of Houston, Texas, Rose Giovangelo of Rotterdam and Diane Meehan of Schenectady; a brother, Dr. Anthony Pacelli of Scotia; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the N. Rossi & Sons Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Burial was in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Schenectady.

John Mather

John Mather, 78, of Delmar died Monday, July 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Rolfe, Iowa, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Iowa.

Mr. Mather was a high school social studies teacher and later was a secretary to the African American Institute in New York City. He was also an administrator at the State University of New York.

As a result of his continued support of higher education, he was given the 2000 Friend of SUNY award.

He was also president of Rolfe, Inc., a television production company.

He was a member of the state District Export Council, the federal Department of Commerce, and served on the board of governors for the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators and Friends of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Fontaine Mather; a daughter, Vicki Masella; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Saratoga National Cemetery and Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Walter Scott Wright

Walter Scott Wright Jr., 79, of Smithville, Texas, and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, July 11, at his home.

As a young man, Mr. Wright helped operate the family farm on North Street.

Later, he was in the building industry, constructing more than 100 homes throughout the Capital District. He was also a master plumber.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines as a motor pool sergeant.

He was a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Billie Rhoades Wright; two daughters, Beverly Krugman of Buford, Ga., and Sheree Pittz of Delmar; a son Wayne Wright of Delmar; a sister Dorothy Kleinke of Delmar; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the All Faiths Funeral Service in Austin.

Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Kiwanians slate charity golf outing

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar will hold its second golf outing Monday, Aug. 7, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Sycamore Country Club on Route 143 in Ravena.

Proceeds will be donated to Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

The cost of the outing, which includes golf, cart, beer and soda, buffet dinner and gifts and door prizes, is \$90 per person.

Reservations are requested by July 28.

For information, contact Jerry Witkop at 449-4080.

North Road water suit is settled after 5 years

By Bhawin Suchak

Five years ago, residents of the North Road neighborhood in Clarksville discovered that the well water they had been drinking was contaminated.

It was soon discovered that two environmental cleanup companies that contracted with the state had polluted the water with toxic chemicals such as MTBE, acetone and benzene.

At a recent New Scotland town board meeting, Town Attorney John Biscone announced that the state has settled its lawsuit against the polluters, Kleen Resources Inc. and Dommert Petroleum Equipment & Maintenance Corp.

The case had been slated to go to trial the first week of July. Now the town and many affected residents are curious to know some of the settlement's details.

According to the attorney general's office, the state received a settlement of \$335,000 from the companies. The money will be turned over to the state Oil Spill Fund, which is administered by the state comptroller's office.

Hearing news of the tentative settlement, Katy O'Rourke, whose family was one of the many directly affected by the pollution, drafted a letter to state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer requesting that the state " earmark some funds to flow back into the community, possibly in the form of an environmental mitigation project that would help our families hook up to clean drinking water."

Many residents insist that pollution still remains and say that it will be costly for them to hook into the main water line. As O'Rourke points out in her letter, that has become the North Road community's latest concern.

"Some of our neighbors are older retirees and some young families just starting out; both will need help meeting what they perceive as the prohibitive cost of fully participating in our newly formed water district," she wrote.

For years, the town has attempted to get various state agencies to compensate residents affected for the costs of bringing

clean water into the area. So far the only compensation that has been promised is a state grant to fund part of the North Road water main project, which was started in the spring.

According to town officials, the project is moving slowly due to the layers of bedrock in the area. The highway department has already been forced to hire a subcontractor to perform the initial task of drilling and blasting, incurring even further costs.

With so many affected parties, including the town and residents of the North Road area, pressure is mounting to have the details of the state's settlement made public. Dean Sommer, who serves as environmental counsel for the town, said the agreement should be made public as soon as possible.

"Because the litigation involved matters of public health and the environment, the terms of such a settlement should be made available to the public," he said, "particularly (to) those residents of the polluted area, for comment and consideration."

Town officials expect to meet with representatives from the state attorney general's office and the Oil Spill Fund to express their support for a set-aside.

The final terms of the settlement will be decided in the next few weeks.

In other business, Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan told the board he will be sending a request to the state Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph on the town's portion of Wormer Road.

David and Barbara Moak of Wormer Road petitioned the board for the change. They claim increased traffic has made the road considerably more dangerous over the past few years.

According to the Moaks, the speed limit on the Gunderland part of the road has already been lowered to 30 mph.

Duncan said the town will wait for final approval from DOT before lowering the speed limit.

Stories galore through August

"Stories Out And About," a cooperative outreach program sponsored by the Bethlehem Public Library and the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, will take place in various locations through August.

To register, call the Parks Department at 439-4131.

Story times are included with registration for some Town Park programs.

They are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday through Aug. 10 at the following

times and locations:

• Monday — 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Clarksville Elementary School, 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Slingerlands Elementary School, and 2:30 to 3 p.m. at Glenmont Elementary School.

• Wednesday — 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School and 2:30 to 3 p.m. at Elmsmere Elementary School.

