

# Squeaky clean



Brittany Baron and Matt Nagy, members of Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School's class of 2004, help out at a car wash fund-raiser in the parking tot of SuperValu Foods in Voorheesville last Saturday.

# **BCHS grad wins national teacher award**

#### By KATHERINE McCARTHY

In a special ceremony in New York City recently, Glenmont native Nicole Sherrin received the first annual Teach for America Sue Lehmann Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Her family was there to see her receive the award, as was first lady Laura Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"The whole thing was a surprise," said Sherrin, who graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1995. "The trip to New York was amazing. It was surreal, meeting Laura Bush and Henry Kissinger."



other Teach for America members spent a summer in Houston, training for their upcoming jobs.

"It's not a substitute for teacher training," Sherrin said, "but Teach for America usually goes where there are no teachers. At my roommate's school, for instance, there are a couple of classrooms that have no regular teachers, only substitutes."

Sherrin rooms with a woman she met during training. Teach for America put the teachers up for a week when they arrived at their destinations, and gave them recommendations and provided a resource guide about places to live. The Phoenix school district pays Sherrin the same salary as other secondyear teachers. Teach for America members are able to defer their student loans for two years of service, and the Corporation for National Service pays off the interest that accrues on the loans during that time. In addition, corps members receive an educational award of \$4,725 for each of their two years of service. At Alfred F. Garcia School, most of the students are of Mexican descent, and the entire student body receives free lunches. Half of the students are limited-English proficient," Sherrin said. "Some speak no English. Many were born in Mexico, and a majority of their parents came from Mexico. Most of the students are bilingual, and although I instruct in English, I translate the key things, and the

# IDA gives Bruno green light

#### By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has adopted a resolution that clears the way for Bruno Machinery to proceed with construction of a new \$5.5 million manufacturing facility on River Road in Glenmont — including a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement for tax abatements stretching over a 15-year period.

With company president Bob Bruno at the IDA's meeting on Friday, May 4, the agency, which had earlier passed an inducement resolution granting the company up to \$4.2 million in industrial revenue bonds to help finance the project, approved the PILOT agreement, which will produce a roughly 50 percent tax break for the company over its initial 15 years as a taxpaying Bethlehem business.

With those incentives won, Bruno announced that construction of the new 78,200-square-foot plant would begin soon, and that he hopes to complete the move from smaller quarters along the Troy waterfront by next May.

The agreed-upon PILOT gave the firm 75 percent abatement of its property taxes initially, declining in 5 percent annual increments until full valuation in year 16. It also includes "recapture" provisions designed to discourage an early withdrawal from the agreement by the company, but Bruno offered assurances of his long-term intentions for the business to remain in Glenmont.

The IDA has debated for more than a year revising its standard PILOT policy to become more competitive with those of neighboring county and municipal IDAs. Bethlehem's current standard PILOT is a 10-year plan offering 50 percent abatement in year one and 10 percent reductions in that abatement rate

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Both dignitaries spent time talking with Sherrin, who is teaching seventhand eighth-grade math for a second year at Alfred F. Garcia Elementary School in Phoenix.

Founded in 1990, Teach for America is a nationwide program that places recent college graduates — of varying academic majors — in teaching positions in needy urban and rural public schools for two years.

Sherrin graduated from Boston College with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1999. During her junior and senior years, she participated in an AmeriCorps program called "Peace



A well-wisher congratulates Nicole Sherrin, at left holding her certificate.

Games" that taught violence prevention and conflict resolution in underprivileged schools.

"I saw the inequities between Bethlehem and other places," Sherrin said. "A friend of mine had been in Teach for America, and it sounded like a good fit for me."

Sherrin got to list a few choices of where she would like to be assigned, and Phoenix was her third choice.

Before going to Phoenix, Sherrin and

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## UKS CONTRACT

#### By KATHERINE McCARTHY

In sharp contrast to Voorheesville's last teachers' contract, settled two years after it's expiration date and after much public controversy, the new one has come to a smooth and satisfactory conclusion.

The school board ratified the contract, which is retroactive to July 1,2000 and runs through June 30, 2004, at its May meeting. It includes an average salary increase of 2.1 percent per year, excluding step increments, which are also given yearly.

When step increments are

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# Association sets meeting date Van Allen resident files claim

tion has scheduled its annual reports and the election of meeting for Thursday, May 17, at officers. Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road in Selkirk.

A barbecue will be served at 5 p.m. and the annual meeting is at

Bethlehem Historical Associa- 7:30 p.m. and will feature annual

Members and the public are invited. To make a reservation, contact Barb Muhlfelder, 439-0342.

#### By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A fall in an icy parking lot in Glenmont may lead to a personalinjury lawsuit against an unlikely defendant: the town of Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency.

The town clerk was served last month with a formal notice of claim agasinst the agency filed on society" of his wife as a result, the behalf of Helen and James Bowen, residents of Van Allen Apartments on Route 9W, by attorney Robert Pinney of the Albany personal-injury firm Martin, Harding & Mazzotti.

Also served with notices of claim were American Housing Federation, the builder of the apartment complex, and The lot. Hartford Insurance Group, the project's liability carrier.

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Bowen on the morning of Feb. 7, when she slipped in the snowy Van Allen parking lot, fracturing her left leg and kneecap and injuring her right foot. She was also treated for chest pains in the incident. Her husband, James, suffered "loss of services, companionship, consortium and claim asserts.

The claim seeks to recover medical expenses and damages, resulting from the agency's "failing to provide proper safety measures against such dangerous and defective condition and hazard" — which is to say, failing to adequately clear the parking

"Whether or not an actual suit will be filed, nobody can say," said The notice asserts negligence Pinney. "A notice of claim is not a

of injuries suffered by Helen lawsuit. A notice of claim is a legal necessity."

> A claim must be filed within 90 days of an injury in order to preserve an individual's right to sue — and they have a year after the filing to decide on further action. Such notices can also lead to out-of-court settlements.

> What puts the IDA on the hook as a potential lawsuit target is the \$6.5 million in tax-free bonds it authorized to help finance construction of the senior housing project, which was completed. last year.

> "When you get involved in any business relationship, there is a chain of contracts" making investors in a project liable for damages related to it, Pinney said.

> "Here you have three parties to this incident: somebody who owns the property, someone who controls it, and a party that's hurt. What the law says is, it's unfair to the injured party not to go after the property owner, whoever they may be," he said - even if their ownership is largely on paper.

> The damage claim is a first for the business development agency.

> "It's more a legal technicality that the IDA was named, chairman Michael Tucker said.

> "It's normal to the extent that the IDA is a technical owner of the property. Obviously, you sue the property owner."

Efforts to reach AHF officials were unsuccessful.

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## **Dems announce town candidates** Fuller will again run unopposed

#### By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's Democratic Committee met last week to designate candidates for office --and for the second time, no Democrat will take on incumbent cially," he said. GOP Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

At a caucus at the BIG Arena on May 8, the town committee opted not to back a supervisor candidate this year.

'We didn't feel we had a person who was able to run a credible race and devote the time to the job," said party chairman Matthew Clyne.

Also getting a pass on Election Day will be Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, nominated by the Republican Committee for a sixth two-year term; the Democrats did not designate an opponent.

"Nobody expressed any interest in the position," Clyne there was little debate about said.

Instead, the committee opted to concentrate on pursuing a majority on the currently 3-2 Republican town board, and to stand behind incumbents, town justices Theresa Egan and Kenneth Munnelly and town board member Susan Burns.

John Cunningham, to run against board incumbent George Lenhardt — and, in a surprise, tapped another newcomer, ration in place of Munnelly, had Patricia Parsons, to challenge GOP Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk, her first opponent since she was first elected in 1991.

Cunningham and Parsons are - lifelong Delmar residents and longtime committee members; Parsons is currently its secretary.

Cunningham is a project manager for Key Technology Services, a division of KeyBank. Parsons has been an administrator with the county Office of General Services for more than two decades.

Several potential supervisor candidates, Clyne said, faced a cut player all the way, so he decided in pay or loss of vested benefits to withdraw his name from to serve the community for from other professional positions consideration."

in taking on the \$81,969-a-year post.

"There were some people who were interested, but people who would have made good candidates couldn't swing it finan-

Seeking her second four-year board term, "Susan Burns is a strong candidate who's worked well with (fellow board member) Dan Plummer," Clyne said. "I don't perceive any problem with her candidacy. She and Jack complement each other.'

The committee had no lack of other applicants, Clyne said, though he declined to name them

"There was one in particular who would have made an excellent candidate, but we're putting our best foot forward," he said. "There are a lot of political factors to take into account, but Susan, and we thought Susan and Jack made an excellent team."

The committee also had multiple choices for the town judicial slots, despite boasting both incumbents, Egan and Munnelly, seeking their endorsement.

Clyne confirmed that Paul It named a first-time candidate, Dwyer of Slingerlands, a former county assistant district attorney now in private practice, and rumored to be under consideexpressed interest. Clyne said the committee decided to stick with Munnelly and Egan.

> "I think it was predicated on the fact that we feel we have an excellent opportunity to take the board, and we don't want any sideshows," Clyne said. "(Egan and Munnelly) are both qualified candidates and very capable. Paul would have made a fine candidate. but I discussed the matter with Paul, and I expressed my view that it could possibly be detrimental to the party if there was a primary. Paul's a team

Clyne considers him a future prospect for town office.

"I would have liked to see him run for town supervisor," he said. "He would have been an attractive candidate, but he has children in college and I don't think he felt he could do it (financially). It's a tough call for a lot of people.... It's not a position you want to just throw somebody up to. Somebody has to want it and really make a commitment."

Parsons volunteered to run for town clerk. Clyne said, because "I didn't want gaps in the ticket. She has an administrative background and is an attractive candidate. Mv general feeling is, if you can run a candidate, you should. We were glad she expressed a willingness to run.'

Moreover, the clerk is the public face of town hall: "It's a politically important position," he said. "They're in town hall every day and are often the first elected official the public sees, and they reflect on the party that put them there. ... The Democrats do feel they have a better than 50-50 shot at winning the town board, and if there is a change in administration, we want our own town clerk.'

Does he regard five-term incumbent Newkirk as vulnerable?

'We've never run anybody against Kathy Newkirk, and I don't know how strong a candidate she is," he said. "I think this is more a need to run as full a slate as we can."

Fuller expressed satisfaction at the prospect of running unopposed for a fifth term.

"Good for Matt," she said. "He's absolutely right, this is a full-time job and you really have to want it."

Nevertheless, she said, "I'll be out campaigning just the same. The support of the community is what you need to do this job, and I still need that. But I'm very pleased to have the opportunity another term.



Nicole Oliver follows her brother Devin around the obstacle course at Jim Franco Bike Day last Saturday at Elm Avenue Park.

# Speakers for and agin' Nigro center proposal

at town hall on the impact of the proposed Bethlehem Town Center in Glenmont.

Following a half-hour presentation by developer Nigro Cos. before a packed house, 37 speakers took to the microphones for nearly three hours.

"It was about what we expected," said town board member George Lenhardt. "Obviously, the majority of people here were opposed to the project in its current form."

Some, fearing its impact on emergency services, Bethlehem businesses and the character of project's scale. the surrounding community, opposed it in virtually any form.

Selkirk resident Michael Trout

in Guilderland and Colonie." Jerry Pittz of Delmar said.

John Berger of Cedar Hill, applauding a "much needed, much welcomed project," called the proposed mitigation plan 'over and above what is needed."

'I'm here as a fearful taxpayer, a fearful parent," Vanya Perez of Delmar said. "I don't think we can wear our uniqueness like a shield against any change. (Bethlehem) has already changed."

Most speakers were cautiously supportive of development but raised issues of noise and light pollution from the 24-hour plaza, water runoff from parking lots, the lack of sidewalks from nearby residential areas — and the

Numerous speakers feared that additional traffic would over whelm Route 9W and Bender Lane. Others focused on access to Glenmont Elementary School Bethlehem school Super-Others focused on the intendent Les Loomis echoed those concerns, adding the school board is "neither an advocate for nor an opponent of the project."

# **New Scotland GOP chooses slate**

#### By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

As local politicians gear up for the November elections, the New Scotland Republican Committee is hard at work completing its slate, according to Chairman John Breeze.

Breeze said the committee has

Republicans for the supervisor's the town board," Breeze said. post.

that the party has backed its two incumbents, town board member Andrea Gleason and tax collector Breeze said. Marilyn Holmberg — and backed a newcomer to elective office, mittee's intent to back Clark and local businessman Scott Schaible, the two incumbents back in Ed Clark to petition for the for the remaining town board March. seat.

backing of both Democrats and citizen involvement to his role on

"Gleason has given wonderful Last week, Breeze confirmed balance to the board since she's been there and has a background that's absolutely delightful,"

He had signaled his com-

Still to be named are

highway superintendent, Darrell

Duncan. Breeze would not

confirm whether his party would

put up candidates for both offices

"We hope to submit (a full

The first day to submit

petitions for a party slate to the

County Board of Elections is June

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS The public spoke and the town board listened at a May 9 hearing

authorized Voorheesville Mayor Republican line. Clark in March declared his intention to seek the

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Schaible is co-owner with his candidates to challenge the wife, Becky, of Freedom Organic Democratic incumbent town Soils on New Scotland South clerk, Diane Deschenes, and Road in Slingerlands, and also does outreach ministry in the town for Christ Church in Guilderland.

Schaible's interest in town this year. affairs stems in part from from serving as co-chairman of the slate) before the end of the month townwide volunteer day, in order to get people on the Christmas in April, over the past petition in time," Breeze said. two years.

"He's a local businessman who contributes daily to the life of his community and will bring that 5.

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called for "a full-blown economic analysis of this project ... this is not commercial development, this and Bethlehem Preschool. is a commercial H-bomb."

principal tenant of the 357,000square-foot complex: a SuperWal-Mart.

Todd Drake of Glenmont questioned Wal-Mart's commitment, calling the retailer "The No. 1 largest owner of vacant real estate in America."

"Wal-Mart is not a neighbor," said Meg Bassinson of Glenmont, "They are a multi-billion dollar corporation."

Equally vocal were supporters eager for a destination shopping plaza close to home.

"What has taken so long? Come on, town board, let's do it. ... I am tired of spending money

Negotiations are under way with Nigro to rebuild the school playground away from the road, and air conditioning to mitigate noise and air-quality impacts.

"We appreciate the initial positive response we've gotten from the developers," Loomis said.

