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Plant to get overhaul thanks to settlement

Earth Tech 'guarantees' water system

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

After nearly four years of litigation, the Bethlehem town board last Thursday approved a settlement to lawsuits and counter-suits over the controversial Schermerhorn Island water treatment system, halting a pending negligence trial in state Supreme Court before Judge Joseph Teresi.

The settlement will secure a guarantee that the plant will meet its original production capacity of 6 million gallons a day, "at no cost or expense to the Town," according to the May 17 agreement. Also signing the agreement were

contractor J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates of Rensselaer and its principal, James K. Fraser Jr.; and Earth Tech Environment & Infrastructure of California, successor to the company that designed the plant's water-infiltration system.

The town's \$15 million suit in 1997 against Fraser and Earth Tech's predecessor, Rust Environment & Infrastructure, was prompted by the underperformance of the new system, used almost entirely to supply water to industrial users in the southern portion of town. Since the plant began operation in January 1996, outputs have hovered between 1.4 and 1.6 million gallons a day.

The settlement, negotiated for the town by attorney Robert Alessi of the Albany firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, does not assign blame for that failure. It includes a "nondisparagement" agreement not to make "any

statements that another party has committed negligence, malpractice or other wrongful misconduct" in the matter and sparing any party a formal admission of responsibility.

Also, technically, all parties agreed to bear "sole and separate responsibility" for their respective legal fees. But Fraser and Earth Tech will split a \$550,000 "settlement payment" to the town, subject to agreement or arbitration over

their respective shares.

"I don't have it at my fingertips right now, but I believe the amount of legal fees the town has expended so far is right around \$550,000," Alessi said Monday.

Earth Tech agreed to foot the estimated \$3.5 million bill for supplemental measures to upgrade the output of the infiltration gallery, alongside the Hudson River, designed by Rust. Those measures may include additional wells in the Schermerhorn aquifer or repairs to the infiltration system itself. Earth Tech guaranteed for 13 and a half years that the upgraded system will produce as promised.

For its part, Fraser agreed to kick in more than \$1 million to a fund to partially reimburse Earth Tech for those supplemental measures. The town will control disbursements to Earth Tech from that fund, subject to arbitration — and can draw on the fund itself if it incurs damages as a result of those measures.

Fraser will also contribute at least

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Taking his licks



Mary Moutray and Drew Thompson enjoy an ice cream cone at Taste Freez last Sunday.

Jim Franco

RCS voters nix budget; V'ville, BC packages sail through

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

School budgets passed in most districts last Tuesday, but not in Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

After the 540-513 defeat of its proposed \$32,199,155 budget for 2001-02, the school board has to decide on its next step. Board president Gerald DeLuca, who won re-election, attributed the loss to low voter turnout and incorrect reporting of the budget increase.

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Library incumbent squeaks by challenger

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Voters in three local school districts approved modest budget increases for their public libraries last week — and elected several new trustees, including a razor-thin victory for an incumbent Bethlehem Public Library board member over her challenger, a frequent library critic.

Bethlehem district voters gave a 2,144-1,425 margin of approval to the library's \$2.95 million proposed budget, a 3.44 percent increase over the previous year. Voters likewise approved a Voorheesville Public Library budget of \$624,900, an increase of 4.3 percent, by a vote of 549-311, and their counterparts in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district approved a 5 percent bump to \$205,033 by a 584-447 margin.

The modest increases reflect boosts in staff salaries and circulation-materials purchases and the rising costs of utilities

and rents, but no new programs.

For RCS Community Library, it represented the first increase in two years in the tax rates of the four towns served, by 5 cents per 1,000 valuation. Increased outlays reflect both the 17 percent rise in circulation this year and the need for greater community outreach, said library Director Judith Felsten.

"We have such a large geographic area that improved outreach is very important to us," she said.

The Voorheesville budget, thanks to a 4 cents per thousand tax increase, will fund additional materials purchases, particularly in the areas of video and audio books.

"We have a growing contingent of people who want books on tape," said library spokeswoman Barbara Vink.

Improvements will also be made in the parking lot.