• Thursday — 11 to 11:30 a.m. at Glenmont Elementary School, and 1:30 to 2 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

Bookstart program to begin

Bethlehem Public Library will host "Bookstart," a series of workshops for parents of children ages 1 to 5, on five consecutive Wednesdays, Aug. 2 to 30, at 7 p.m.

Participants will learn how to select books and activities appropriate for young children, how to share stories, how to strengthen the parent-child relationship through books, and how the pub-

lic library can be a source of support.

An American Red Cross Infant/Child Saver session is also included. To register, call 439-9314.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Cumberland Farms, CVS, Glenmont Beverage, Brookwood Mobil, Exit 23 Mobil, Grand Union, Stewart's and Van Allen Farms

Death Notices

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

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

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

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDAR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MECHANICAL MARVELS

come to Berkshire Museum

By JOHN PHILLIPS

He's definitely an unusual guy. For business cards, he cuts up cardboard food boxes and stamps his name and other information on the brown, unprinted side. You might flip the card over and see a portion of Tony the Tiger's face!

His name? Steve Gerberich. He's an artist of sorts although not in any conventional way.

Gerberich creates unusual sculptures from metal and other materials that incorporate moving parts to bring the finished works to life.

The Berkshire Museum on Route 7 in downtown Pittsfield, Mass., is featuring an exhibition of Gerberich's work, which features over 30 pieces by the artist and remains on display through Oct. 22.

Entitled "Springs, Sprockets & Pulleys: The Mechanical Sculpture of Steve Gerberich," the exhibition provides a fascinating diversion for all ages.

With the push of a button or the crank of a wheel, the sculptures become animated engaging in furious activity. A saxophonist with a teapot head and ribs of table legs sways to the hum of the motors that move him. A flock of decoy geese with wings made from a Samsonite suitcase fly overhead. A cow wearing high top sneakers is milked by a zealous farmer.

People with upside down kettles for heads are everywhere. Gerberich calls them the Kettleheads and they all have names.

"This is Johnny, and this is Marvin," says the artist by way of introduction. "One of the reasons I named them is because they are based on people in my life," says Gerberich.

"That's George," says the artist, referring to a tall character wearing waders and holding a fishing pole. "He's named for my friend George, a serious fisherman who bequeathed me all his gear."

The exhibit covers 4,000 square feet, and visitors might actually see Gerberich amusing himself as he continues to move and adjust parts of the sculptures.

He refers to his work, which was created over a 12 year period as "simple machines that move ideas." As with many artists there are underlying themes to his work that may not be apparent on first glimpse, but his sculptures subtly explore themes as diverse as mass production, ecology, hunting and golf.

A painter and photographer who holds a bachelor's of fine arts from the University of Northern Iowa, Gerberich started creating art that moves when he relocated to New York City in 1985.

He convinced the owners of an abandoned factory in SoHo to let him use the windows for display in exchange for cleaning the space.

His work caught the attention of people passing by including art collectors and art critics and his career took off.

"We are very excited to present this major retrospective of Steve's sculptures," said Sharon Blume, organizer of the show. "It's a wonderful exhibition, and we know that everyone who comes to see it will just love his work."

The museum is open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Adult admission is \$6, children (3-18) are \$4 and for students with ID and seniors (over 65) are \$5. Visit the museum Web site at www.berkshireremuseum.org or call (413) 443-7171 for information.



Steve Gerberich, above, in his Brooklyn studio where he takes odds and ends discarded by others and turns them into unique works of moving art. One of the members of the Kettlehead family, left, created by Gerberich. The band plays on, below, as a collection of mechanical musicians perform for visitors.



Cap rep play touches on love and life

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Ah, for the age when pairing up was much simpler — pre-arranged matches, no painful dating dance, no inflated expectations, little risk.

Simpler, yes, but not nearly as funny.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," the two hours of musical sketch-comedy at Albany's Capital Repertory Theater through Aug. 6, presents the pathetic dating moment when two ordinary schlumps realize they're not "A Stud and A Babe;" the operatic high of a single woman when the guy she thought would never, ever call back, actually does; and a man's struggle not to lose it at a tear-jerker flick his date has dragged him to, because guys really shouldn't like this stuff.

How about the impulse to skip over the first, second, fourth, umpteenth date and move on to the relationship? And don't you wish you could sue a partner who doesn't finish the deal in bed? All that's in Act One, which ends with two clergy warning in song what befalls those who take "Wedding Vows."

What befalls is Act Two — the perpetual bridesmaid with a closetful of tacky, unwearable dresses; the gibberish of parental ka-ka-poo-poo baby talk; the dive to retrieve the baby monitor buried in the couch cushions; the horror of a family car ride; the endless waiting — for the final 30 football seconds to be over, the shopping spree to wrap and the ladies' room to be free — that is marital life.

It ain't over, apparently, till it's over, as the elderly meet at the funerals of friends and try to extract a little life out of the encounter.

Cap Rep's sterling four-person ensemble whips through myriad character and costume changes with gusto, cracklingly directed by Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill.

Even the usually dead spots between scenes are fun; watching the three-person orchestra — seemingly hovering above the stage — attacking the entr'acte is side-splitting.