Public comment on the DEIS, on file at Bethlehem Public Library, the town clerk's office and the planning department, continues until May 21.

# Achieving world domination – one block at a time

#### By Katherine McCarthy

Seems like every adult remembers having had unlimited freedom as a child. They'll cluck their tongues over how structured kids' lives are today, and talk about how far they rode their bikes to get to a friend's house. A mile, one adult will start, and another will quickly raise the ante.

It seems like all the baby boomers and Gen Xers now regard their time as children as the last halcyon days, before 24hour news channels convinced us that pedophiles and gun nuts lurked around every corner, and our best defense was to never let our kids out of our sight.

Come spring though, you'll notice groups of big kids walking home from school, skateboarding in empty parking lots or biking.

So when two of Christopher's friends showed up unaccompanied one day, it was a big moment. He and I stood looking out of the front door, peering up and down for the mother who surely lurked not far behind.



But no, here they were, 11 years old and ready to go. They headed for the tree house and multitude of squirt guns that litter our back yard these days, and I tried really hard to be cheerful.

Soon, one of the mothers did show up, acting like she was out on a casual bike ride, her younger child still fast by her side. "So we're just cutting 'em loose, eh?" I asked her, and she laughed.

With middle school coming up, it might be time give them a little independence, she said. We agreed that it would be good for them to be able to bike around the neighborhood together.

It sounded all right, but when the three boys emerged on bikes and scooters, it looked more dangerous than when, at 11, I

friend. Christopher's eyes were wide, waiting, probably, for me to dangers than about strangers. run after him sobbing that it was all a mistake.

the bucket swing.

Off they went anyway, and all of a sudden I wondered why I'd complained about all the afternoons he'd sat inside watching TV. At least those cartoons kept him safe at home.

The whole point of raising children is to prepare them for that outside world, though, and biking through our neighborfine way to spend a spring afternoon.

like my heart had gone for a little walk, and when they all returned safely, I breathed a sigh of relief. I think our generation worries

too much. We are lucky to live in

rode my bike an uphill mile and a safe town and in a neighborhood any younger kids), they are a bit across two busy streets to visit a where people know each other. I worry more about intangible

It seems like most of the harm children encounter in these pre-I didn't want him to be 11 and teen years comes from each going off on a bike with his other. You can teach a child not friends. I wanted him to be 3 and to get in a car with a stranger and asking for an underdog push in to say no to drugs, but it's harder to teach kids how to deal with the playground bully.

> I am trying to convince my boys that kindness costs nothing, but I am so far removed from early adolescence that I seem to have forgotten that kindness can cost everything.

In contrast to the difficult task of staking out their place in the grand scheme of things, granting hood with friends seemed like a a little independence is at least a tangible thing.

So when Christopher's friends Still, as I watched the three of returned the next day, it seemed that they would all be safe.

> That was before world domination however, something they've apparently been planning for a while. Christopher had decked himself out in a friend's camouflage gear and another boy — who will in fact be the leader in the new regime - had a close-fitting olivegreen dress jacket, sunglasses and carried a brief case, clearly marked "Top Secret."

> Pelting water balloons shaped like grenades (in spite of my

of a menace. It's small comfort to hear that the major point of world domination is to win all civilians to their side with the inducement of less home-work.

Still, in this politically correct era, it's a bit disturbing to see them in uniform. My husband reminds me that it's pretty normal boy behavior, and another friend tells me that her brothers, at about this age, watched "Tora Tora Tora" every chance they got.

A friend from afar e-mails with the on-target question that, should their plans succeed, would we be any worse off than we are now?

I try to tell myself that by imagining that they rule the world, they are granting themselves a little bit of power in their tightly controlled world.

Still, I don't blame the other them fade into the distance, it felt OK, and I had convinced myself mothers who cast a wary eye at the generalissimos biking down the street and keep their own, smaller, children close by their sides.

> So we talk again about appropriate behavior around other kids and set some physical limits on how far the junta is allowed to travel.

> It's funny, in all my imaginings of how I would parent as my kids got older, I never realized that my primary job might have to be keeping the world safe for





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## Bruno

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per year, leading to full assessed valuation by year 11.

While future PILOT agreements need not adhere to the Bruno model, it nevertheless provided a test case of a more generous PILOT arrangement. The key issue to be resolved by the agency after an earlier public hearing on the proposed Bruno PILOT plan: how long to extend the company's tax abatements, and by how much.

The IDA considered two different proposed PILOTs that each deviated from the standard one. After considering a 10-year plan proposed by a subcommittee of the agency — which would have granted Bruno complete abatement of taxes in its first three years after completion of the project, 70 percent abatement in year four and decreasing abatements in 10 percent increments until it reached full valuation by year 11 — the agency opted for the plan proposed by Bruno, over a longer 15-year term.

"It provides the same benefit to the applicant as the 10-year proposal, but it's more palatable because it does provide some taxes in the early years,' chairman Michael Tucker said.

Moreover, said IDA member and Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe, the PILOT balanced the community's need for immediate tax revenue with the agency's goals as an economic development engine.

"The fact that we've offered a deviation from our policy and an aggressive abatement schedule is good for our competitiveness with other communities," she said.

Tucker and Kehoe were joined by fellow IDA members Daniel Plummer and David Petraglia voting in favor of the agreement. Joseph Richardson — an officer of Charter One Bank, which may under write the bond issue - and Frank Venezia - an employee of accounting firm Marvin & Co., which does business with Bruno abstained.

ser.

Bruno said he was satisfied with the PILOT.

We appreciate it," he said. "I think it's fine for us ... we're very

glad to be in Glenmont."

He said that Zandri Construction of Latham has already begun preliminary work on the site, near the Glenmont Job Corps facility on River Road, and added, "We hope to have everything finished and moved in a year from today" — which would be early May of 2002.

Bruno manufactures diecutting, embossing, heat-sealing and molding presses for industrial customers in a variety of industries.

Bruno recently announced an agreement with a European distributor to market its presses abroad, and expects to expand its work force from about 75 employees to nearly 90 in the coming years in the new facility.

"Here we are, making a big move in a family business when everyone in the country is concerned about the economy," Bruno said.

The projected expansion of its work force also helped Bruno secure a \$1 million loan from the state Job Development Authority to partially finance the relocation project.

#### Benefit game slated

Bethlehem Central Middle School teachers will be playing Fly 92 in a softball game on Tuesday, May 29, at 6 p.m. at the softball field at the high school.

There is a \$3 admission fee and refreshments will be served.

All proceeds will go to the Russell Ellers Scholarship Fund.

Contract

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added in, the new contract provides increases of 4 percent for 2000-01 and 2001-02; 4.25 percent for 2002-03 and 4.5 percent for 2003-04.

The median step for Voorheesville teachers is 12.5. The highest step is 27, however, some teachers have taught in the district for more than 27 years.

District Treasurer Sarita Winchell used step 13 as an example of how the contract will affect teacher salaries.

With the new contract, a teacher at step 13, who, like most Voorheesville teachers, has a master's degree, receives a base salary of \$45,650. At step 12 last year, that teacher received \$43,750, and since the Taylor Law, which governs labor negotiations, states that teachers must receive their step increment when there is no new contract, that teacher made \$45,050 this year. With the new contract, that same teacher now earns \$45,650.

A teacher with a master's degree at step 27 now earns \$68,350. New teachers with a master's degree start at step 1, which pays \$32,550. The contract also eliminates the practice of freezing steps for probationary teachers.

Under the health insurance plan, employee co-payments for prescriptions have been increased from \$1 to \$5 for generics and to \$10 for brand name medicines.

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The current retirement Both sides just got to work and incentive is being phased out. Retiring teachers in 2001-02 will receive \$10,000; in 2001-02 that figure drops to \$5,000; and from 2002 forward, there will be no incentive.

The contract also establishes a summer sabbatical if no sabbatical is taken during the school year.

Superintendent Alan Mc-Cartney said he is very happy with the contract.

"These are reasonable increases," McCartney said. "The health insurance co-pay helps the district in the long run. Health insurance costs are going up and this will help maintain those costs. It's good long-term planning."

of the negotiating team, said he was pleased at the way the contract was settled.

without conflict," he said. "There was a real meeting of the minds. did it.'

School board president John Cole was part of the negotiating team. He cited a change in the way accumulated sick time is paid

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# Conserve water

So much for April showers. With only 1/100th of a percent of rain having fallen through the first week of May, a dry, hot April and summer-like days stretching on end, water has once again asserted itself as a precious, not to mention expensive, commodity in the area this season.

Many people have come to feel that lawns are more of a nuisance than they're worth. And some are taking back formerly greened-over land



and planting everything from ornamental grasses to fava beans, claiming they are pretty to look at and not as hard to take care of.

Bethlehem and New Scotland residents would do well to rethink their water usage this season, and respect bans on irrigation. Lawns shouldn't matter more than farms or people, who may need the protection of water in case of fire.

It's only May, and if the pattern of dry, hot summers following dry, hot springs holds, we're in for more of the same.

# Give blood

The Red Cross is anticipating a blood shortage of almost 1,200 pints in eastern New York state this summer.

The shortage happens this time every year because of high school and college summer recess, and fewer blood drives.

One, however, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, at Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. It will be held from 2 to 7 p.m., making it convenient for those who want to donate on their way home from work.

Donors can also give blood at Red Cross headquarters at Clara Barton Drive in Albany. Red Cross District Manager Livia Morton suggest that blood drives can also be organized and held at community and business sites.

To learn more about organizing a blood drive, contact Steve Thomas at 1-800-724-0547, ext. 804, or visit the Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org.

# Big apple for teacher

Hats off to Nicole Sherrin, a Bethlehem Central graduate, who received the Teach for America Sue Lehmann Award. Sherrin was honored in New York City recently for her achievement in the classroom.

She was able to motivate and even inspire students at Alfred F. Garcia School in Phoenix. Students who formerly were categorized mainly for their apathy became enthusiastic and eager learners.

We're happy Sherrin plans to stay in the field of education. She has already made a difference in her first two years on the job.

Veni, vidi, didn't follow the scarf

#### By DEV TOBIN

The writer is managing editor of Spotlight Newspapers.

On a trip to Italy last month, it seemed that most of the other Americans there were "scarf people," following the tourleader's scarf on a telescoping pointer with the rest of their tourist busload.

For our self-planned 10-day tour, we were the anti-scarf people, traveling on our own in Italy with a rental car and accommodations at B&Bs and small hotels that we'd researched ourselves. While many may be intimidated by such a prospect, for us it's the only way to go. It's also a good deal cheaper than most package bus tours.

We were able to spend five full days in the big three — Rome, Florence and Venice — time enough to see most of the highlights, if not everything.

Traveling with wheels of our own, we had the chance to get off the beaten track and explore spots like Sirmione, Padua, Ravenna and Assisi. The crowds of scarf people and others thinned out considerably in the smaller cities.

We visited Sirmione, a beautiful peninsula on the southern shores of Lake Garda, the day we got off the plane in Milan.

We had planned to wash away jet lag in the hot spring waters that had drawn the Romans here two millennia ago, but the hotels in town that had "terme" were all booked — in addition to having a four-night minimum over the Easter holiday — and the public spas closed at noon.

So we grabbed a quick lunch at a café overlooking the lake, where my pitiful Italian had the waitress answering in German, which made sense in a way since most of the tourists in Sirmione are from Germany.

We then checked out one of the largest Roman ruins outside of Rome, the Grotte di Catullo. It was a bit of a hike — one way to prepare for the several miles of walking a day that travel usually entails — but the vast villa/bath complex on the tip of the

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The Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi contains two churches full of early Renaissance frescoes as well as the popular saint's tomb.

around, was well worth it.

also had a touch of history, albeit more recent.

The 1859 battle of Solferino ---the Piedmontese and French trying to drive the Austrians out of northern Italy — was in part fought on the property of the farm B&B where we stayed.

The proprietor proudly noted that French Emperor Napoleon III had surveyed the battlefield from a ridge on the farm, and indeed there was a historical marker out by the road to that effect.

The battle was shockingly bloody, causing Napoleon III to conclude a separate peace with the Austrians that left them in control of the Veneto, if only for another 17 years.

The great suffering of the more than 40,000 wounded caused a Swiss eyewitness, Jean Henri Dunant, to write "A Memory of Solferino," which led to his eventual founding of the International Red Cross. While the office encyclopedia says Dunant was at Solferino "by coincidence," our B&B owner said the locals have a different theory. He said the Swiss were noted for manufacturing watches, chocolate and arms, and that a Swiss businessman on the scene of a major European battle was probably not there to sell timepieces or treats.

peninsula, with lake views all time in six European trips to drive to my hotel. I parked a few blocks Our nearby accommodations away and walked there to get directions.

> Once settled and calmed down, we explored the Basilica of St. Anthony around the corner. in time for a moving Good Friday service, then wandered the quaint cobblestone streets of the pedestrian zones around the Prato delle Valle, looking for a restaurant and finding an Internet café.

> Above all, Padua has the Scrovegni Chapel, whose 700year-old Giotto frescoes represent the genesis of Renaissance painting.

> While most Italian artworks are remarkably accessible, just a few famous pieces behind glass, the Scrovegni takes extraordinary steps to safeguard its unique frescoes. Tickets are limited to about 25 at one time and those 25 must sit for 15 minutes in an air-purifier room before



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Next up was Padua, a delightful small city, although the driving was more challenging renowned San Vitale. than in Rome or Florence.

Because of construction, oneway streets whose names changed every few blocks, bus/ taxi lanes and sudden pedestrian outdoor markets, chic shops and zones, I was unable for the first small squares.

entering the chapel, where they can only stay for 30 minutes.

A couple of hours southeast of Padua. Ravenna is mosaic city, with churches and baptisteries dazzlingly decorated with mosaics that date back 1,500 years to the waning of the western Roman Empire.

Finding the hotel was difficult (though not as tough as Padua). but once there, all the sights were within easy walking distance.

The mosaics are brilliant, especially at the small mausoleum of Galla Placidia behind the more

And, as in Padua, it was wonderful just to wander around the historical center of a small, city, with its pedestrian zones,



Assisi, where we stopped on when a sale is announced. the way from Florence to Rome, is more of a tourist trap, thanks to the enduring popularity of St. Francis.

number of tourist shops, the hilltop town's medieval charm survives off the main streets. The Basilica of St. Francis is a moving, if somewhat monumental, experience.

With the exception of the crypt a powerful place of prayer where the saint was hidden from relic ghouls for 600 years - the lower and upper basilicas are richly frescoed, including a magnificent Giotto series of the life of St. Francis lining the apse of the upper basilica.