Similarly, Bethlehem's increased spending includes \$20,000 to repair aging

carpets, salary increases mandated by the library's union contract, and increased acquisitions in youth services and large-print books.

"There are no big plans in the budget. It's kind of business as usual," said library Director Nancy Pieri, adding that she was "very pleased to have the support of the community."

Bethlehem's trustee election, with one board seat at stake, saw incumbent Melissa Palmer narrowly survive a challenge by David Moore, who went down to defeat by a 12 vote margin, 1,477-1,465. Moore, a member of the citizens' group Save Our Bethlehem Library that spearheaded the successful campaign

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Town police arrest two for DWI

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Two Bethlehem residents face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) following their arrests by town police on Thursday, May 10, — while two previously charged individuals pleaded guilty in Bethlehem Town Court last week to reduced charges stemming from earlier DWI arrests.

The first arrest took place just after midnight on May 10. According to the police report, Officer George Travis followed a vehicle that was being driven erratically on Route 9W in

Glenmont and stopped it after it turned without signaling onto Lasher Road.

After administering field sobriety tests, Travis arrested Mark Stewart Bianca, 35, of 23 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, for DWI and gave him two traffic citations. The DWI count was elevated to a felony after a license check revealed an earlier DWAI conviction.

According to police, shortly after 11 p.m. the same day, Officer Craig Sleurs stopped Christopher Paul Urig, 27, of 88 Esplanade Ave., Selkirk, for speeding. After undergoing field sobriety tests

and a preliminary screening, Urig was also charged with DWI.

Both men were ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on June 5.

In Town Court on Tuesday, May 15, two DWI defendants pleaded guilty to reduced charges of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) and sentenced.

Steven Michael Hathaway, 33, of 732 Route 146A, Saratoga Springs, arrested on April 15, and Keely Maureen Murphy, 30, of 20 Woodlake Road, Albany, arrested April 21, each pleaded to DWAI and were each sentenced to pay a \$300 fine and state-mandated \$35 surcharge.

Both also had their licenses suspended for 90 days, and were ordered to undergo a drinking-driver remediation program and face a victim impact panel.

Ravena high alumni planning reunion

Ravena High School alumni classes from approximately 1928 up to and including 1944 are planning a reunion on Aug. 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ravena.

For information, call Mabel Klenk at 756-2856 or Irene Williams at 756-6989.

Greene County man faces multiple charges

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Greene County man faces multiple charges of burglary, larceny and reckless endangerment after allegedly ramming a Bethlehem police car and leading officers on a chase through fields and woods in Glenmont early May 14.

Herbert Charles Ochs, 43, of 11689 Route 32, Freehold, was arraigned on those charges, as well as criminal mischief and resisting arrest, before Town Justice Kenneth Munnely, who sent Ochs to Albany County jail without bail.

Bethlehem police believe he may be responsible for burglaries at two separate Glenmont businesses, stealing cash, thousands of dollars in tools and equipment, and a vehicle — and refusing to comply with repeated police orders to surrender during his pursuit.

According to the police report, the chase began shortly before 1 a.m. on May 14. Officer George Travis observed a suspicious pickup truck parked with its lights off near the 50 Bask Road facilities of AK Mechanical, just off River Road.

After turning a spotlight on the vehicle, Travis said he observed the driver, later identified as Ochs, wearing a mask. Ochs then began to drive away. When followed, Travis said Ochs put the truck in reverse and rammed into the passenger-side door of the patrol car before speeding away.

Travis pursued the vehicle as it turned onto River Road and then left the road and drove into a nearby field. Ochs abandoned the vehicle about 125 yards from the road and fled, pursued by Travis and Officer Gina Cocchiara.

According to the police report, the officers chased Ochs on foot into heavy brush and through a wooded area, repeatedly ordering him to surrender, and eventually wrestled him to the ground, where he was subdued with pepper spray and handcuffed after resisting.

Officers James Rexford and Adam Hornick also responded at the scene, and assisted in transporting Ochs to the police station.

He was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Delmar Ambulance Service for treatment of minor injuries, and returned.

Bethlehem detectives traced the abandoned vehicle to United Rentals at 635 Wemple Road, where they also found a side window and an interior door kicked in, and various tools, equipment and more than \$300 in cash stolen, along with the vehicle.