This off-Broadway jab at the foibles of modern match-making by composer

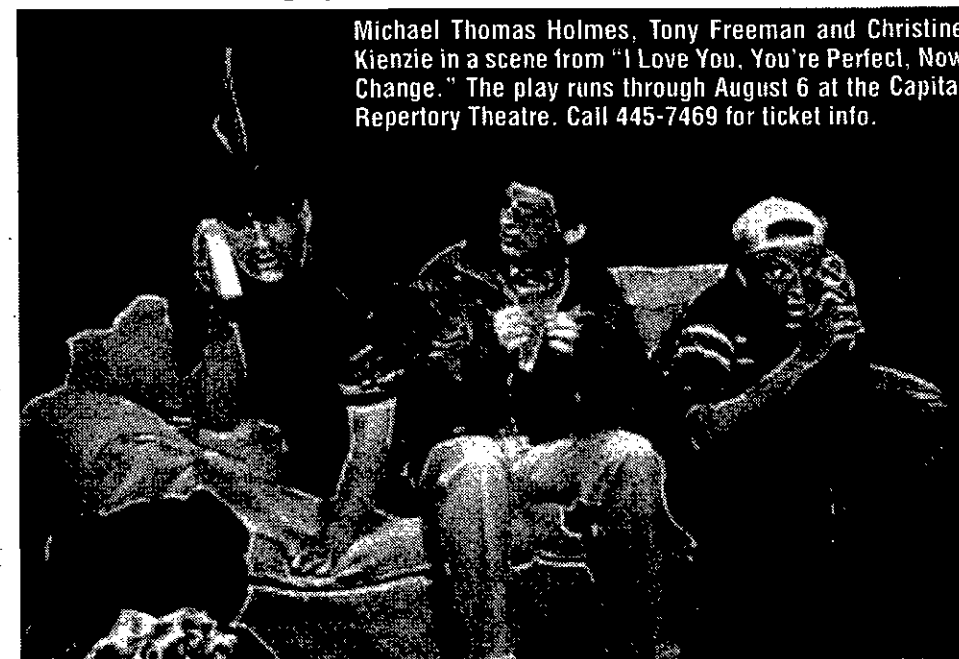
Jimmy Roberts and author Joe diPietro has moments of pathos but they are blessedly brief; mostly, you're laughing.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is a departure from the usual highbrow fare at Cap Rep, but what better time for a departure than summer vacation?

Warning — this is adult stuff, touching on sexual hijinks, toughing it out through life's challenges, and the agony of starting all over again.

So hire a babysitter for the evening and get thee and thy significant other to Cap Rep for belly-laughs and the joyful shock of self-recognition.

Michael Thomas Holmes, Tony Freeman and Christine Kienzie in a scene from "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." The play runs through August 6 at the Capital Repertory Theatre. Call 445-7469 for ticket info.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

MAN OF LA MANCHA

classic musical, Mac-Haydn Theater, Route 203, Chatham, through Aug. 6, \$18.90 and \$20.90, \$9 for children under 12. Information, 392-9292.

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Theater Barn, Route 20, New Lebanon, through Aug. 6, \$17, \$15 matinees. Information, 794-8989.

THE MUSIC MAN

Broadway musical, Park Playhouse, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through Aug. 17, reserved seats, \$10 and \$12, amphitheater seats, free. Information, 434-0776.

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

relationship comedy, Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 6, \$25 to \$35. Information, 445-7469.

HEDDA GABLER

Ibsen classic, Williamstown Theater Festival, Route 2, through July 30, \$25 to \$40. Information, 413-458-3200.

HAMLET

Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, July 27 to 30, 7:30 p.m., \$10, \$8 for students. Information, 438-5503.

Music

BELLEVUE CADILLAC

with Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys and Jet Set Six, swing music, Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 26, 7:30 p.m., free.

LOVERBOY

with Bluz House Rockers, Alive at Five concert, Corning Preserve, Albany, July 27, 5 p.m., free.

THE BEACH BOYS

with the Four Tops, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 28, 8:15 p.m., \$15 to \$37.50. Information, 587-3330.

THE ALLMAN BROTHERS

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 29, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50 to \$38. Information, 587-3330.

SEVEN NATIONS

McGeary's, 4 Clinton Square, Albany, July 29, 10 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Information, 463-1455.

SARATOGA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 30, Alma Mahler: The Muse, 4 p.m. Information, 587-3330.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

with Stone Temple Pilots, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 30, 7:30 p.m., \$30.50 to \$40.50. Information, 587-3330.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III

singer-songwriter, Central Park, Schenectady, July 30, 3 p.m., free.