There are some blank spots in the upper basilica's ceiling frescoes, testimony to the deadly 1997 earthquake that hit Assisi, but the damage is remarkably limited.

#### You can do it, too!

Traveling on your own in Italy obviously requires more preparation and research than buying a bus tour. Here are some basic tips:

• Your biggest single expense will be airfare, ranging from \$400 to \$900 from Albany to Italy, depending on the season. Ask a Florence, Leonardo da Vinci's travel agent to monitor fares or do it yourself on the Internet. Have a general time frame in mind and be prepared to move quickly

• Buy the latest edition of a major guidebook like Frommer's or Lonely Planet, not just for basic information about sights, excellent — large room, great Despite an overwhelming restaurants and accommodations, food and history-buff host - and but also to discover the latest in the one just north of Florence was attraction limits. In Padua, we found, to our dismay, that the were wonderful hosts in a Scrovegni Chapel required thoughtfully remodeled stone

> Don't worry about not speaking the language. Get a basic phrasebook and say "per favore" (please), "grazie" (thank you) and "buongiorno" (good day/hello) a lot. Even in the smaller cities, most clerks and waiters speak some English.

reservations. My two-year-old avoid long-distance charges. Frommer's didn't mention this, but we lucked out with a reservation two days later — Easter morning at 9 o'clock, our last day in town.

Among other attractions that require reservations, or where reservations will save you hours of waiting in line, are the Uffizi and Accademia galleries in Last Supper in Milan and the Borghese Gallery in Rome.

Sawday's B&B book.

The Solferino B&B was even better. Stefano and Assunta

barn on the road between Olmo and Borgo San Lorenzo.

The price can't be beat — three nights, six big breakfasts and two excellent fourcourse dinners with wine and vin santo for about \$230.

Where possible, e-mail for reservations to

· Food, of course, is wonderful, and need not be expensive. Check out outdoor markets or local grocery stores for picnic lunch supplies; enjoy eating regional specialties; don't feel you have to order both a pasta and a main course (primo and secondo); remember that service is included — tip a little extra if warranted.

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consult your guidebook and buy cancellation penalty. Request a the latest edition of Alastair diesel car; diesel's about 25 percent cheaper than unleaded. Ask if they have any upgrades available. Buy good road and city maps, then be prepared to get lost and make U-turns.

> • Gas is more expensive, about \$4 a gallon, but the cars are generally small and fuel-efficient. You can expect to pay for parking (75 cents to a dollar an hour, \$10 to \$20 a day) pretty much ever where in a town or city. If the parking space is marked in blue. it's a pay-parking spot — look for a machine nearby where you buy a ticket to put on the dash.

> • Tailgating must not be illegal, because it is standard driving procedure (less than a carlength at 90 mph) in the left lane of the autostrade. Unlike around here, hardly any police watch the road — you will probably see more police cars on your way to and from Albany International Airport than you will see in a week and a half of driving in Italy.

> • At a museum or major church, try to visit the gift shop first and buy a guide, so you'll have an informed idea of what you're looking at.

> • Don't worry about not speaking the language. Get a basic phrasebook and say "per favore" (please), "grazie" (thank vou) and "buongiorno" (good day/hello) a lot. Even in the smaller cities, most clerks and waiters speak some English.

# TV turnoff turns on kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the seventh consecutive year, Hamagrael Elementary School participated in TV-Turnoff Week. The week is about taking a healthy break from TV to focus on activities that are more academically, socially and physically rewarding and about having more fun.

The average child from age 2 to 11 watches more than 22 hours of television a week. Only 10 hours of television per week has been shown to negatively affect acadèmic achievement.

Children who watch more than four hours of TV a day have fewer hobbies, fewer friends, less memberships in groups and lower trust in social situations.

We would like to thank I Love Books, Java Jazz Café and Mr. Subb for their generous contributions to our drawing and Price Chopper for helping with our Board Game Night.

We would also like to thank the Hamagrael families who participated in this event and the school staff for supporting it. It is not always easy to break the TV habit, but it is a wonderful gift that you can give your whole family.

Leona Kassoff and Hannah Shuman Hamagrael TV-Turnoff Week co-chairwomen



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Editor, The Spotlight:

I am in favor of the Bethlehem Town Center project as long as the developer provides a safe workable access and egress to my residence driveway.

My home and driveway are situated on Route 9W, approximately 1,500 feet north of the project site, near the point where Route 32 and Route 9W south join, and directly adjacent to where the two lanes of Route 9W divide into two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes.

The safety of my family and others who frequent my residence is currently compromised by these existing road configurations, and this situation will worsen increasing the potential for life-threatening accidents via the increased traffic to the center. Therefore, I must respectfully request that the town

part upon the developer performing the appropriate remediation work for a safe, workable driveway at my residence in consultation with me and the state Department of Transportation.

Nigro Cos. is interested in the former Southgate parcel and encourage the town board to square footage proposal. To do otherwise for a second time could force the Rubin Co. to sell its large parcel in small amounts, leaving us to deal with "hodge-podge" development that most likely would not be able to afford the needed road improvements and other desired amenities.

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project's approval contingent in of an old dilapidated farm house and brush overgrowth, will make the needed road improvements, contribute to our eroding commercial tax base, provide employment opportunities and enhance the potential for future I am, however, delighted that planned commercial growth along the Route 9W north corridor.

Opponents of the current approve the developers' current project may cite the LUMAC report and make reference to its recommended 250,000-squarefoot allowance for shopping center development. LUMAC has not yet been approved and passed by the town's elected representatives and unfortunately, serves as a guideline based upon town demographics of 10 years ago.

> Certainly this town has overseen the construction of hundreds, if not thousands of new homes alone from the completion of LUMAC today that would seem to justify an increase to the outdated 250,000-square-footage guideline.

> Opponents may also indicate that they would rather pay higher taxes than have commercial development. That may be fine for some, but what about those who cannot afford to subscribe to that theory because they may be retired, living on fixed incomes, Social Security or perhaps living

boards make the proposed development that will rid the area paycheck to paycheck trying to make ends meet.

> Chances are some of these less financially situated folks are senior citizens who have been paying town taxes for decades and might also have been dedicated volunteers to fire police and ambulance services. It would certainly seem quite unacceptable for them to be put in a position of having to relocate for lack of an adequate commercial tax base.

> Today's thrust in retailing is away from a series of smaller, disconnected stores to larger oneconcept stores. This is evidenced by today's shopping habits that demand the convenience of onestop shopping under one roof.

> It is indisputable that the currently proposed project may have some adverse visual and aural effects on neighboring properties, including my own, and Glenmont School.

> These effects and other concerns should be satisfactorily addressed by the developer as part of the town's approval of the project.

> The town board's decisionmaking process regarding the proposed Bethlehem Town Center development will not be easy to be sure, but after all is said and done, I hope the Nigro Cos. will make a substantial investment in our town thus providing an incentive for other developers to participate in the town's commercial growth.

Jonathan Van Derboel Glenmont

## Kiosk is apt memorial

Editor, The Spotlight:

Friends and family of the late Cynthia Isdell gathered at Peebles Island State Park on April 28 for the dedication of an interpretive kiosk in her memory. Cynthia who died on Dec. 2, 1998, was a longtime employee of the state Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and worked at the park.

After she was diagnosed with breast cancer, Cynthia found the peace and spirituality she was seeking through her lunch time walks on the island.

Cynthia touched all those who knew her, and many of her colleagues and loved ones wanted to have a lasting testament to her short life. It seemed fitting to erect something at the park she loved so dearly. The kiosk contains information pertaining the the various birds that can be seen on the island. It also includes a picture of Cynthia and a description of her fondness for this special place.

Following a reception, during which her loved ones read poetry and writings, some of which were written by Cynthia herself, her youngest daughter cut the dedication ribbon.

To reach Peebles Island, take Route 787 south. After the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Ontario Street, Proceed through two traffic lights and take the second left onto Delaware Avenue. Peebles Island is located at the end of Delaware.

> Mary Skelly Delmar

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#### Editor, The Spotlight:

I am supportive of planned, cost-effective development in Bethlehem. But I am very concerned about the impact of the Bethlehem Town Center proposed by the Nigro developers.

This 357,000-square-foot, 24hour-a-day regional shopping center expects to draw customers from Greene County to South Albany. We must ensure that, if this proposal is to move forward, it addresses the needs of our community and help solve the. problems it will create.

I attended the recent town board meeting on this issue and have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). I strongly urge others to look at the DEIS, which is available at town hall and the library, and make their concerns known to the town board before May 21.

I believe the town board should delay any final action on this proposal until the following issues get satisfactory resolution.

A retail development of this size is going to generate a lot more traffic, noise, pollution and crime in Bethlehem and have a significant negative impact on a town that is already struggling with double-digit population growth and more housing developments on the way.

The developer must adequately address the traffic congestion that will occur on Route 9W, Bender Lane, Wemple Road, Feura Bush Road, Route 32, Glenmont Road and Kenwood Avenue. By the developer's own calculations, intersections at 9W and Feura Bush Road, 9W and Beacon and Wemple and Feura Bush roads, will fail DOT standards unless significant improvements are made, yet only modest improvements are proposed.

Similarly, the developer proposes to add only a middle turning lane in front of the site. Take a drive down 9W at rush hour and add 50 percent more car volume. Now, add bikes, pedestrians, cars, buses and delivery trucks. Stir in bad weather.

Clearly, a retail center of this size must have a four-lane highway servicing it.

School and the 500 students and 200 plus families it serves. Their safety and well-being will be adversely impacted. Issues such as bus access, pedestrian safety and school/playground security must be resolved. None of these issues is adequately addressed in the DEIS.

At a minimum, the school-must Home Depot. have signaled traffic access, some type of berm/buffer should be constructed in front of the school, sidewalks must be extended on both sides of the highway, and winter playground space away from the road must be provided.

Finally, the town board should require that Nigro fund a complete economic analysis of this proposal. We need to do a thorough cost/benefit analysis before proceeding. For example, the developer believes that significant increased sales tax revenues will be generated for the town, when in fact, such revenues flow through Albany County to the town, and are more a factor of regional economic growth.

It seems possible to me that this type of development could cannibalize our current property tax base while driving recurring, growing costs for the town.

For example, what do the numbers look like if Kmart, Grand Union and/or Ames close in response to competition?

What impact will a 24-hour regional shopping center have on the need for future police overtime, fire protection, highway maintenance and traffic safety?

"Who will pay for road improvements, bike paths and sidewalks?

I urge the board to make sure Nigro properly addresses these issues. Let's not have development at any cost -- let's have development at the right cost.

> John C. Traylor Glenmont

# Let's keep perspective on center

your Opinion Matters

Editor, The Spotlight:

There's nothing wrong with from Glenmont Elementary Not-In-My Backyard, if it's going to destroy your back yard.

But development opponents this time are not talking abut your typical NIMBY target: a nuclèar waste dump of landfill or an incinerator.

They're railing against a less obvious villain — superstore retailers such as Wal-Mart and

comments in upcoming letters to the editor: "these chains build gigantic stores on oversized lots, cause traffic delays and drive our must shop there."

Or, "Bargain shopping that costs the community its soul is no bargain."

Since they perceive themselves as locked in a life-or-death

the anti-development activists' rhetoric tends toward the extreme: "My guess is that if you polled Bethlehem residents, at least 80 percent would not be in favor a a Wal-Mart moving into our area."

Given such sentiments, it isn't surprising that the activists take a dim view of development and competition.

Big retailers might put I can just imagine the inefficient shopkeepers out of business, but the real problem is that many traditional, independent merchants aren't providing service, the hours, the parking, all the competitors son people, the price or the merchandise some people want.

> There is a certain irony to the vilification of Wal-Mart as corporate colonizer. Until recently, the chain, started in 1962 by congenial, jes' plain folks entre-

struggle, it's not surprising that preneur Sam Walton was lauded for bringing national brands at low prices to small-town America.

> Home Depot, et al., aren't forcing people at gunpoint to shop their aisles. Whoever opens a store makes an investment in their store, their merchandise and their personnel.

> Every customer they get, they have to win. Then they have to persuade people to keep coming back.

> Let's keep this in perspective. As consumers, we should not be too concerned about development that leads to new businesses coming to Bethlehem.

> Competition is healthy and leads to lower prices, greater variety and quality, better service and more options for worker and consumer alike

> > David J. Lamendola Delmar



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# Know the warning signs of chronic asthma

#### By DONNA J. BELL

If someone were to ask you to name a killer disease, asthma might not be the first thing to come to mind.

But, did you know that nearly 6,000 Americans die of asthma each year? Asthma also accounts for three million emergency room visits and 500,000 hospitalizations annually.

May is Allergy & Asthma Awareness Month, an observance that began in the 1980s by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) and hailed with a proclamation signed

Reagan 1984.

So exactly what is asthma and how do you know if you or if someone in your family may have it? Asthma is a chronic condition that occurs when the main air passages of your lungs, the bronchial tubes, become inflamed. This inflammation causes the bronchi, the main branches leading from the throat to the lungs, to become overly reactive. The air ways are more sensitive to various asthma triggers such as allergens, cold and dry air, smoke and viruses.

The muscles of the bronchial

by former President Ronald walls tighten and extra mucus is produced, causing airways to narrow. In some people this may cause minor wheezing and in others severe difficulty in breathing.

> The symptoms of asthma can be very subtle — or very severe. That's because the condition affects people dif-ferently. If you suspect you or a family member may have asthma following are some symptoms.

> > Does the person:

- feel wheezy or short of breath at bedtime?
- cough a lot during exercise, in cold air, or in a smoky room?
- hear a wheezing sound when breathing?
- get out of breath when using the stairs?
- ever miss work or school because he or she feels out of breath and tired?
- have trouble breathing more than once a week? Every day?

these questions, the condition could be asthma. It is important that you consult a doctor. There are several tests that can be taken, such as a spirometry test, which measures the air breathed in and out; or a peak flow meter test, using a simple hand-held device that lets the patient measure breathing ability several times throughout the day or week.

Fortunately, today there are many effective medications available to treat asthma. Because people with asthma have inflamed airways, anti-inflammatory agents such as cromolyn, nedocromil and corticosteroids reduce inflammation and asthma symptoms.

Cromolyn and nedocromil are non-steroidal and usually are prescribed in the inhaled form, while corticosteroids are prescribed in both the inhaled (topical) and oral form.