Police charged Ochs with burglary, grand and petty larceny, and criminal mischief.

Employees at AK Mechanical on Bask Road also reported two buildings on the property forcibly entered on the night of the other incidents, with several locks picked, rooms and file cabinets broken into, and more than \$1,000 in welding equipment stolen from a storage room.

Investigation continues by Bethlehem police, who have not yet charged anyone in connection with the AK break-in.

At his arraignment, a preliminary evidentiary hearing was set by Munnely for Friday, May 18.

Recycle plates at three sites

The state Department of Motor Vehicles is in the process of issuing new license plates for all registered vehicles.

To help residents properly dispose of old licence plates, the town Highway Department has designated three drop-off sites where plates can be brought for recycling.

They are: the town highway garage at 74 Elm Ave. East in Selkirk, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the Rupert Road Transfer Station in South Bethlehem, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the town clerk's office in Bethlehem town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Apple talk



Peter Ten Eyck, owner of Indian Ladder Farms, shows members of the Albany Land Conservancy some of the finer points of apple growing last Sunday. *Jim Franco*

Zoning board OKs temporary garage

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Elsmere Fire District hopes to begin renovation of its firehouse on West Poplar Drive perhaps as early as next month, thanks to approval by the town zoning board of appeals of a temporary garage for several of the fire department's vehicles, following a public hearing on May 16.

The fire district board, which obtained the approval of district voters in a special referendum last September for \$1.7 million in renovations to the 73-year-old firehouse, expects to use a small garage on its premises to store two of the district's four fire trucks while renovations, to be managed by Bast-Hatfield Construction, are under way.

For the other two — Elsmere's primary-response pumper and an aerial ladder unit, the largest in southern Albany County — the department has contracted with its neighbors across the street at the Nathaniel Blanchard Adams American Legion Post to erect a pole barn on the property as a temporary garage during construction.

That contract hinged on the zoning board's approval of several variances, including a use variance to permit the Legion to modify the barn into an outdoor picnic pavilion after the firehouse renovations are complete.

That plan sparked opposition

at last week's hearing from several neighbors, and questioning by members of the zoning board — which ultimately approved the proposal, with several conditions.

There was little question at the hearing of the fire company's need for a nearby truck storage location, and little opposition to the temporary arrangement with the Legion.

The firehouse renovation project will rebuild the upper floor, expand meeting and office space and bring the station house into compliance with federal and state safety and handicapped-access requirements.

"With the extent of the renovations necessary in the old building, the only way for us to approach the project was to move totally out of the building and let (contractors) get on with it," Elsmere Chief Ned Costigan said.

The fire district board was unable to find another existing location for all four units central to the fire district, a logistical necessity for the all-volunteer company, he said.

"The best thing for us to do is to keep the apparatus in close proximity, to have the men report to one location and put on their gear" before they are dispatched to an emergency, Costigan said — so the fire company approached the Legion.

Building the barn on the rear of the Legion's property will permanently eliminate six of the 97 parking spaces on the lot, and temporarily erase six more.

The proposal's sticking point was the Legion's desire to keep the 56-by-24 foot prefab barn, with its sides removed, as a permanent outdoor pavilion. Post Commander Mark Wahl stressed that his members have never sought such a structure, but he felt it would be useful for events like the annual gathering following the Memorial Day parade, and summer cookouts by the Legion

and the groups it sponsors, including a Boy Scout troop and a Little League team.

Several residents raised concerns about the potential disruptions posed by such a pavilion in their neighborhood. Next-door neighbor Dennis Battle, saying that "there has been a dereliction of maintenance of that property over the last 20 years" by the Legion, added, "If we're gonna have picnics out there, we're gonna have trash and cups and whatever ... we don't need a picnic grove."

John Cahill of Ridge Road worried that the proposed location was "probably the darkest part of the property ... my concern is not only about vandalism but just a place for kids to hang out."

Zoning board members raised numerous questions about the permanent structure — and pressed the applicants about the cost of removing the barn after the fire engines are gone. Estimates ranged up to \$15,000 to either demolish or remove and reassemble the pole barn — all at the fire company's expense.