RICARDO LEMVO AND MAKINA LOCA

Afro-Cuban dance music, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, July 31, 7:30 p.m., free.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

A Shaker Legacy, through Oct. 22, An Art of Pure Form, Selections from the Guggenheim Museum, through July 30, Treasures from the Wunsch Americana Foundation and the Weitsman Stoneware Collection, through Sept. 13, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

paintings by Patricia Loonan Testa and 22nd Photography Regional, through Aug. 18, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

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

YATES GALLERY

in Standish Library of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, paintings by Edward Ticon, through Aug. 14. Information, 783-2517.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

DOLPHIN CAPITAL, LLC was filed with SSNY on 6/13/00. 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. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

3712 13TH AVE REALTY, 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, 3712 13th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MAISON GROUP, L.L.C. was filed with SSNY of 6/12/00. 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, 976 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following:
1-15 Passenger School bus with 2 Wheelchair Stations
1- 20 Passenger School Bus
Bids will be received until 2PM August 8, 2000 at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.
Board of Education
Steven O'Shea
July 21, 2000
(July 26, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District invites the submission of Separate Sealed Bid Proposals to furnish materials and labor to complete the Reconstruction of Athletic Facilities at Bethlehem Central High School, Bethlehem Central School District, 9923.1 all in accordance with the plans and specifications for the following categories of work:
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
PLUMBING
ELECTRICAL
Sealed Bid Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Tuesday, 8 August, 2000 at the Bethlehem Central School District Office, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the time and date stated above will be returned to the bidder unopened. The bid documents and contract documents may be examined at the office of **DODGE CHAMBERLIN LUZINE WEBER ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS**, Red Mill Road, Rensselaer, New York 12144, Telephone (518)463-6611.
One (1) set of documents for each prospective bidder may be obtained at the Architect's office upon payment of \$100. A payment of \$100 will be required for each additional set requested (if available). Deposit will be refunded ONLY if bidder has submitted a bonafide bid and drawings and specifications are returned, in good condition, within 30 days after the bid date. Drawings and specifications remain the property of the Architect and must be returned to the Architect's office. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or defects in such bid either before or after opening.
Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the "INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS".
Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and to the minimum wage rates to be paid under the contracts.
No bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 days after the date of opening of bids.
By Order of Board of Education
Bethlehem School District
Steven O'Shea
District Clerk
Date: 7/17/00
(July 26, 2000)

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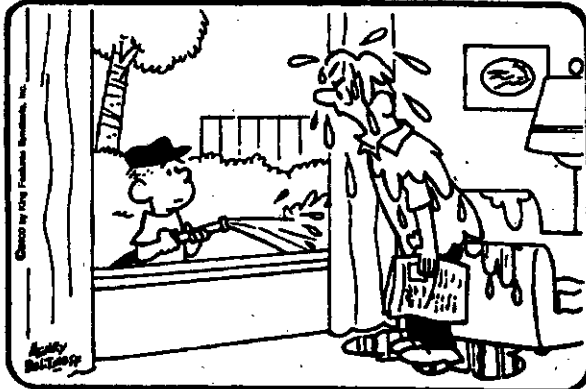
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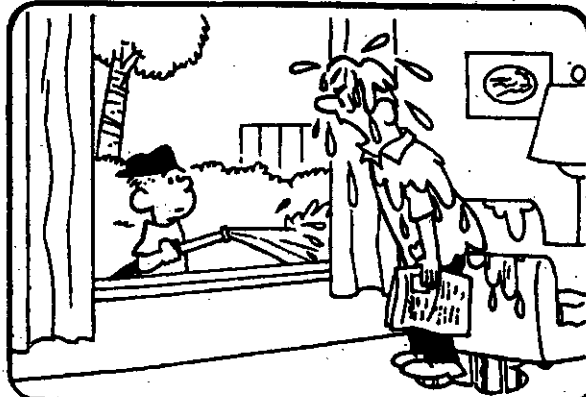
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Recycle this Paper