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If the answer is "yes" to any of causing airway inflammation are known to produce potent chemicals within the body called leukotrienes. Leukotrienes cause contraction of the airway and increased fluid from blood vessels in the lung. Recently, oral antileukotriene medications have been introduced to fight the inflammatory response typical of allergic disease. These drugs are used in the treatment of chronic asthma.

> Bronchodilators are generally used to relieve coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and difficulty in breathing. They work by opening up the bronchial tubes so that more air can flow through. Bronchodilators include betaagonists, theophylline and anticholinergics. They come in inhaled, tablet, capsule, liquid or injectable forms.

For information, you can go online to visit the American Lung Association at www.lungusa.org, the American Academy of Allergies, Asthma and Immunology (AAAI) at www.aaaai.org or the Allergy and Asthma Network at www.aanma.org.

Some old wives' tales still exist about asthma, but the AAAAI provides answers to counter the most popular asthma myths.

#### Myth No. 1

Some dog breeds, such as chihuahuas, are better for people with asthma and allergies. Reality - It is the protein found in the

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cause allergies, not the pet's hair. Since all dogs have dander, saliva and urine, there is no breed which is better for people with asthma and allergies.

#### Myth No. 2

inhalers are dangerous. Reality: Inhaled medications, including corticosteroids, are the safest and

pet's saliva, dander and urine that most effective means to treat Unfortunately, there is no way to asthma that currently exists.

#### Myth No. 3

Children outgrow asthma. Reality - Asthma is a chronic allergies or asthma. Reality state of hyperresponsiveness. adolescence while others worsen, but the tendency to overly sensitive airways remains. insects and certain foods.

predict a child's clinical progress.

#### Myth No. 4

Smoking does not trigger Smoking is a known trigger of Some children have asthma allergies and asthma. Other Inhaled medications, such as symptoms that clear during triggers include, pollens, molds, animal dander, dust mites, cockroaches, latex, stinging

# Senior Services slates fitness day

present a health and fitness fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Louise Corning Center on 25 Delaware Ave., on Wednesday, May 30.

Following the fair, a healthy reception, dinner and dancing will be from 3 to 7 p.m.

A suggested contribution is \$2.50 per person is requested.

For information or to sign up for screenings or dinner, call 465-3325, not later than Friday, May 25 at noon.

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Senior Services of Albany will activities, screenings and educational sessions at the fair.

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> Informational sessions include dental, arthritis management, fall prevention and quick and easy meals.

• Interactive sessions include nutritional health appraisals, exercise demonstrations, a tai chi demonstration, health risk assessments, medication management exhibits and drawings.

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# Matters of Opinion **Employers help skills program**

Editor, The Spotlight:

(FSI) classroom at tion Bethlehem Central High School offers students with developmental disabilities a community-based curriculum. Since the majority of students in the FSI class hope to live, work and recreate in the Bethlehem community throughout their lives, it is crucial to provide reallife experiences to promote the acquisition of fundamental life skills and to foster independence.

To achieve this goal, Bethlehem Central High School works in conjunction with Northeast the students at the work site. Career Planning to create

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opportunities for students to are reciprocal. Chris McCarroll of and training needed to develop the skills and attitudes necessary for paid employment.

Several area employers currently participate program, including Delmar Marketplace, the Jewish Community Center in Albany, Price Chopper, Hewitt's, Pond View Farms, The College of Saint Rose and Crossgates Mall. Previous sites included The Spotlight, CVS, Priceless Kids and these local businesses. Del Lanes.

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The Functional Skills Instruc- engage in nonpaid vocational The Village Butcher says working exploration, assessment, skills with the students from Bethlehem is a pleasurable experience. The students are cooperative and enthusiastic, always come to work with a smile and many occasions have accomplished tasks that staff never seems to have the time to do.

> The success of the students in the FSI classroom at Bethlehem Central is largely due to the commitment and collaboration of

> > Ioan M. Link

# **Retail center raises** alarming questions

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to add my voice to others who oppose the Wal-Mart/ improvements? Home Depot center being proposed.

At first glance, its looks like it would be a benefit in terms of increased tax revenue, but what about the long run? If Wal-Mart and Home Depot cut deeply into the other businesses in the neighborhood, forcing some to leave, what happens to the vacant Delmar plazas in Bethlehem Center?

> If traffic doubles or triples because of the location of these Avenue alive. I'll feel greatly two super stores, what happens to the roads such as Bender Lane, Feura Bush Road and Route 9W? Will they eventually have to be widened to accommodate the

traffic increase?

Who will pay for these

Admittedly, I've offered a lot of questions without suggestions, but these and many more should be asked. Do we need, or do we even want stores of this size ?

Among the stories I like to read in The Spotlight are those that profile new businesses, both large and small, that establish themselves within the commercial framework already in place, keeping areas like Delaware saddened, if I start reading stories about businesses leaving rather than coming to town.

Doug O'Connor Delmar

# Dedication for Ellers set

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Russell Ellers Committee has chosen Wednesday, May 23, as the dedication date for the trees and bench in Russell's memory.

at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School in front of the library media center. We invite all friends and family to attend.

to the community, Grace Memorials and Olsen's Nursery. The support and contributions are a tribute to the community as well as to Russell.

We are looking forward to sharing this time with you.

# **Reader wonders what's next?**

Progress, competition — sure both are good up to a point. I shop at large markets and I shop at small markets.

Price Chopper has been very good to the entire Capital District, giving back much of what it has been given.

However, we have a Kmart in the very plaza in which Price Chopper is seeking to have a super center. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I understood that when. Kmart was seeking to enlarge its facility, it was turned

plenty of room at the time. My question is, why was Kmart denied and within a year, Wal-Mart and Price Chopper are given a green light?

Now, let's go back to the beginning — just how much competition can a place like Delmar stand? We also have a Grand Union and Hannaford.

I have to agree with those who are concerned with the trappings that a Wal-Mart and another super center with bring to the area. What's next?

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Editor, The Spotlight:

# Internet expert to discuss filtering

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that will make federal technology funding for schools and libraries dependent upon installation of filtering software at public Internet terminals. The new law,



which requires compliance by next year, is currently being challenged in the courts.

This issue will be addressed at the annual meeting of the library Friends next Wednesday, May 23. Guest speaker Karen Schneider is a national expert on library technology issues and a champion of intellectual freedom.

Currently assistant director of technology at Shenendehowa Public Library, she is a regular contributor to the professional publication "American Libraries."

Schneider has published two books, most notably A Practical Guide to Internet Filters (Neal Schuman, 1997). In 1997, she led a team of librarians in an informal study of Internet content filters. and in 1998 was an expert witness

Public libraries nationwide are for the Mainstream Loudoun Library is a nonprofit organfacing a crisis in the area of citizens' group in the case,

Legislation has been passed of Trustees. Schneider is a frequent speaker at library conferences and since 1998 has been an adjunct instructor at the School of Information Science and Policy at the University at Albany, where she has taught Internet access issues and introductory Web design.

> Schneider's talk is entitled "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Filtering the Internet in Public Libraries." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. after a short business meeting at 7 p.m. A reception follows the program.

#### Writing prize winners

Eight winners of the second annual Friends writing prize will also be introduced and receive their awards. BCHS English supervisor Anthony Bango coordinated the entries, which were solicited by English teachers. University at Albany history professor Ron Berger, Writers Institute Director Don Faulkner and University at Albany English professor Carolyn Yalkut judged the competition, which was open to students in grades 9-12 writing in various genres.

ization, part of a national network Mainstream Loudoun vs. Board of volunteers who provide advocacy and fund-raising in support of public libraries.

> Our Friends are involved with various cultural and educational activities, such as the annual Wenzl lecture, Evenings on the Green, and New York City excursions. One of their fundraising projects is the sale of souvenir book bags at the library circulation desk.

> Friends provided the seed money for our enormously successful book rental program. They also provide financial support for the annual publication of "Community Contacts."

The annual meeting and the program are open to all Friends, past and present, and to the general public. Members and prospective members can drop off membership applications and renewals. Membership forms can be found at the circulation desk. The form can also be downloaded from the library's Web site at www.uhls.org/bethlehem/.

Bethlehem police are asking neighbors of the town's schools to help combat vandalism and disorderly conduct on school property that traditionally increases with the arrival of warmer weather.

In a letter written to homeowners and residents in the vicinity of schools in the Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts, Detective Michael McMillen, supervisor of suspect activity around school grounds.

"Many of these activities happen when school is closed and the children and staff has gone home," he wrote. "These activities can range from parties that may involve alcohol, that result in neighborhoods being damaged, to acts that could be considered violent acts against school children or property.'

Neighbors who observe such activity can anonymously call the drug and school violence hot line the Youth Bureau, appealed for at 439-1503, can call 911 in the their assistance in a neighbor- event of an emergency or can call hood watch effort to monitor the police department's nonemergency number, 439-9973.

## Lions offering scholarships

Police seek neighbors' help

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> For an application contact Albany Lions Club at 765-4064.

> The application deadline is May 31. The scholarship will be awarded in June.







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Although winter has said goodbye, we can't eliminate the factors that may cause a cold sore. There is nothing that can eliminate the virus from your system; there are however medications that can help to soothe the effects. Ask your dentist for the latest information on cold sores.

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# **Diabetes fund-raiser set at church**

A diabetes fund-raiser will be **NEWSNOTES** held on Friday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

The cost is \$5 per person, which will include food and drink. Chinese raffle tickets will be available.

The fund-raiser will help sponsor local residents Colleen and Rich Brackett and Team Diabetes in the Kona Marathon.

The team hopes to raise funds and awareness for the American Diabetes Association.

#### **Girl Scout Troop** to hold garage sale

Girl Scout Troop 621 will hold an 11-family garage sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 927 Krumkill Road.

For information, call 453-6245.

#### **Elementary students** to give spring concert

The fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus will present their annual spring concert tonight, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

It is free and open to the public.

#### Town accepting summer applications

The town of New Scotland is now accepting employment and Voorheesville Jane Norris 439-8532

summer recreation program. Applicants must be at least 13

years old. Applications can be picked up at the town hall on Route 85. For information, call Darrell Hazen at 439-4913.

#### Village board to meet May 22 The Voorheesville board of

trustees will meet on Tuesday. May 22, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

#### Activity night slated for sixth-graders

Activity night for Voorheesville students in sixth grade will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be a DJ, games and food.

Tickets will be sold at the school and need to be purchased in advance.

#### Thacher Park sets

Indian Ladder Trail tour Thacher Park will sponsor a

volunteer applications for the tour of Indian Ladder Trail on



#### **Extension offers** gardening help

**Cornell Cooperative Extension** has published a booklet on "Weed Control for the Home Vegetable Garden,"

It has pictures of common weeds for identification and several strategies for weed control.

To receive a copy, send a check for \$6.50 to Cornell Cooperative Extension Horticulture Department, PO Box 497, Voorheesville 12186.

For information, call 765-3512. The extension is also producing a 4-H Vegetable Planting Chart on when to plant different vegetables, as well as their ideal spacing, normal yield and harvest times.

To get a copy of this free chart, call the Master Gardener hot line at 765-3500.

#### Bird club talks set

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club will present programs on Mondays at 7:30 at Five Rivers **Environmental Education Center** on Game Farm Road in Delmar. Admission is free. For information, call 475-0291.



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Megan Dority, 10, of Delmar is the winner of a Razor scooter from the Toy Chest in Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands. The drawing celebrates the store's second anniversary.



357,000 sq ft retail center on Rt. 9W in Glenmont. Please let us know by email, fax or mail what you think about this project, as well as any other comments you want the Chamber Board of Directors to hear.



The deadline to respond to us is May 31, 2001. If you're a member and didn't receive a survey, contact us: info@bethlehemchamber.com or call 439-0512 for a copy. Thank you!

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test subjects on an inclined treadmill and measured their exertion as they spent an hour carrying a load equal to about a third of their body weight. It was found that the pole-aided hikers took longer strides with fewer steps, which reduced the energy being absorbed by leg joints. The poles also helped reduce the load being carried while muscles and tendons were at vulnerable angles.

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# **Book sale promises** something for all

Books - glorious books! school or organization should Entertaining, enriching, enthral- contact Friends President Karla ling - books are the best Flegel at 765-2538 and plan to pick investment of your life, and we them up after the sale on Sunday. have them in abundance at this year's book sale, for rock bottom p.m. a Lasik vision correction prices.

hardcovers — all only \$1 each,



with paperbacks a mere 50 cents.

Friday, May 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. is a special Friends of the Library members only preview night when Friends members get to have first crack at the goods.

If you are not a member and want to attend on Friday, you will have to buy a membership at the door. Individuals can join for only \$5

On Saturday, May 19, our fantastic bake sale will be in the lobby along with the book bargains. Come between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. prepared to indulge both your brain and your stomach.

And, everyone should come back Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. for our "everything must go" sale. Bring your own bag and cram it full for only \$1. It's "Buck-a-Bag" Sunday.

Anyone interested in having our leftover books for their own

On Wednesday, May 23, at 7 seminar will be held in the com-There are some beautiful munity room. If you are one of the many people considering this popular new surgery, take this opportunity to learn all about it.

> Warren Sieme of Gimbel Vision Correction Center will give a 30-minute slide presentation on how laser correction works to help nearsighted, farsighted and astigmatic patients. After the presentation. Dr. Jordan Kassoff will be available to answer questions. Kassoff is a cornea and refractive surgery fellowshiptrained opthalmologist at Gimbel Vision Correction Center.

> Something is happening for opera lovers. Lecturer Stan Kutinsky hopes to establish a regular following of opera lovers to meet at the library.

> On Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. he will present his first lecture, which will include a short bio and recordings of tenor Franco Corelli. Opera novices as well as experienced opera-goers are welcome.

> A collection is needed for the library showcase for August. Contact me at 765-2791 if you have something you would like to display.

Barbara Vink





# Joyelle of giving



Mary Vail, owner of Joyelie's Jewelers in Main Square, looks on as chamber of commerce President Marty DeLaney draws the winning ticket for Joyelle's \$2,000 diamond bracelet giveaway. Hilda Hall of Delmar is the lucky winner.



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# **RCS students to present concerts** Youth activities listed

The RCS fourth-grade chorus will perform a spring medley on Thursday, May 17, at A.W. Becker Elementary School.

On Tuesday, May 22, at 7 p.m., fifth- and sixth-graders will present a spring concert at 7 p.m. at the high school.

**RCS Senior High School** students will give their spring Carly Assael, Kate Bishop, Erin concert on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditiorium.

All events are free and open to the public.