"I hope the dollars we spend in putting this unit behind the Legion will not be wasted," said fire commissioner Fred Webster.

Fire company members defended the Legion's right to keep the pavilion.

"The best benefit we can realize for the taxpayers of our fire district is to build this building and then give it to our neighbors to use in their benevolences," said fireman Terry Hannigan. "We're dealing with the Legion here. This is not the Hell's Angels."

Wahl assured the zoning board that the pavilion would not be rented to outside groups, and that the Legion would comply with any restrictions the board imposed.

The final draft of the formal resolution is expected to be reviewed by the zoning board at its June 6 meeting.

Legion picks Egan as grand marshal

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's annual Memorial Day parade will step off next Monday along its traditional route — but with a nontraditional grand marshal leading the line of march.

Town Justice Theresa Egan, the first woman to be elected to the Town Court, has been named to that honor by the parade's sponsors, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post.

The May 28 parade will step off at 11 a.m. from the front of the Legion Post on West Poplar Drive near Elsmere Avenue, with participating units, including representatives of many community organizations and several musical units, assembling by 10:45 a.m.

From there, the parade proceeds south on Elsmere Avenue to Bethlehem Cemetery, then west on Kenwood Avenue, left on Adams Place, right on Adams Street, and right on Delaware Avenue, arriving finally at Bethlehem Memorial Park, near the D&H trestle.

Observances conclude there with the traditional flag raising, a wreath-laying ceremony, prayer service and final taps, and a playing of the national anthem by the massed bands.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies at the Legion.

Egan, a lifelong town resident,

is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University at Albany and Albany Law School. Elected town justice in 1997 after a decade in private practice, she is seeking reelection in the fall.

Egan is president-elect of the Albany County Bar Association, president of School's Out, a nonprofit after-school program for Bethlehem children; and a volunteer with numerous community organizations.

"I think she's an example of what a young woman in our community should be," said Lou Unright, the Legion's parade chairman. "She's bright, intelligent, hard-working, civic-minded, and always willing to help out when needed. I think she'll be an exemplary grand marshal."

Voorheesville's American Legion Post 1493 will conduct its Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 26, beginning and ending at village park at Maple and Voorheesville avenues, and following a route throughout the village.

A memorial ceremony will be held at the park immediately following the parade, which steps off at 10 a.m.

Leading the line of march will be a group of local World War II veterans and Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School students, their partners in an oral history project.

Board sets 3 hearings

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Three hearings are scheduled for the Bethlehem town board meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Leading off will be a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the town code to permit shared off-street parking for merchants at the Four Corners in Delmar.

The proposal was among several made by the Four Corners Merchants Group more than a year ago in connection with their advocacy of an overlay district for the shopping district.

Many older commercial properties there occupy building lots too small to build required off-street parking to meet the town code. While buildings built before 1965 are exempted from those code requirements, any significant renovation would cost them their grandfathered status.

In order to encourage better upkeep of older buildings, the proposed code revision defines rebuilding in such a way as to preserve their exemption. Though designed with the Four Corners in mind, the amendment would apply to all similar pre-code properties in other C or CC Commercial zones.

It also provides for joint parking lots, allowing two or more commercial businesses to share a lot and thus meet their parking requirements off-site.

Any proposed joint lot would have to be within 600 feet of the participating businesses, and must have sufficient spaces to meet the total parking needs of all of the participants for as long as

they exist.

The board has also set two more hearings, at 7:45 and 8 p.m., to consider amendments to the town's traffic code.

The first would prohibit parking at all times on Groesbeck Place in Delmar, between Delaware Avenue and Laurel Drive, addressing complaints by neighbors about vehicles parked along the narrow two-way street.

Many of those vehicles are driven by patients of Dr. Robert Giombetti, whose office in a residence at 3 Groesbeck Place lacks off-street parking.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said last week that she had received several phone calls from Groesbeck Place residents, and a letter from Giombetti, expressing concern about totally restricting parking — and suggesting instead that the restrictions be limited to business hours on weekdays, a proposal she said the board would consider.