The Super CROSSWORD

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- 21 Pipe part
- 22 WREN
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- 26 For — (cheaply)
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- 29 Mascagni opera
- 30 Poet Wilcox
- 33 Lohengrin's bird
- 37 African antelopes
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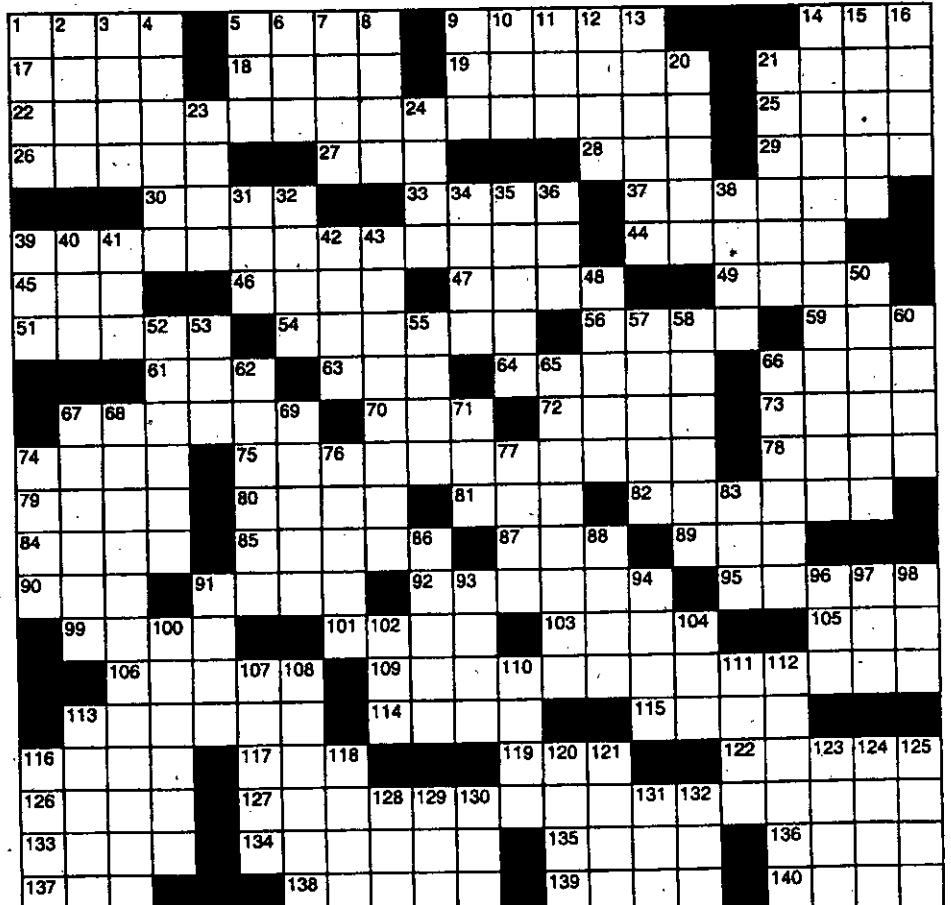
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- 35 Writer Rogers St. Johns
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- 58 Bedding
- 60 At large
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- 66 Good-humored
- 67 Amatory
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- 69 — Dame
- 71 Anaconda, for one
- 74 As well
- 76 Pursues
- 77 Coffee pots
- 83 Ring counter
- 86 Andretti or Cuomo
- 88 Fiber source
- 91 Swamp stuff
- 93 "Death of a Salesman" son

- 94 Pad
- 96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
- 97 Bud
- 98 Fluffy female
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- 101 Coin
- 102 PC key
- 104 SHAEF commander
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- 108 Whaling
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wed. 7/26

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

"LIBRARY BABIES"
Storytelling, songs and play for children 15-21 months old, accompanied by adult. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

"STORIES OUT AND ABOUT"
Summer program co-sponsored by Bethlehem Public Library and Parks Dept., through August. Hamagrael Elementary School, 11-11:30 a.m.; Elsmere Elementary School, 2:30-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CONCERT ON THE GREEN
Singer-songwriter Matt Cusson; Bethlehem Public Library lawn, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Blankets or lawn chairs recommended; indoors in case of rain. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA INNOVATION, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 4, 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. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: TRI-MARK HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/09/00. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 66019, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUALITY DEVELOPMENT, LLC A NYS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Formation filed with SSNY on 06/16/2000. 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, 36 Dover St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Classic Doll Modes, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on May 17, 2000. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 20 W. Skyview Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047-3840. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for LDS Realty, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on May 24, 2000. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as

BINGO

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

NEW SCOTLAND "SHARING NATURE WITH CHILDREN"

Nature discovery hikes on park grounds for parents and children. John Boyd Thacher State Park, via Route 85, New Scotland, 10 a.m. Information, 872-1237.

LIBRARY LAWN CONCERT

Concert by Rosanne Raneri & Michael Eck, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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.

Thurs. 7/27

BETHLEHEM "STORIES OUT AND ABOUT"

Summer program co-sponsored by Bethlehem Public Library and Parks Dept., through August. Glenmont Elementary School, 11-11:30 a.m.; Elm Avenue Park, 1:30-2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

LEGAL NOTICE

agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 261 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).

The name of the FLP is LLSN II, L.P. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 2, 2000. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is May 22, 2000. The principal office of the FLP is located at 2 Tower Place, City of Albany, New York, in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530. (July 26, 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, August 2, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Albany Telephone Company/Cellular One, 1762 Central Avenue, Colonie, New York 12205 for Special Exception under Chapter 113, Telecommunications Towers, 113-4, Alternative Tower Sites of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to install wireless communications antenna on an existing apartment complex roof top in a Planned Residence District at premises 196 Meadowbrook Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals (July 26, 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 meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2000, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar,

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.

"GAMES AROUND THE WORLD"

Children from grade K up; register for either of two sessions. Sneakers required. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 & 7:45 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND POETRY AT VPL LIBRARY

Every Other Thursday Night Poets; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 7/28

BENEFIT CONCERT

Several local rock bands to perform to benefit Bethlehem Food Pantry; Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium, 445

LEGAL NOTICE

New York to take action on application of David and Carol Grand, 35 Salem Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50, Single Family Dwellings of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a sunroom addition which would exceed allowable percent of lot occupancy at premises 35 Salem Road, Delmar, New York 12054. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

VERTEC LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/19/00. 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, 30 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LINDA FINE ART & DECORATION LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/17/00. 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. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

GOAL MARKETING, LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/10/00. 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, 226 East 81st Street, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BIJOUX PRINCE LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/10/00. 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, 30 E. 40th St., New York, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

OMINA CONSULTING LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/7/00. Office:

Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m., \$8 or \$7 with a donation of a can of food. Information, 475-1838.