#### **Junior prom** set for Friday

RCS juniors, dressed in all their finery, will dance the night away on Friday, May 18, at the annual junior prom.

#### Drama club to stage **"Sleeping Beauty**

RCS Middle School drama club will present "Sleeping Beauty" Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, at 7 p.m. at the senior high auditorium.

Cast members include mittee. Gabrielle Reith as Beauty, Vanessa Persico as the queen and Nick Noblett as the king.

The nanny will be played by Anna Brooks, Bumps by Jeannine Rider and rainbow fairies will be played by Jessamie O'Brien, Samantha Schools, Megan Boomer, Lauren Libby, Jaime Breedlove, Maureen Keller, Eviana Khai, Brittany Boehm and Kim Poetzsch.

The prince will be played by



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Jason Gallagher and Nick Covey. Student directors include Lovett, Jackie Noblett and Sarah Schools.

faculty director, and numerous parents assisted in costume and set design.

Citizens will be honored on Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m. with a free luncheon at Congregational Christian Church.

Ralph Barger, dancing and door

Coeymans Democratic Com-

#### Fire auxiliary to serve **Brooks barbecue**

Ravena Hose Co. auxiliary will serve a takeout Brooks chicken barbecue today, May 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse.

#### **Blue Creek to perform** on Saturday

If you enjoy country music, head on down to the Ravena Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, May 19.

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One of the nation's top country music bands, Blue Creek, will be performing at 9 p.m.

Blue Creek has been named Entertainers of the Year by the Northeast Country Music Association.

The event is part of fundraising efforts by Cub Scout Pack 67 of Ravena.

#### Library slates events

The RCS Community Library newsletter was sent out last week to all residents of the school district.

It includes information on current activities and upcoming summer programs.

The weekly preschool story hour is at 11 a.m. on Thursdays.

Activities and crafts follow each story time. Programs last 30 to 45 minutes.

Preregistration is not necessary, but call the library 756-2053, if you are bringing a group.

Everyone is invited to come visit the aliens.

Some of the winners of the "Create the Best Alien" contest sponsored by the PTO at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School are now inhabiting the library.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Elks Lodge plans Tuesday night bingo

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 at 1016 River Road in Selkirk will host bingo every Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and food is available.

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A committee formed as a result of issues discussed at a Bethlehem Community Partnership meeting last November has developed a Web site directory for nonprofit youth organizations in the town of Bethlehem.

The site enables children and parents to easily access a comprehensive list of community activities for youth.

The directory, which is at www.bethlehefirst.com/youth, includes categories such as: sports, Scouts, church and synagogue, art/theater/music, recreation and others.

Each category lists the name of the organization, a contact phone number, an e-mail address, ages served and a brief description of the group. Organizations that fit multiple categories have been cross-referenced.

The Web site should be especially useful to new residents who would like to learn about town youth activities.

Others should find it helpful to get the latest information on activities. Groups listed in the directory will be able to update their entries by accessing the Web site to keep information current.

Some groups may have been inadvertently omitted. They can access the Web site to enter information under the suggest groups category. Data will be reviewed and entered by the Web master.

For information, contact Susan Corlett at 439-6831, Doris Davis at 439-5786, Ray Houghton at 478-9798, or Nan Lanahan at the **Bethlehem Parks and Recreation** Department at 439-4131.

# **Historical association** announces day trips

Association has announced a largest kaleidoscope in the series of three day trips to historical sites.

The first will be on Wednesday, May 23. It will visit an 1835 covered bridge and the historic church and houses of Hugenot Street in New Paltz.

Huguenot Street consists of six original houses dating from 1690 as well as the restored 1717 church. The cost, including lunch, is \$35.

The second trip is in the planning stages for June 21. It will

The New Scotland Historical feature a visit to the world's Catskills.

> Included will be the kaleidoscope museum and another tour stop to be identified later.

> The third trip will be to the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston.

> In addition, this Tuesday, July 24, trip will offer opportunities to select a Hudson River cruise, a visit to a lighthouse and/or a visit to the Old New York State Senate House in Kingston.

For information, contact Michael Dorgan at 768-2852.

#### Slingerlands School sets annual carnival

Slingerlands Elementary School will be holding its annual school carnival on Friday, May 18, from 5 to 8 p.m.

This event will feature a variety of games and activities for elementary-age children, including karaoke and "win a fish."

A variety of refreshments will be available.

The carnival is hosted by the Slingerlands PTA and proceeds will benefit the Slingerlands School community.

It will take place behind the school on Union Avenue in







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# Lady Eagles move into tie for first with Saratoga

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#### By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team sent a statement to Saratoga last Monday in the form of a 12-7 victory.

Carley St. Lucia and Susie Breaznell combined for 13 points as the Lady Eagles (9-1 league, 12-3 overall) avenged their lone league loss of the season and moved into a tie for first place with Saratoga in the Suburban Council.

"It was very important to their confidence," Bethlehem coach John Battaglino said. "The things that we worked on all season, they got to see why they were important to work on. I could see a young team maturing in that game."

Saratoga built a 2-0 lead early in the first half, but Bethlehem's defense put the clamps on the Blue Streaks from there. Goaltender Dani Blanchard stopped 10 shots, and defenders Kerry Hicks and Katelyn Primomo ended several more Saratoga threats.

"We didn't let them push us around," Battaglino said. "We took certain areas of the field away from them, and we didn't back down."



Bethlehem's Katie Wagoner, left, takes the faceoff against Shaker during last Thursday's Suburban Council game. Rob Jonas

took command. St. Lucia re- Bubeck added a goal and two corded four goals and two assists, assists. and Breaznell contributed two goals and five assists to lead the sharp in its next two games — a With the defense holding its Lady Eagles. Kristin Link chip- 16-3 victory against Shenendeground, Bethlehem's offense ped in two goals, and Brianna howa last Tuesday and a 19-3 win

Bethlehem was not quite as

New Scotland Soccer Club report

away.

opened its season recently with a to help the under-12 team pull 3-2 win against Colonie.

Greg Klopfer scored twice in the final three minutes to help New Scotland come back from a 2-1 deficit. Matt Kremer assisted on the tying goal, and Shane Mahar assisted on the game winner with one minute left. Greg Jones added a first-half goal on an assist from Jeff Bode, and goaltender Mark Casolo had nine saves.

The under-14 team followed up its victory against Colonie with a 4-1 win against Clifton Park B at Clifton Common.

Jones and Zachary Fluster each recorded a goal and an assist to lead New Scotland. Klopfer and Kyle Hatch also tallied, while Bode and Brian Neri contributed assists. Casolo stopped 15 shots to earn his second win.

The NSSC's under-12 boys am kept its record perfect with a 6-2 victory against Ravena last Tuesday.

The New Scotland Soccer up with a hat trick, and Handen and an assist for New Scotland. Club's under-14 boys team and Giovanni Barr added goals Kelly Glath chipped in two assists, and goaltender Allie Funk stopped six shots.

> The NSSC's under-10 girls The under-10 girls team team began its season with a 6-2 continued its goal-scoring surge victory against Bethlehem. with a 5-3 win against Cambridge.

> Rebecca DeSalvo had three Conroy recorded a hat trick, goals and an assist, McKenzie with Sarah Gruss and Sarah **Conroy** contributed two goals **Mahar** adding the other two goals and Melanie Davis added a goal for New Scotland.



but the Lady Eagles redeemed themselves in Battaglino's eyes with a 14-2 win against Horseheads (Section IV) last Saturday.

"I read them the riot act after the Shaker game, and they responded well," Battaglino said. They played a real nice game, and they cleaned it up."

St. Lucia had a five-goal, twoassist effort to lead Bethlehem in the win against Horseheads. Link and Bubeck each contributed hat tricks, and Breaznell added two goals and an assist.

Two nights earlier against Shaker, Bubeck took center stage for the Lady Eagles. The sophomore had six goals in one of her best single-game performances of the season.

"She's starting to gain confidence," Battaglino said. "She's starting to pop the ball in (the goal), not just shooting the ball." Bethlehem hosted Guilderland

Monday.



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Josh Handen and Zach Welton scored first-half goals to put New Scotland ahead 2-1 at halftime. Welton struck two more times in the second half to wind

#### Czajka receives All-Academic honor

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Cory Czajka, a senior outfielder with the Holy Cross baseball team, was named to the All-Academic District I, University Division team.

Czajka, a second-team All-Patriot League selection, batted .310 with 21 runs batted in a 39 runs scored for the Crusaders. He owns a career batting average of .306.

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## Suker throws no-hitter in Voorheesville win

#### By ROB JONAS

Two player moves have helped the Voorheesville softball team turn its season around.

The Blackbirds have won four of their last five games to put themselves in contention for a berth in the Section II, Class C playoffs.

"If we win our last three games, that guarantees us no worse than a play-in game for Sectionals," Voorheesville coach John Schachne said.

The Blackbirds (5-8 Colonial Council. 7-10 overall) have been bolstered by two moves Schachne made at the beginning of May. He made senior Brittany Burnham his everyday starting third baseman, and he called up eighthgrader Cyrilla Suker from the junior varsity team to take over Burnham's slot in the pitching rotation.

The results have been impressive. Suker has three victories and a no-decision in her first four varsity starts, including a no-hitter in Voorheesville's 4-0 win against Warrensburg in last Saturday's Warrensburg Tournament, and Burnham has solidified the left side of the infield.

"We've actually cut down our errors," Schachne said. "We've had none in the last three games, and when you play good defense, good things can happen."

Schachne said that Burnham was very receptive to making the switch so that Suker could make the move to varsity.

"She's a class act, and her future is set," Schachne said of Burnham, who is among the team leaders in batting with a .469 average. "So, that made it easier."

For her part, Suker has adjusted quickly to the varsity level. The younger sister of former Suker has baffled opposing batters with her arsenal of pitches. She struck out 14 in her no-hitter against Warrensburg last Saturdav and fanned 15 in a 3-2 victory against Schalmont last Thursday.

"She's got four, maybe five hits for the Blackbirds.

pitches that she has good command of," Schachne said.

Defense and pitching aren't the only areas where Voorheesville has shown marked improvement. The offense has also come around, stroking 43 hits over the Blackbirds' last four games.

The girls I've been counting on to hit are now starting to hit the ball," Schachne said. "We still have a few things to work on, but we're coming along."

Voorheesville began its week with a 5-4 victory against Holy Names last Monday. Kim Riven**burg** provided the game-winning hit with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth inning. Pitcher Katie Duncan picked up her third win of the season after relieving Suker in the fourth inning.

The offense came alive for the Blackbirds last Wednesday in a 16-4 win against Cobleskill-Richmondville. Voorheesville scored eight runs in the top of the third inning and added six more in the fourth to break the game open. Rivenburg and Lindsay Halpin had five of the Blackbirds' 12 hits.

Voorheesville's offense was not quite as efficient last Thursday against Schalmont, but the Blackbirds got the hits they needed to turn back the Sabres 3-2.

The Blackbirds took a 2-0 lead on run-scoring hits by Burnham and Shana Wiley, but the Sabres tied it with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Halpin gave Voorheesville the lead back with an RBI triple in the seventh.

Dana Herchenroder had three hits and an RBI for the Blackbirds in last Saturday's win against Warrensburgh in the first game of the Warrensburgh Tournament. Wiley and Riven-burg each contributed two hits, while Voorheesville standout Larina Burnham and Danielle Ruby drove in one run apiece.

> The win against Warrensburg moved Voorheesville into the finals, where it lost to Troy 4-3 in eight innings. Herchenroder, Burnham and Duncan all had two



The Bethlehem Soccer Club Fireballs won the under-10 boys White division title at the Saratoga Spring Water May Day Classic May 5 at Gavin Park. The Fireballs won all five of their games and did not allow a goal on their way to their first tournament title. The team is, from left, (front) Sam Gallup, Jeff Fossett, Spencer Gyory and Mike McCurdy, (middle) Gil Strizich, Alex Sutherland, Zach McKee, Matt Dudek, Evan Finkle, Ben Bloodstein and Cody Kessler, (back) assistant coach Dave McCurdy and head coach Bruce Gyory.

## BC teammates meet in tennis final

#### By ROB JONAS

After the way the Bethlehem boys tennis team dominated the Suburban Council this season, it was only fitting that its top two singles players met for the league tournament title.

Matt Treadgold, playing in his first final since 1999, overcame a rough start to defeat teammate **Jon Clair 4-6**, 6-2, 6-2 to win the Suburban Council championship Monday at the University at Albany

"Matt and Jon had a nice little battle," Bethlehem coach Steve Smith said. "Jon played well in the first set, and Matt came back and played well the last two sets."

There were mixed emotions

among the two Eagles over playing each other for the league title.

"It was fun," said Clair, who played in his first singles title match after reaching the doubles finals the previous three years. "I went in hoping to be competitive and I was."

'It's never fun to play someone you know so well, and Jon and I have played against each other a number of times," Treadgold said. "So, you know it's always going to be a battle.'

Treadgold battled Clair and the elements to earn his second league title. A gusty wind made it difficult for Treadgold to hit his shots with accuracy in the first set, but he turned things around to sweep the last two sets.

"At the outset of the match, I wasn't quite mentally prepared for (the wind)," Treadgold said. "I was spraying my shots in the first set. As I settled into my game, though, I was able to deal with it."

The match may be a preview for the Section II singles tournament that begins next Wednesday. Treadgold received the No. 1 seed at the Sectional meeting Monday night, while Clair was seeded second.

"I think it's a decent possibility ... but there are some good players from other schools," Clair said. "So, it should be interesting."

Treadgold, though, isn't looking forward to another meeting with Clair. "Potentially, we could meet again in the finals, and I loathe the thought," he said.

Bethlehem's top-seeded doubles team of Alan Lewis and Peter Cooley reached the Suburban Council finals, but lost to Niskayuna's Nick Denefrio and Albert Alant 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 Monday.

Lewis and Cooley are seeded second for Sectionals, while team-, mates Dave Perlmutter and Nick Finger are seeded third. Lewis and Cooley defeated Perlmutter and Finger in the Suburban Council semifinals last Saturdav. Before the individual Sectionals begin, Treadgold, Clair and the rest of the Eagles have the Section II, Class A team playoffs to concentrate on. Bethlehem, which enters the tournament as the top-seeded team, hosts either Troy or Saratoga Friday in the quarterfinals.