The second traffic safety proposal would require stop signs at the intersection of Hamilton and Hannay lanes in Glenmont, reflecting concerns by residents in the area about traffic generated by Hamilton News.

Also scheduled for board action tonight is an ordinance concerning proposed parkland setbacks requirements for residential developers, the subject of a public hearing earlier this year, which has been under review by the town planning department; and further discussion of a proposed water district extension on Old Selkirk Road.

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Jane brought us a long way with those babies

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It sure was cool to see Jane Swift, enormously pregnant with twin daughters, being sworn in as governor of Massachusetts.

Finally, motherhood is in the limelight, not as an impediment or as a goal unto itself, but as just another part of a high-profile woman's life, on display for all of us to see as she reached for the brass ring.

Even better was the picture of her with her husband and their new daughters that appeared in newspapers over the weekend. The Swift-Hunts look so happy, holding their babies, still curled in the fetal position, rolled into their hospital-issue blankets like oversized burritos topped with cottony Smurf hats.

COMMENTARY:

*Mom's
the
Word*



Swift could be any one of us, savoring those first moments with her precious babies. Only she isn't — she's governor in the next-door state with the wonderful Pilgrim heritage.

How would those women who survived the voyage on the Mayflower to spend a deadly harsh winter in Plymouth react to a female governor in the state they helped form? Sometimes, it seems that too many people today are reacting as critically as those

women — who probably never imagined they even had the right to vote — might have.

Swift's motherhood has put a sharp focus back on the notion of women having it all, and that focus reveals how uncomfortable some of us still are with that. At the top of the list are some Massachusetts male Democrats, who questioned the constitutionality of Swift (a Republican) conducting state business from her hospital bed as she awaited the birth of her twins. Instead of rallying behind her and taking the opportunity to espouse women's rights and motherhood, the Democrats seized the moment to turn the act of giving birth into a political opportunity.

Of course, women, whether Democratic or Republican, know that she can run the state from her hospital bed. Mothers are the masters of multi-tasking — look what we're able to accomplish after 5 p.m. each night.

We make dinner, keeping an ear out for the kids who are either out in the yard, in front of the TV, playing with a toy, dangling from a chandelier, or all of the above; we answer the many phone calls that come between 5 and 7, most of which have to do with the volunteer activity which seemed like a good idea when we signed up for it; we oversee homework, which involves thinking up new and exciting ways to get our kids to stay in one place; then there's the bath, bedtime, stories and songs routine.

After all that, there's just time to throw in a load of laundry and run the dishwasher before collapsing onto the couch to see what medical crisis faces the ER

doctors this week.

Running a state seems a whole lot more rewarding than convincing a child that writing his spelling words four times each is vital to his future.

Swift's working motherhood has raised questions about child care. Her misuse of staff as baby-sitters and the state helicopter to get her home for weekends are always mentioned in stories that out-of-Massachusetts publications run about her. Funny, I can't think of one political thing I've ever read about her.

The Swift-Hunts look like pretty nice people, and here's betting they already have competent child care in place. I've also read that The First Gentleman, Charles Hunt, is one of the primary caretakers in their thoroughly modern family.

There's a cool concept — not totally alien, but still fairly rare — Dad as the at-home parent. It's also a reminder that most dads nowadays share in the dinner-homework-bedtime-bath routine, providing our kids with a great richness in their lives.

Yet, it's still interesting to watch the way people respond to mothers and fathers. When a man in a suit picks up a baby, everybody coos. When a woman in blue jeans picks up a baby, nobody thinks twice. When a woman in a suit picks up a baby, we stop for a second, jarred by the reality of today's world.

I am surprised at how outraged I've been by Swift's detractors. Although I work more as my children get older, I still consider myself a primarily at-home mother.

My instinctive defense of Swift is linked to those early days of full-time motherhood. Chris and I were the first of our friends to have children, and when we went out with friends, their first question was always who was taking care of the kids. They always looked so shocked when we told them we'd left them home with a little bowl of food and a little bowl of water.

Conversations with people I'd just met always ground to a halt when they asked what I did, and I answered that I was home with my children.