AA MEETING

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

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. 7/29

BETHLEHEM AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Greater Capital District Flower, Vegetable and Plant Show, competition open to all gardeners, sponsored by Men's Garden Club of Albany. Cornell Cooperative Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, judging 10:30 a.m. - noon, show 1-3 p.m. Information, 439-5487.

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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. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

R.R. Reserve Resorts LLC was filed with SSNY on 7/6/00. 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, 30 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. The Registered Agent is Company Filings Int'l LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

PUNKINTOWN ROD SHOW

Rain or shine; Punkintown Fair Grounds, Route 85A, New Salem, registration 9 a.m. - noon, awards 3 p.m. Entries \$8, \$5 preregistered; spectators free. Information, 237-0784 or 765-4771.

Sun. 7/30

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Mon. 7/31

BETHLEHEM "STORIES OUT AND ABOUT"

Summer program co-sponsored by Bethlehem Public Library and Parks Dept., through August. Clarksville Elementary School, 11-11:30 a.m.; Slingerlands Elementary School, 1-1:30 p.m.; Glenmont Elementary School, 2:30-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

"BOOKS BEFORE BED"

Story time for children ages 3-6; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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pose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Stamford Properties, LLC was filed with SSNY on 6/7/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 74 Rte. 59 East, Spring Valley, NY 10977. NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Ravena Rentals, LLC was filed with SSNY on 6/12/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process

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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. 8/1

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First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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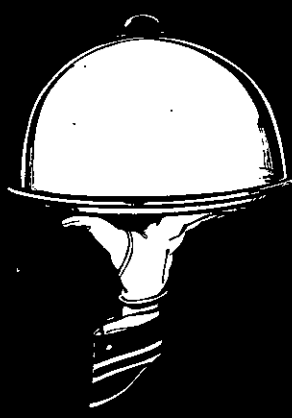
sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Women's Organization, at the church on Willowbrook Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

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against LLC served upon him: P.O. Box 212, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

STLG VENTURES LLC was filed with SSNY on 6/15/00. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. The Registered Agent is USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (July 26, 2000)



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ARTICLES OF
ORGANIZATION OF DIAMOND
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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is DIAMOND VIEW, LLC (the "Limited Liability Company")

2. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.

3. 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: 1227 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

4. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

5. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company.

6. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law. (July 26, 2000)

ARTICLES OF
ORGANIZATION OF PRIME
MANAGEMENT LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: Prime Management 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:

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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 20th day of July, 2000, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ E. J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(July 26, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF
ORGANIZATION OF KAYAN
HOLDINGS, L.L.C.

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law The name of the limited liability company is: Kayan Holdings, L.L.C. The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County.

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: Kayan Holdings, L.L.C., 5 Harrowgate Way, Latham, New York 12110. If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the professional service limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, a statement that all or specified member are so liable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 6 day of July, 2000, by the undersigned who affirm that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ Tami Callister, Organizer
S/ James Callister, Organizer
(July 26, 2000)

ARTICLES OF
ORGANIZATION OF
BRIGADIER ESTATES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Brigadier Estates, LLC"

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

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2055.

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 the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Brigadier Estates, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.

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

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 21st day of June, 2000 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the

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S/ Victor Gush, Manager
(July 26, 2000)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP OF SWF VII,
L.P.

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act

1. The name of the limited partnership is "SWF VII, L.P."

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.

3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process 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 May 31, 2100.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 3rd day of May, 2000, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

SWF VII, L.P.
BY: DRL, LLC, General Partner
By: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(July 26, 2000)

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SWF VII, L.P.
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By: S/ Donald R. Led Duke, Member
(July 26, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Brothers In Arms, LLC Art. of Org. filed SSNY 6/22/00. Albany Co., SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy of process: The LLC, c/o David R. Juneau, 1 Rapp Rd., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
(July 26, 2000)

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(July 26, 2000)

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Notice of formation of American Dental Arts, P.L.L.C. a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 07/14/2000. 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, 420 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
(July 26, 2000)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Conversion of C McD Partnership, a general partnership to a limited liability company (LLC). Name: C McD Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 21, 2000. 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 3 Hemlock Street, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed.
(July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
(LLC)

The name of the LLC is PERSONAL SAFETY, ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 11, 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 17 British

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(July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
DOMESTIC PROFESSIONAL
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
(PLLC)

The name of the PLLC is WILLIAM H. MILLER, P.E., PLLC. The Articles of Organization of the PLLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 5, 2000. The purpose of the PLLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 14 Loudon Heights North, Loudonville, New York 12211.
(July 26, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA LLOYD, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 30, 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.
(July 26, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is Games of Wilton, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 16, 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 650 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.
(July 26, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is RENNELAER ASSOCIATES I, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 20,

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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 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
(July 26, 2000)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 403-405 Third Avenue, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 6, 2000, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 403 3rd Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.
(July 26, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA MONTICELLO II, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(July 26, 2000)

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

The name of the LLC is INNOVATIONS NCS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 20, 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 12205.
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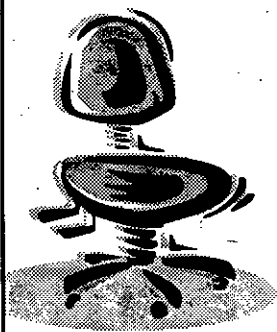
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this great thing by saving
his own oil: "saving money
and knowing it's done
right." I contend we'd be
better off if we'd just take it
to a professional. Your
comments?