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## Finding time for hobbies

by Lee Bormann

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One of the delightful things about retirement is that it frees up time to pursue hobbies. People who sew, knit, paint, write poetry, or play musical instruments are likely to want to continue when they get older. It is relatively easy to renew interest in these activities even if it has been several years since the individual has been actively engaged in them. Sometimes, it is necessary to make a few alterations if eyesight or manual dexterity has decreased. Many projects can be made more manageable by using simpler patterns, larger needles or a magnifying glass. One thing people learn with advancing age is that it is the ability to adapt to change that is among the best survival strategies.

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#### Soccer boosters slate meeting

Bethlehem Booster Soccer Club will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue.

## Teacher

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students are helpful in making sure they all understand what's going on.'

Sherrin took Spanish at Bethlehem Central middle and high schools and for two semesters at college. With that experience under her belt, the language barrier was not the most difficult thing Sherrin faced when she began teaching.

"The hardest thing was the everywhere. apathy," she said. "So many students had had such bad experiences in school, and when I first put math problems on the board and asked them to solve them, I just got blank stares."

"I knew I had to build their confidence," Sherrin said, and to show them they could do the work, the class played math games, sang, chanted and even did a math dance.

"I made sure I went over everything very well," she added. "We also did a lot of group work, so that they had a feeling of collective responsibility. When I first came in, I was very strict with them. They responded well to structure, and I've had little or no discipline problems."

Sherrin said she modeled a lot of what she did after her secondgrade teacher, Felicia Bordick.

"She made every student feel they were smart and special," Sherrin said.

Sherrin also credited her high school math teacher David Symula, now-retired, with teaching her the power and importance of mathematics.

Sherrin said her students come from a rough environment.

"There are drugs, gangs, violence and poverty," she said. "I don't feel in danger, though. People get to know you; and when they see my car, they know I'm the teacher."

"I worry more for the kids. They have a lot of problems. There are so many people living

homework done," she added. "But I still hold high expectations for them, like expecting them to get their homework done."

The school, Sherrin said, also tries to provide kids a place to go by opening earlier, providing breakfast and lunch, and being open after school. Families' involvement with their kids varies, Sherrin said, as it does motivated.'

"In some cases, families are supportive, and some kids cry support," she said.

"A lot of the parents don't have strong educational backgrounds," Sherrin said. "A lot of them had a bad experience when they were four teachers on Garcia's team in school and education is often not valued. I have one student, and she said when she graduates, she'll be the first in her family to not get pregnant and drop out. something that's seen as OK here."

The crowded housing situations often mean her students don't always sleep well, and many of the students don't have basics like notebooks and pencils.

"I got somebody to donate 150 notebooks, and the kids were so excited," Sherrin said.

Sherrin's success with her students shows in test scores and new attitudes. Garcia and other schools with Teach For America employees score higher than schools without them, she said.

On the AIMS (Arizona Instrument for Measuring Students) tests, Garcia seventhand eighth-grade students used to be evenly distributed between the. top, middle and bottom categories.

"Now, we've got 80 to 90 percent in the top bracket,' Sherrin said.

She is just as proud of results that don't show up on tests, like the time she spent convincing her



"The guidance counselors came from the high school our kids will go to, and just assumed the kids wouldn't go into honors classes," she said. "Eighteen of 24 kids in my homeroom signed up for honors algebra, and the guidance counselors said they'd never seen students SO

Nowadays, Sherrin said, when she puts a math problem on the board, all the kids want to solve because they don't have that it. She said that a lot of her colleagues didn't know what to make of the Teach for America participants when they first arrived at Garcia. Three of the came from Teach for America.

> "But then they see us coming in early, and doing the work, and it's fine," Sherrin said, adding that the school's principal, Daniel Cooper, is very supportive of both the school and Teach for America.

> Cooper was part of the nominating process for Sherrin's award, which sought 20 nominations from across the country.

> "Nicole has a great rapport with the kids," Cooper said. "She gets their attention, motivates them, keeps them on the edge of their seat, and they have fun together. Nicole's available before school, during lunch and after school.'

in just two rooms sometimes, and eighth-graders to try honors the Sue Lehmann Award for that these children can learn and acknowledged the many good teachers in the country.

> There are a lot of excellent teachers who don't get recognized," Sherrin said. "I put a lot of energy into my classes, and try to make it fun. Sometimes I teach in funny accents and the kids buy into it. They've made up a song about the tests — the kids are actually excited about the test prep they have to do."

> "It's been a life-changing experience for me," she added. "I learned a lot about myself, and what it's possible for these students to achieve. When people out here learn where I work, they assume that the kids are bad kids, but they're sweet and wonderful, and given the same time and attention that other students get, they'll shine too."

Her two years have made Sherrin passionate about education, and convinced her that it is a field she will always stay in, in one form or another.

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be competitive with other students," Sherrin said. "We all need to work together. It's not fair that because of where some students are born, they get things like smaller class sizes, and others don't.'

With two years of teaching behind her, Sherrin will be coming back to the East Coast, where she will be closer to her parents, Jeff Sherrin and Elenore Sherrin. She also has a brother David, who is in Chile on a junior year abroad program from Georgetown University. Her sister, Abby Lyons, is a student at Elsmere Elementary School.

It's clear, though, that Sherrin will not quickly forget her Garcia students.

"If I could have picked up Garcia and moved it to the East Coast, I would," Sherrin said. "It breaks my heart to leave these students.'

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bituaries

#### Lillemor Robb

Lillemor Taylor Robb of Slingerlands died Tuesday, May 8, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born Eloise Victoria Taylor in Norway, she graduated from the University of Nebraska and moved to Washington, D.C., where she trained as a legal secretary.

She was the widow of Gene Robb.

She was in charge of program planning and public relations at the Albany Institute of History & Art, where she served  $\cdot$  as president of the women's council. She also served on the Hudson River Valley Commission and the Chancellor's Panel on University Purposes. She was appointed to the Commission on Judicial Conduct by former Gov. Malcolm Wilson. A year later she was unanimously voted chairwoman. She served as chairwoman for seven consecutive terms. She received the Fund for Modern a daughter, Cherstin Spiridigloizzi **Courts Samuel Duboff Memorial** Award for an outstanding contributions by a non-lawyer to improving the state court system.

She served on the boards of the American Judicature Society, the State Museum, the Salvation Army, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Albany Medical College, Union College and Siena College.

Survivors include three daughters, Victoria McGoldrick of Loudonville, Christina Robb of Sharon, Mass., and Deborah

Twombly of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; 11 grandchildren; and two the American Cancer Society, 260 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

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#### Bettviean Madden

Bettyjean Raap Madden, 60, of Glenmont died Thursday, May 10.

Born in Aberdeen, S.D., she was a graduate of Concordia College in Seward, Neb.

Mrs. Madden was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Colonie. She was a kindergarten teacher for 21 years.

Survivors include her mother. Erna Keup Raap of Bristol, S.D.; of New Hartford: three sons. Jonathan Madden and Seth Madden, both of Albany, and Joshua Madden of Glenmont; three sisters, Marlene Eickmann of Colorado, Audrey Morehouse of Louisiana and Sharon Kroll of South Dakota; two brothers, John Raap of Texas and James Rapp of Nebraska; and a granddaughter.

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Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211 or Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 63 Mountainview Ave., Colonie 12205.

#### Donald Mead

Donald L. Mead, 73, of Delmar died Wednesday, May 9, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home.

Mr. Mead worked for Ralston Purina Co., Travelers Insurance Co., SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Central, where he served as personnel director.

He was a member of Delmar Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and deacon.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Praker Mead; a daughter, Patricia Thomin of Elyria, Ohio; a sister, Phyllis Mead Osborne of Newark, Del.; and two granddaughters.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Deacons Fund, c/o Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054 or the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206-2083.

#### Chester Becker

Chester J. Becker, 90, of Nathaniel Boulevard in Delmar died Monday, May 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A graduate of Schoharie High School, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Albany Business College.

Mr. Becker worked for the former D&H Railroad in Albany as a manager in personnel and labor relations.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Diviney Becker.

Services were from the Langan Funeral Home in Schoharie.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Berne.

Contributions may be made to Gallupville United Methodist Church, c/o Linda Cross, Box 65 Schoharie 12157 or the Delmar Rescue Squad.

#### John Schleich

John W. Schleich, 75, of Kamau Bakari

Contributions may be made to signalman on the USS Cabot in pursuing a graduate degree in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Luce Schleich; a son, Gary Schleich of Guilderland; two stepchildren: and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

#### Mary Boeckeler

Mary Boeckeler, 88, of Slingerlands died Monday, May 7.

Born in Germany, she came to the United States in 1928.

She was the widow of Frank Boeckeler.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Oberheim; a son, Arthur Boeckeler; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Nashville, Tenn. 37206. Cemetery in Elsmere.

Contributions may be made to the Christopher M. Oberheim Memorial Fund at Bethlehem Central High School or Colgate University.

#### Khalil Widden

Khalil Widden, 8, of Jerusalem, R.I., died suddenly March 11, 2001.

Survivors include his father, Peter J. Brennan of Delmar; a halfbrother, Jimmy Brennan; his paternal grandparents, Nancy Brennan of Delmar and Richard Brennan of South Carolina; and his great-grandparents, Chet and Joan Bolen of Selkirk.

Khalil was the son of the late Heather Widden, and loved his late sister, Cordellia. He was in second grade, and loved dinosaurs, Pokémon, drawing and painting and playing with his friends at school. Khalil was an excellent student who wanted to be a singer in a band with his best friends when he grew up.

A tree will be planted in his memory at Narragansett Elementary School.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to the school, 55 Mumford Road, Narragansett, R.I. 02882.

psychology at Florida A&M University.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Bakari; a son, Asher Ajani Bakari; his mother and stepfather, Ashe and Lee Griffin of Delmar; his father and stepmother, Asume and Juanita Bakari of Radford, Va.; three sisters, Ayana Wilkinson of Brooklyn, Amina Bakari of Richmond, Va., and Barbara Griffin of Delmar; four brothers, Cory Griffin and Terrance Griffin, both of Atlanta, Ga., Foluke Griffin of Delmar and Jamal Bakari of Richmond, Va.; his paternal grandmother, Catherine Briggs of New York City and maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Hahn of Corona, Queens County.

A memorial Mass is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 42 Adams Place, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Bakari Family, c/o Anne Vaughn, 2508 Solon Drive,

#### Isabel lichuk

Isabel Digwood Ilchuk, 85 of Altamont Road in Voorheesville died Friday, April 27, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Old Forge, Pa., she was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville for 40 years. She was also a member of New Scotland Senior Citizens and the American Legion auxiliary. She was an avid gardener.

Mrs. Ilchuk was the widow of Emil Ilchuk.

Survivors include a son, Emil Ilchuk of North Catasaugua; two daughters, Brenda Unright and Rosina Ansaldo, both of Delmar; a brother, Jack Digwood of Old Forge; five grandchildren; and a great grandson.

A memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 17, at First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Capital City Rescue Mission, 259 S. Pearl St., Albany 12202.

#### Harold Maher

Harold Maher, 91, of East Greenbush and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, May 10, at Eden Park Nursing Home in East Greenbush. Mr. Maher was an accountant for the state Department of Education for many years before he retired. He also worked in former Assemblyman Larry Lane's Delmar office. He was a member of AARP, the Second Milers, Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the Retired Public Employees Association. He also taught a 55-Alive driving course.





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Delmar died Monday, May 7, at County at St. Peter's Hospital.

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

Mr. Schleich was a bartender at Alteri's Restaurant in Glenmont for many years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a

Kamau Bakari, 24, of Talla-Community Hospice of Albany hassee, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, May 8, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Tennessee.

> Born in New Jersey, he was a graduate of St. Thomas School, Bethlehem Central High School and Fisk University.

At the time of his death, he was

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Graveside services were from Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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**Julie Barnes and Keith Lenden** 

## Barnes, Lenden engaged

Julie Barnes, daughter of Reginald and Suzanne Barnes of Arcadia, Calif., and Keith F. Lenden, son of James and Joanne Lenden of Delmar are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of California at Berkeley. the University of California at Santa Barbara.

She is a senior account Berkeley. executive at Fitzgerald Communications in San Francisco.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Dartmouth College.

He is in his second year of the MBA program at Haas School of Business at the University of

He is also a founder and chief financial officer of Alkera of

The couple plans a May wedding.

## **College seniors receive awards**

Several members of the class outstanding senior who most of 2001 recently received awards exemplifies the ideals of Phi at moving-up day ceremonies at Sigma Kappa. St. Lawrence University.

Kelley Banagan of Delmar was elected to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

She was also presented with the Outstanding Senior Greek Woman Award, given to a senior sorority woman who is active in Greek life and campus activities and demonstrates a high degree of leadership.

She also received the Lola D. and Bernard R. Norris Prize, awarded to a senior who will be entering medical school the following year and meets the requirements of need and merit.

Ethan B. Drake of Slingerlands was presented with the Phi Sigma Kappa J.C. Proctor Gilson Award.

Benjamin Fernando of Delmar was presented with the HEOP Academic Excellence Award, given to an HEOP graduating senior who has demonstrated a consistently high level of perseverance, motivation, and academic excellence.

He was also elected to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Reid Putnam of Delmar received the William A. DeSantis Memorial Award.

This award is given to a male student who is a senior Greek member active in Greek and campus activities who relates well with others and has earned the respect of his fellow students.

He was also elected to This award is given to the membership in Who's Who.



#### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Samuel Lewis Wemple, to Cyndee Berlin and Lewis Wemple of Glenmont, Feb. 1.

Girl, Allison Gloria Cusumano, Meredith and William to Cusumano of Slingerlands, Feb. 2.

Boy, Hunter Blaise Szymaszek, to Lisa and John Szymaszek of Delmar, Feb. 3.

Twin boys, Matthew James Conahan and Michael Robert Conahan, to Sandra and Michael Conahan of Delmar, Feb. 4.

Boy, Bradley Victor Davidson, to Dorothy and Mark Davidson of Voorheesville, Feb. 19.

Girl, Elizabeth Rose Kavanaugh, to Louise and Charles Kavanaugh of Delmar, Feb. 25.



#### SUNY Oswego

Matthew Harbinger (bachelor's in applied math-ematics) and Krista Von Ronne (bachelor's in zoology), both of Delmar; Amber Adams of Slingerlands (bachelor's in marketing, cum laude); and Erin Lucia (bachelor's in graphic design) and Nicole Stagg (bachelor's in graphic design, cum laude), both of Voorheesville.