The View from Venus:
I'm with you. Changing the
oil is a popular do-it-
yourself (DIY) project that
may better be left to
professionals. I recently
came across this scenario to

explain my view.
Her perspective:
Drive to the quick-lube shop
when the mileage reaches
3,000 since the last oil change.
Have a cup of coffee.
15 minutes later drive away in
a properly maintained car.
His procedure:

1. Go to local auto parts store.
Collect oil filter, oil, oil dry
(kitty litter), hand cleaner, sop-
rags and scented air freshener
tree to hang on mirror.
2. Go home and discover the
oil drain pan is full from last

- oil change. Assume that the
oil-recycling tank at the local
auto service center is full.
Dump the oil in a hole in the
back yard.
3. Take 20 minutes to locate
the jack. Jack up the car.
Spend another 30 minutes
looking for jack stands.
4. Find the jack stands under
the junk pickup without
wheels. Cuss.
5. Take 10 minutes looking for
a 9/16" box end wrench.
6. Give up search. Using an
adjustable wrench, remove
drain plug.

7. Drop plug and wrench in
drain pan of hot oil. Cuss.
8. Wipe hot oil from face
with back of oily hand.
9. Throw oil-dry (kitty litter)
on oil splash.
10. Waste 15 minutes looking
for filter wrench.
11. Give up search. Poke hole
in filter with long screwdriver
and twist, skinning knuckles
on frame.
12. Throw kitty litter to soak
up leaked oil.
13. Wipe off hands, inspect
damaged knuckles, find wife

- and show her.
14. Drag oil pan from under
car.
15. Install new oil filter
following instructions on box.
16. Open hood, remove oil
filler cap and drop it under
car. Cuss.
17. Pour in first quart of oil,
spilling part of it on valve
cover and exhaust manifold.
18. Remember drain plug and
wrench still in drain pan.
19. Retrieve and install drain
plug before entire first quart
is on driveway. Cover mess

- with kitty litter.
20. Finish pouring in new oil.
21. Lower car.
22. Spend 5 minutes looking
for filler cap.
23. Cuss. Forgot drain pan,
now crushed under lowered
car. Raise car. Cover mess
with kitty litter.
24. Retrieve filler cap from
kitty litter. Lower car and
clean cap.
25. Install filler cap, cuss one
more time, close hood and
wipe most of oil off steering
wheel.
26. Back up car to collect
kitty litter, to be dumped
along back fence.
27. Find wife to explain how
lucky she is to have someone
around who can change oil,
saving her a trip to quick lube
shop.

The View from Mars:
OK. You've hit my hot
button. Most of us in the trade
refer to this service as LOF
(lube/oil and filter). He may
have missed the "L" part
(lube). Many vehicles still
have a few critical lubrication
fittings. So, while he's
dedicated, he's also hampered
by inexperience and terrible,
even dangerous, working
conditions.

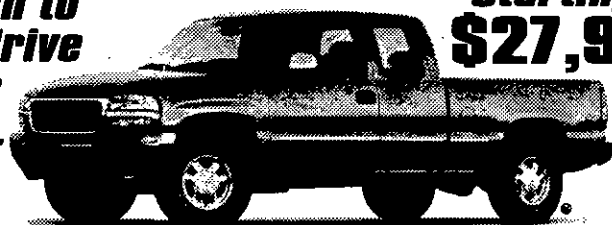
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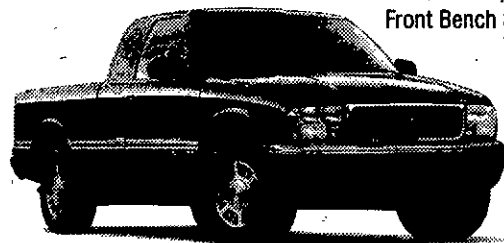
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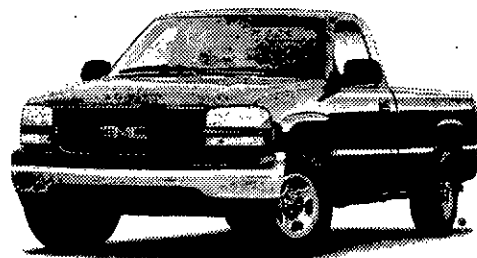
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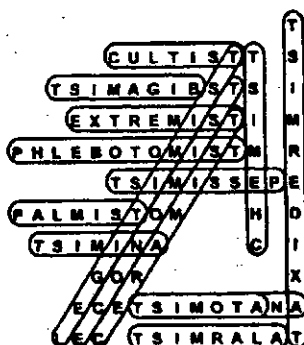
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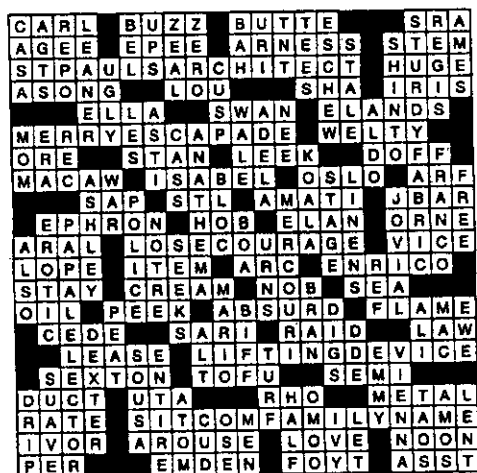
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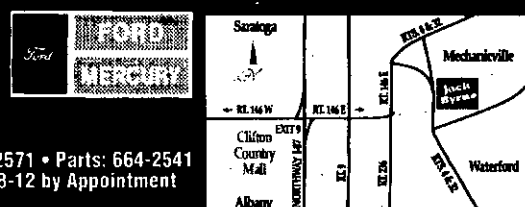
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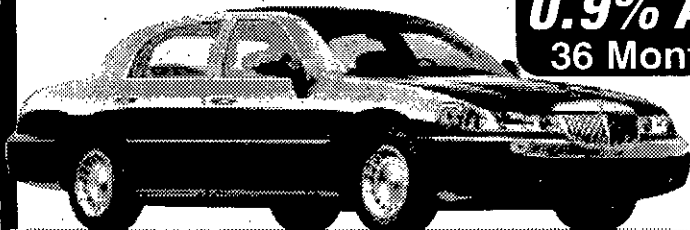
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Matters of Opinion

Book review: Harry Potter's magic not for all kids

By Kathleen Moore

Since it has been billed the quintessential children's book, parents have been chomping the bit to read it to kids to young to read it on their own, and kids barely old enough to be in third grade can't wait to get their hands on *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.

The first three books seem to have convinced parents that this series, even though it uses vocabulary only the brightest third-

graders will understand and has complex ideas that are certainly beyond them, is perfect for young children.

Nobody blinked an eye, it seems, when book three had a fascinating interlude in which Harry relived the final moments of his parents' deaths, hearing them scream as they were murdered.

Not just once, but four or five times children read how Harry tried to shut out the screams. Fi-

nally, he learned the magic spell ("expecto patronum!") to stop the return of those memories. Unfortunately the 6-year-olds in our world have no such relief.

But that was nothing compared to this book.

The fourth book of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series is definitely her best in terms of plot. The story is complex and nearly unpredictable.

Her last three novels were less than opaque to the adult reader.

But this novel will attempt to hoodwink even the most fantasy-knowledgeable adult with a "whodunit" with a twist.

The question is not who killed Harry but who is *trying* to kill him by entering him in a contest that usually has a one in three death rate.

For adults, the book is great. But what is disturbing is that little children — ages 6 to 8 — are actually reading this book.

First, Harry watches Voldemort (the bad guy) kill a stranger. No gore, at least. Magic kills without a mark, apparently.

Then Harry watches as a family, mother, father, and small children, are tortured by being magically spun 60 feet above the ground by drunken, evil wizards.

Still reading the book to your child? Well, there's more to come. The kids get a respite — for the next 400 pages or so, the book is almost back to normal. Except that you find out exactly what it was that scared everyone in the wizarding world so much when Voldemort was around. And trust me, you do not want your children under 9 finding out.

There's the Cruciatus Curse, a wizard's one-man Holocaust inflictor. Used to make the victim feel unimaginable pain, for as long as the wizard feels like continuing it, it can even drive a person insane or kill him, if it goes on long enough.

Voldemort and his gang used it to torture and then kill Muggles (non-wizards) and any wizard who liked or tried to protect them.

Not scary enough for your little one? Well, keep reading, because there's the Killing Curse, which kills instantly (it and the Cruciatus Curse have no defense) and with incredible agony.

Still not enough? How about the Imperious Curse?

It can control a person's every movement, every thought, every word. It can force the victim to do anything, even kill, maim, torture or betray. And if your 6-year-old is

still curious, and not hiding under his or her bed, where I would be if I'd heard about this at that age, you get to see it in action many, many times. The other two curses too, especially the Cruciatus Curse.

All of this leads up to the finale, 150 pages of horror. Death of a close friend. Betrayal by one of Harry's parent-figures, a caring person who turns out to be trying to kill him instead. Suicide, injustice, fear, pain, and most of all — torture.

Harry returns to Privet Drive for the summer as a traumatized, saddened 14-year-old. The last three books left readers with J.K. Rowling's trademark joy of life. This book is filled with despair.

Parents of young children should stop now, even if you're halfway through the book, because the last 150 pages are worse than anything you've read so far. Put the book on the top shelf and take your child out for some ice cream.

On the way back, stop at a library and take out a book that your youngster will enjoy. Live the sailing adventures of the Swallows and Amazons in the series by Arthur Ransome, guaranteed to have a lack of death and torture.

Read the *Black Stallion* or the *Red Dog* series, or anything else your local librarian recommends for young children.

And next time, read the book yourself before you hand it to your child. Don't believe the hype.

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