Siena College --- Leah Gisotti, Matthew Allegretti and Lisa Maxwell, all of Delmar; Tara Nash and Amy Nevins, both of Glenmont; Brian Mirochnik of Slingerlands; and Janelle Murray, John Kazukenus and Thomas A reception followed. Newkirk, all of Voorheesville.

#### Student earns honors

Audrey Ting of Delmar was recently inducted into the Cum Laude Society and received the EW Award during Emma Willard School's honors convocation.

The Cum Laude Society is a national academic honor society for independent schools which honors students who embody, reflect, and inspire an unusual and distinguished scholarly vision, discipline and achievement.

The award is given to a small number of seniors who are nominated by the senior class, faculty and administration to recognize and commend exemplary citizenship, integrity, and involvement in the life of Emma Willard School



## William and Emilee Foster Plucenik, Foster marry

Emilee Plucenik, daughter of Walter and Margie Plucenik of Lake Ariel, Pa., and William Charles Foster, son of William Foster of New York City and Joan Hansen of Rotterdam, were married Oct. 29.

The ceremony was performed by the Hon. Chris Hummell at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The matron of honor was Catherine Romano, sister of the bride. The maid of honor was Danielle Mozeleski, daughter of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Cynthia Campbell and Suzanne Matthews. the couple lives in Delmar.

The best men were Alexander Mozeleski, son of the bride, and Lance Kilpatrick. Ushers were Scott Allen and Michael Matthews.

The bride is a graduate of Bloomsburg University. She is a teacher of the deaf at Capital District Beginnings in Troy.

The groom is a graduate of Bishop Gibbons High School, The College of Saint Rose and Syracuse University Law School.

He is a partner in the law firm of Bouck, Holloway, Kiernan & Casey in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii,

#### Delmar student earns college scholarship

Katie Smith of Delmar, a Wells Scholarship Award. member of the Union College class of 2002, has received the students pursuing courses in school's Mildred and E. Glen economics.

The award is given annually to

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#### **Bethlehem Garden Club** slates plant sale

Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Delmar Dental at 344 Delaware Ave.

A huge variety of perennials will be available. Come early for the best choice.



## Olana Historic Site highlights landscape art in weekend show

#### By JOHN BRENT

ne of the region's interesting attractions, especially for a warm-weather day trip, is Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. About an hour south of Albany. Olana was the home and studio of famed Hudson River artist Frederic E. Church and is preserved as a tribute to Church himself and to the entire Hudson River School, a genre in which artists attempted to capture the awe and majesty of the New World on canvas. A number of artists in the school were compelled to respond to the natural beauty of scenic New York places like the Hudson River, the surrounding valley, the Catskill Mountains and Niagara Falls. In addition to the areas familiar to New Yorkers, artists like Church traveled the length and breadth of the Americas seeking to

find the breathtaking vistas that represented a world untouched by Western Civilization.

Other artists in the Hudson River School, which lasted from about 1825 to 1875, included Thomas Doughty, Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, J.F. Kensett, S.F.B. Morse, Henry Inman and Jasper Cropsey.

This weekend is a particularly exciting time to visit the historic landmark as Olana will host an exhibit featuring new interpretations of Hudson River School

themes. Entitled, "Repainting Church's Territory: The New York Studio School Celebrates Olana and its Hudson River Landscape," the show will feature more than 200 contemporary landscape paintings.

A joint project between Olana and the New York Studio School, the exhibit will feature some 30 artists associated with the school, several faculty members and other promising young landscape artists. The paintings, ranging in size from seven inches to seven feet wide represent different views and interpretations of the Hudson Valley.

In the spirit of Church, the artists have attempted to capture on canvas their response to the landscape, often expressing in metaphor, their experience Guided tours throughout Church's Persian-style home will be offered for a small fee. Not only is the home an architectural marvel and example of a elegant life-style of bygone era, but many of Church's original paintings are on display throughout the home.

Also on Saturday, watercolor artist Dorothy Rogers will work with children on painting landscapes from noon to 3 p.m. There is a small fee for the children's program, and reservations are required. Perhaps your young one will prove to be a budding Hudson River School artist.

The New York Studio School is located on West 8th Street in Greenwich Village in New York City just two blocks from the site of Frederic Church's original studio on West 10th Street.

Founded by artists and students, the school offers a program where drawing, painting, sculpture and art history are explored in depth.



A view of Olana as approached walking up the hill. This weekend, the former home of artist Frederic E. Church will host an art exhibit featuring more than 200 original landscapes.

celebrity traveled throughout the New World in search of interesting landscapes to paint.

The Hudson River Valley remained his favorite area, however, and it was on a hill overlooking the valley where he

One of the more than 200 landscape paintings on display this weekend at Olana Historic Site in Hudson. This oil on canvas is by artist Elisa Jensen.

Organizers of the exhibit are hopeful that this year's show will develop into a juried competition open to Columbia County and Hudson Valley artists in the spring of 2002.

Church became a very popular artist during his lifetime and the reluctant decided to buy land and build his home. Construction began in 1870, and he

moved into the second floor with his wife Isabel and their six children in late 1872. The first-floor rooms required several more years to design and decorate.

Landscaping the surrounding

grounds, Church turned the house and the land into a work of art. He designed the roads leading up the hill so that portions of the view would be revealed gradually, thereby providing visitors with increasingly spectacular vistas of the valley as he wanted them to see it. "I can make more and better landscapes in this way than by tampering with canvas and paint in the studio," Church said.

Church died in 1900. Olana remained in the family until 1964 when plans were made to sell the house at auction. Purchased by Friends of Olana (now called the Olana Partnership) and the state of New York, the home and grounds are preserved.

Olana is located on Route 5G in Hudson just south of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. The site is open from Arril to October, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum Shop opens at 9:30 a.m. The Grounds are open 8 a.m. to dusk.

Throughout the season tours are offered of both the home and the grounds. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. While reservations for visits are not required, tour sizes are limited, so those traveling long distances may wish to call ahead.

For information on Olana or this weekend's exhibit or to register for the dinner or the children's' painting program, call 828-0135.



By DEV TOBIN

hile he's no longer the "wild and crazy guy" of stand-up and the best years of Saturday Night Live, Steve Martin's humor is still unique, as is evident in the Capital Repertory Theatre production of his play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." The actors all do a good job, making the fantastic premise of the play seem real. Especially effective are Paul Taviani as Einstein and Kat Auster as several female friends of both Picasso and "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" has been extended through Sunday at its theater at 111 N. Pearl St. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are

with the land.

Most of the paintings on display will also be available for sale and range in price from \$200 to more than \$20,000.

Many of the works being shown were actually painted at Olana.

The weekend begins with a gala evening on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guests will have an portunity to preview the paintings and have an opportunity to make purchases. Following cocktails, dinner will be served under a tent at 8:30 p.m. After dinner there will be dancing under the stars. Many of the artists will be present to discuss their work. Tickets for the dinner begin at \$200 per person.

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The exhibit will be open to the public without charge on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will be able to view the paintings and make purchases if they desire. The Lapin Agile is a real bar in the Montmartre section of Paris, which at the time of the play (1904) was frequented by thirsty artists and their friends.

But what transpires on stage is anything but real — an imagined encounter between the famous Spanish painter and physicist Albert Einstein before both became world-famous, with a penultimate visit from Elvis (because modern geniuses come in threes).

The two discuss art, science and relationships, with bar patrons and employees adding humorous insights.

The play has some of Martin's trademark physical comedy, as when Einstein at one point says he doesn't feel like himself. He then messes up his hair to conform with his famous image, and beams confidently.

#### Einstein.

#### \$25 to \$35. For information, call 445-7469.



Einstein, played by Paul Taviani, Picasso, played by Cody Nickell and Suzanne, played by Kat Auster, match wits in a Parisian bistro in Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," presented by Capital Rep through this weekend.



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by James Kirkwood, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., through May 20, \$12. Information, 393-5732.

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by Noel Coward, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through May 19, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

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Wed. 5/16

#### BETHLEHEM

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

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB** Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Information, 439-4857.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233** Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Four public hearings; Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

**BC SCHOOL BOARD** district office. 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** Onesquethaw chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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**NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS** Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information,

765-2109.

AA MEETING

Selkirk, 5 n.m. Barbecue, 7:L30 p.m.

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meeting. Information, 439-3916 or 439-

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499

New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar

Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.,

**NEW SCOTLAND** 

**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB** 

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BETHLEHEM

LIBRARY BABIES

Two 45-minute sessions of storytelling,

accompanied by adult. Bethlehem Public

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem,

Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-

NEW SCOTLAND

**PIONEER CLUBS** 

**BOOK SALE** 

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School

Road, 5-9 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Annual Friends of Library book sale;

For children grades 1 through junior

high; Mountainview Evangelical Free

Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m.

Information, 765-3390.

songs and play for 15-21 month olds,

Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar,

Registration, 439-9314.

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9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Route 85, 7 p.m

8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere

Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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



#### BETHLEHEM

#### EARLY BIRDER GUIDED WALK

Tips and tricks on bird identification for the beginner, by center naturalists; brief program. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 a.m. Free, Information, 475-0291.

**RECOVERY, INC.** 

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

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON** for members, quests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar .Drive, noon.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS** Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BETHLEHEM ART ASSOC** Featured speaker photographer Tom-Lindsay on "Making Better Photographs," Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m.

Information, 765-9341

AA MEETINGS

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

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOC. Annual Meeting, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road at Clapper Road,

# www.spotlightnews.com Sh hour

**NEW SCOTLAND** 

Annual Friends of Library fundraiser; 2791

**NEW SCOTLAND** 

**BUCK-A-BAG SALE** Annual Friends of Library book sale;

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 - 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.



#### BETHLEHEM

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929

DELMAR KIWANIS Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

**FIRST AID FOR CHILDREN** "Injury Prevention," hour-tong program for children kindergarten through third grade. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057

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

**DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA** rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM** Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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SSNY on 4/5/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as

agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail

any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY

12207. The registered agent is:

USA Corporate Services Inc. at

the same address. Purpose: any

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BARTEC LLC was filed with

SSNY on 4/5/01. 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

lawful purpose.

(May 16, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE.

## Sat. 5/19

#### BETHLEHEM

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION "SPRING STORIES"

Stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and crafts for preschooler, aged 3-6. Bethiehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

#### AA MEETING

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

#### **BOOK AND BAKE SALE**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Information, 765Sun. 5/20

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

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm

Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND** 



#### BETHLEHEM

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

#### "SPRING STORIES"

Stories, songs, finger plays, flannelboard and crafts for preschooler, aged 3-6. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314

**BETHLEHEM AARP** chapter meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.

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

#### WILDFLOWER WALK

Discussion of basic plant identification, natural history of regional early bloomers, by center naturalists; dress for outdoors, bring field identification guides. Preregister by May 20. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:00 p.m. Free. Information, 475-0291.

#### BINGO

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

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE.

served upon him: The LLC< 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY 2207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SPORT DEVELOPMENT LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/3/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P. O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### NIMBLEFINGERS

Quilters group: Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE VILLAGE BOARD Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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Wed. 5/23

#### BETHLEHEM

ANTIQUES DISCUSSION 🗯 🖤 Antiques Study Group of the Delmar Progress Club hosts discussion of buttons with Mary McClaine. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### TOWN BOARD

Public hearings including shared parking ordinance for businesses, two traffic safety law revisions; Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### **BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS**

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

#### BINGO

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

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

EYE CARE SEMINAR

Seminar on Lasik Vision Correction; Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

with this Agreement.

(May 16, 2001)

post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail pro-cess is: UNCLE SPUDS, LLC, 48 Kenwood Avenue, Glenmont, New York 12077.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050, unless said period is further extended by amendment of this Agreement or sooner terminated in accordance

SIXTH: the purpose of the busi-ness of the Company is any law-

ful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF

ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited

Liability Company is Advanced Mechanical Technology, LLC

(hereinafter referred to as the



served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TMI PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/9/01. Office: Al-bany 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, Erie Boulevard, Albany NY 12204. The registered agent is: Matthew Biagiotti at the same address Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

A. C. METRO LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/4/01. 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

Enviro-Trans of New York, LLC was filed with SSNY on 3/26/01. Office: Albany County, SSNY des-ignated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: PO Box 9, Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful business

(May 16, 2001)

#### **PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED** LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is UNCLE SPUDS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "company"). SECOND: The Articles of Orga-nization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State

on April 26, 2001. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State

has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The

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SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 11, 2001.

THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State

has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is:

25 Lincoln Avenue

Albany, New York 12205 FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of disso-lution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law

(the "Law"). SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to pro-vide engineering design for commercial development and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE.

#### APPLICATION FOR **AUTHORITY OF GREAT** EASTERN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Under Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act Great Eastern Limited Partnership, a Massachusetts limited partnership, hereby applies for authority to do business in the State of New York and states as follows:

1. Name of foreign limited partner ship: Great Eastern Limited Partnership.

2. Jurisdiction and date of organization: Great Eastern Limited Partnership was organized in Massachusetts and filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the Secretary of Massachusetts on August 23, 1993.

3. County within New York in which the office of the partnership is to be located: Albany County. 4. Great Eastern Limited Partner-ship hereby designates the Sec-retary of State of New York as its agent upon whom process against it may be served and requests that a copy of any process against it served upon the secre-tary be mailed to: Great Eastern Limited Partnership, c/o Great Eastern Management, LLC, 5 Lopez Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887.

5. Address of principal office of Great Eastern Limited Partnership: 819 Monument Street, Concord Massachusetts 01742

6. General Partner: the sole general partner of Great Eastern Limited partnership is Great Eastern Management, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a business address of 5 Lopez Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887.

7. At the time of the filing of this application, Great Eastern Limited Partnership is in existence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the jurisdiction of its organization.

8. Name and address of the office in Massachusetts where a copy of Great Eastern Limited Partnership's certificate of limited partnership is filed: Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Massa-chusetts, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. Witness the execution of this Application under seal as of this 16th day of March, 2001.

Great Eastern Limited Partnership

By: Great Eastern Management, LÍC

Its General Partner By: S/Alfred W. Boylan Managing Member (May 16, 2001)

#### ARTICLES OF **ORGANIZATION OF J.B.H. PROPERTIES, LLC**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is J. B. H. Prop-

erties, LLC. SECOND: The office of the lim-ited liability company is to be lo-cated in Albany County in the State of New York.

THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Attn: Khalan S. Hennesey, 4 Providence Ct., Cohoes, New York 12047.

FOURTH: The Articles of Organization are to be effective upon fil-

#### LEGAL NOTICE

(May 16, 2001)

#### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Architect:
Collins + Scoville Architects, P.C.
40 Beaver Street
Albany, NY 12207
PH: 518-463-8068
FX: 518-463-8069
Project Information:
Voorheesville Central School Dis-
trict

432 New Salem Road Voorheesville, NY 12186 Junior/Senior High School Additions, Alterations, and

Sitework SED No. 01-10-03-06-0-001-010 ED No. 01-10-03-06-7-012-001 The Owner, the School Board of Voorheesville Central School Disrict, will receive separate sealed bids to furnish materials and la-bor to complete Junior/Senior High School - Additions, Alter-ations and Sitework. Each bid shall be on a stipulated sum basis for the following contract(s): Contract No. 01 - Sitework Bids shall not include New York State sales and compensating use taxes on materials and supplies incorporated into the Work, the Owner being exempt there from. Two copies of sealed bids will be received until 2:00 PM astern Standard Time, on Friday, May 18, 2001 at Voorheesville Central School District - District Offices, 432 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and returned to the Bidder unopened. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud after specified receipt time. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Project shall be completed by November 30, 2002.

**Bidding/Contract Documents** drawings and specifications may be examined on and after May 1. 2001, free of charge at the following locations: Voorheesville Central School Dis-

trict 432 New Salem Road

Voorheesville, NY 12186 Collins + Scoville Architects, P.C. 40 Beaver Street Albany, NY 12207 Brown's Letters 855 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206 Eastern Contractor's Association 6 Airline Drive Albany, NY 12205 F. W. Dodge Reports 6315 Fly Road Syracuse, NY 13507 W. Dodge Reports 4 Airline Drive Albany, NY 12205 complete sets of Bidding/Contract Document drawings and specifi-cations may be obtained from Albany Blueprinting, Inc., 386 Broadway, Albany, NY 12206, telephone: 518-432-7639, in accordance with the Instructions To Bidders upon depositing the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each set of documents. Check should be made payable to Voorheesville Central School District.

Each Bidder must deposit a Bid Security in the amount and form per the conditions provided in Instructions To Bidders. All Bids will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid opening. Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return Bid Security prior to that date

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:30 AM Eastern Standard Time, May 9, 2001, at Voorheesville Central School District - District Offices, 432 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Unless directed otherwise, immediately upon entering the building, report to the School's Main Office: Use this page to verify identification as a Bidder. Attendance at this meeting is rec-ommended as the Owner, Architect and consultants will be present to discuss the Project. Attendees should anticipate 30-45 minutes ! & A session followed by a walk through of the building. The Architect will transmit to all listed Bidders record of Addenda in response to questions arising at the Conference. This project is publicly funded. The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule and conditions of employment. The School Board of Voorheesville Central School District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bids received, or to reject all Bids without explanation. By Order Of: Voorheesville Central School District END OF SECTION 00100 (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE.

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tive on said date.

LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the limited liability

company is SUNBELT BUSI-NESS BROKERS OF THE CAPI-

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability com-

pany were filed in the Office of the

New York Secretary of State on April 16, 2001 and became effec-

3. The principal office of the lim-ited liability company is in Albany

County. 4. The Secretary of State is des-

ignated as the agent of the lim-

ited liability company upon whom

process against it may be served and the post office address to

which the Secretary of State shall

mail any copy of process against it is: SUNBELT BUSINESS BRO-

KERS OF THE CAPITAL DIS-TRICT, LLC, 44 Elliot Road, East

5. The purposes of the limited li-

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ited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Li-

LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the limited liability

company is ALEXANDRIAASSO-

2. The Certificate of Conversion

creating the limited liability com-

pany was filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on

May 2, 2001 and became effec-

3. The principal office of the lim-

ited liability company is in Albany

County. 4. The Secretary of State is des-

ignated as the agent of the lim-

ited liability company upon whom

process against it may be served and the post office address to

which the Secretary of State shall

mail any copy of process against it is ALEXANDRIAASSOCIATES.

LLC, c/o Lisa Friedlander, 670

Western Avenue, Albany, New

5. The purposes of the limited li-

ability company are to engage in

the real estate business, and in

any lawful activity for which lim-

ited liability companies may be

organized under the Limited Li-

6. The latest date on which the

limited liability company is to dis-solve is: June 30, 2085.

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization for SPORT FLOOR, LLC, were filed

with the New York Secretary of

State on April 19, 2001. LLC's of-fice is located in Albany County.

the LLC for service of process.

SSNY shall mail a copy of any

BIG Arena, 900 Delaware Av-

enue, Delmar, New York 12054.

LLC shall terminate on December

31, 2050. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liabil-

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03/29/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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Greenbush, New York 12061.

(May 16, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of National City Abstract, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N. Y. (SSNY) on 4/25/01. LLC organized in Penn-sylvania (PA) on 4/2/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon. whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in PA: 103-105 Brilliant Ave., Aspinwall, PA 15215. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with PA Cor-poration Bureau, 308 N. Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: provide title insurance and other real estate settlement serrices

(May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, a foreign limited partnership (LP). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State\_of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/ 25.01. LP organized in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/01. NY office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LP upon whom process may be served. Principal office address of LP: 5400 Westheimer Ct., Houston, TX 77056. Name and address of each general partner available from SSNY. Copy of Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: transmission of natural das (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fiscal affairs of the Town of Bethlehem for the year ending on December 31, 2000 have been examined by Casey & Lubbe, PC, Certified Public Accountants, and that the report of the independent public accountant has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Town of Bethlehem may in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of external audit by the independent public accountant, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons, not later than August 1, 2001. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Name: Emergency Medi-cine Physicians of Albany County, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/13/01. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation Systems, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of PLLC upon whom process may

#### LEGAL NOTICE

An Application for Authority for, LHTG, LLC, a Delaware LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Secre-tary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 20, 2001. The LLC was organized on April 12, 2001. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to c/o Patricia A. Tobin, Manager, LHTG, LLC, c/o The Tobin Group, Inc., 61 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210. Registered of fice in the State of Delaware: Incorporating Services, Ltd., 15 East North Street, Dover, Kent County, Delaware 19901. LLC shall provide, on request, a copy of its Certificate of Organization, with all amendments thereto. Patricia A. Tobin, with an address at 61 Columbia Street, Albany, New York, shall be responsible for providing such copies. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purpose.. Filer: Conway Lavelle & Finn, LLP Address: 450 New Karner Road Albany, New York 12205 (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Centex Home Equity Company, LLC a foreign limited liability com-pany (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/18/01. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 2/9/01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address of LLC in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. lawful activity. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Merits Medical Imaging Ser vices, LLC, a foreign limited liabil-ity company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/18/01. LLC orga-nized in Ohio (OH) on 11/1/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in OH: c/o 1600 CNB Corp., 1375 E. 9th St., 20th Fl., Cleveland, OH 44114. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with OH Secy. of State, Business Services Division, 180 E. Broad st., 16th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215. Pur-pose: servicing of medical equipment for imaging centers and hospitals. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y.(SSNY) on 3/28/01. LLC or-ganized in Indiana (IN) on 2/28/ 01. NY office location: Albaou 01. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Cor-poration Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address

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County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose; any lawful activity. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LLC. The name of the limited liability company is James D. Kerr, PLLC "LLC"); the articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state on October 4, 2000; LLC's office is to be located in Albany County; the secretary of state has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; the post office to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 194 Washington Avenue, Al-bany, NY 12210; LLC shall practice the profession of law. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Trading Cove New York, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/27/01. LLC organized in Dela-ware (DE) on 6/22/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., 6th Fl., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in DE: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Copy of Arts, of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Professional Underwriters Company, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Fictitious name in NY State: PUC Agency. App, for Auth, filed with Secy, of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/22/ 2001. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 2/10/1999. NY office lo-cation: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office ad-dress of LLC: 151 S. Warner Rd., Suite 100, Wayne, PA 19087-2198. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: insurance and reinsurance agent or broker.

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NY Health Educational Associ-ates, L.P., Cert. of LP filed SSNY 4/19/01. Albany Co., SSNY designated as agt. upon whom pro-cess may be served & shall mail copy of process: Westervelt, 2 Vatra Robt. Westervelt, 2 Vatrano Ln., Loudonville, NY 12211-2026. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Latest date 12/31/2011

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FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its member; provided, however that the managing members may only bind the limited liability company in accordance with the terms of the operating agreement of the limited liability company. SIXTH: The business purposes of

this limited liability company are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law; provided, however, that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without first obtaining the

consent of such body. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 5th day of April, 2001, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/ Khalan S. Hennesey 4 Providence Court Cohoes, New York 12047

а ироп пі 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. The Registered Agent is Corporation Service Company at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Power-Finder West Communications, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/16/2001. LLC organized in Maryland (MD) on 2/ 12/1997. NY office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-cess against it may be served. SNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office address of LLC in MD: 9250 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with Dept. of Assessments, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: telecommunication services

be served. Purpose: practice the profession of medicine. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of Application for Authority of Omgeo LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/23/01. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 11/ 15/00. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Michael W. King, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 1290 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10104. Office address of LLC in DE: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

of LLC in IN: 1300 South Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Copy of Arts. of Org. of file with IN Secy. of State, Corp. Div., 302 West Washington St., Rm. E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. (May 16, 2001)

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Notice of formation of City Lites Signs Distribution LLC a limited liability company (LLC). Forma-tion filed with SSNY on 04/13/ 2001. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. (May 16, 2001)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liabilty company (LLC). Name: Elixir WFC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State on N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/10/01. Office location: Albany PLM ELECTRIC POWER ENGI-NEERING, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Li-

Articles of Organization for PLM Electric Power Engineering, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 11, 2001. Office location is in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company (the "LLC") upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process of the LLC to PLM Electric Power Engineer-ing, LLC, 35 Main Street, Hopkington, MA 01748-0000. Duration is perpetual. Purpose: to practice professional engineering as such services are defined in the Education Law and to carry on, conduct, or transact any other lawful business purpose. (May 16, 2001)

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SC DEVELOPMENT CO. I, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on April 19, 2001. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any law-ful 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 ad-dress to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

WorthMark Financial Services, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 03/09/01. 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: Thomas L. Clark, VP, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is THREE WEMBLEY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 4, 2001. 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 desig-nated 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 3 Wembley Court, Colonie, New York 12205. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **EMPIRE ENTERPRISES, LLC**

(Pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Formation of EMPIRE ENTERPRISES, LLC (the "Company") was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of

New York on April 26, 2001. The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development and mortgaging of property and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been desig-nated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The

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post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Sec-retary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NAME: SHARP CAPITAL LP. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/11/00. The duration date is perpetual. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LP, 800 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: SHARP CAPITAL MAN-AGEMENT LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/0700. 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, 800 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: NORWEST PROPER-TIES LLC. Articles of Organiza-tion were filed with the Secretary State of New York (SSNY) on 04/19/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 120 Broad-way, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: 1197 CENTRAL REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/19/01 Office location: Albany County. 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, 65 Hurst Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

Name: No Frills Income Club (NFIC), L.P. The Certificate of

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Registration was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/26/01. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/11. Club location: Albany co. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon who process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 2 Rolling Brook Ct., Clifton Park, NY 12065. Purpose: all lawful purposes. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Tech Park Partners, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 10, 2001. Office ocation: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 63 Mansion Boulevard Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: To purchase, own, develop, lease, mortgage, sell, manage and otherwise deal in real and personal property.

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#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Name: Albany Partners II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 21, 2001. 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 63 Mansion Boulevard, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: To purchase, own, develop, lease, mortgage, sell, manage and otherwise deal in real and personal property. (May 16, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is ANDER-SON DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 29, 2001. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1025 Central Avenue Rear), Albany, New York 12205. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **GARDEN TWENTY, LLC**

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 29, 2001. Of-

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fice location: Albany County. SSNY is 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 Frank Audino, 22 Tremont Street, Albany, New York 12205. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Articles of Organization for Judy's Tiny Shop, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 26, 2001. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 20 Pasture Gate Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 23rd day of May, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. to consider a proposed Local Law Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows: AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE VI, Section 119-10, Schedule VII, Stop Intersections as follows: ADD: A stop intersection as fol-

lows: Stop sign on Hamilton Lane at the

intersection of Hannay Lane, Glenmont. All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC, RMC TOWN CLERK Dated: May 9, 2001 (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 23rd day of May, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. to consider a proposed Local Law Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows

AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VI, Section 119-36, Parking Prohibited at All Times as follows:

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intersection with Delaware Avenue (New York State Route 443). All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC.RMC TOWN CLERK Dated: May 9, 2001 (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on May 23, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider a proposed Local Law amending sections of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem related to Off-Street

Parkina. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be

heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN

BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC.

RMC TOWN CLERK Dated: May 9, 2001

(May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

M. R. SECURITIES LLC was filed with SSNY on 05/02/2001. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P. O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC< 46 State Street, 3rd FIr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

#### INTEGRATED BUSINESS CON-SULTING LLC was filed with SSNY on 04/30/2001. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at

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the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ANTONELLO DI GIOVANNI AND COMPANY LLC was filed with SSNY on 2/1/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P. O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

METRO DEVELOPMENTS LLC was filed with SSNY on 04/23/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir., Albany, 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

OTA LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/17/01, Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Fir, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

DELTA ELECTRICAL ENTER-PRISES OF NEW YORK, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/17/01. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (May 16, 2001)









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identify what the costs will be 2000. each year," Cole said.

He said negotiations began Public Employees Relations before the July 2000 contract Board was assigned to the school expiration date, with the teachers district, and both Cole and our differences," Cole said,

In the fall, a mediator from the

"This allows us to exactly declaring an impasse in May, Voorheesville Teachers Association President Kathy Fiero said that helped jump-start the process.

"He sorted out the majority of

"primarily how to distribute the money along the salary schedule. Both the district and the VTA wanted the settlement to be equitable for all the teachers."

After a couple of sessions with a mediator, Cole and Fiero negotiated alone, then returned to their respective groups with their proposals.

Cole said he had never negotiated in such a direct fashion before and that it worked well. He added that it was a great deal of work, but allowed both sides to accomplish what they needed.

Fiero, a district teacher for 10 years, currently teaches remedial math at the elementary school. She has been VTA president for three years, and will likely seek. re-election in June.

The VTA ratified the contract by a vote of 76-13.

You can't please 100 percent of the people," Fiero said, "but most of our membership was with me."

Fiero said that she was happy with the contract, and felt that the teachers "held the line on health insurance.'

"We agreed to form a joint committee to address the issue of health insurance, which is a huge expense to the district now."

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