I stopped talking about my children to all but a few friends, but couldn't help wondering whether a business deal or my children's development was going to ultimately be of more importance to the world.

Until I met other at-home mothers, I felt as if I were either some great slacker for giving up the fight for women in the work world, or some spoiled rich girl who could stay home and play house.

Neither was the case, but I ended up feeling that the women's movement had removed all respect for the very hard job that modern mothering is.

Of course, full-time parenting ought to be a legitimate and respected choice in today's world. But if I want others to respect my choice, I need to respect theirs.

So I stand firmly behind Jane Swift's continued pursuit of parenthood and a high-level political career. I believe she and her husband will make their choices with their children as their primary concern, just like parents everywhere.

My only complaint about Swift is that she's raised the bar too high. This whole Pearl-Buck-deliver-the-baby-and-be-back-in-the-fields-by-sundown routine is a hard one for those of us who found our bodies leaking, achy, alien beings in the days after giving birth.

That Swift will be governor while raising three small children is daunting for those of us who consider it a victory to get through the day not having forgotten to pack school lunches and the money for the field trip, having served a nutritious dinner that the kids actually ate, and made it through the evening routine without having a major meltdown.

On the other hand, what a great role model she is for her own daughters, and girls and women everywhere. She's shown the great possibilities for men, too. Perhaps someday one of my sons will marry a governor and decide to be the at-home parent. What a great bond that would be for my kids and me!

Rabies clinic set at town park

The Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society is holding a rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats.

Vaccinations will be given at Elm Avenue Town Park on Tuesday, June 5, from 4 to 7 p.m.

For information, call the Division of Environment Health Services at 447-4620 or 447-4625.

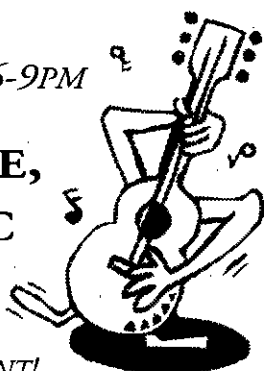
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Matters of Opinion

Water over the dam

After years of uncertainty about the fate of the water plant on Schermerhorn Island, the town has received what in essence seems to be a sweetheart deal, thanks to a court settlement announced last week.

The beleaguered plant, which was designed to produce 6 million gallons of water per day, has had problems since it opened in 1996.

The plant never produced anything close to 6 million gallons a day, and critics railed against the town for the \$13.5 million 'fiasco.'

But the town eventually prevailed, filing suit against the plant designer and Rust Environment & Infrastructure, now Earth Tech Environment & Infrastructure.

According to the terms of the settlement, Earth Tech has agreed to correct the plant's problems, and will guarantee a 6 million gallon per day yield for the next 13 and a half years. Fraser will also pay the town more than \$1 million, which will be used for capital costs and expenses related to the project.

The town will not have to pay anything at all — not one thin dime — to have the plant repaired. This is good news indeed for Bethlehem and will have far-reaching effects. With the plant up and running at capacity, the town will no longer be in any way dependent on the city of Albany, when water supplies are low here. That will represent a sizable financial savings for the town.

We hope the necessary permits for Earth Tech to begin the remediation are granted in a timely fashion. In the meantime, the town reserves its right to press its claims until after the permits are issued.

Turn the page

Now that the dust has settled after the library budget vote and the very close race for a trustee seat, it's time to begin to address the issues of space and wear and tear at the library.

What we know from the renovation plan that was soundly defeated last December is that cost is a primary concern of Bethlehem residents. We also surmise that residents want to be a part of the process in determining the library's future.

And that is as it should be. Perhaps the best way to begin is to conduct a townwide survey to reach some consensus on the best way to proceed. An ongoing dialogue with the community would also help arrive at a plan that satisfies both the library's and the town residents' needs.

There is no doubt that the library has legitimate needs that need to be addressed. Let us all work together toward that end.

Editorials

Some nicknames are acceptable

By ROB JONAS

The writer is sports editor for Spotlight Newspapers.

If state Education Commissioner Richard Mills has his way, a lot of schools in the Capital District will have to start "name-our-team" contests.

Last month, Mills issued a memorandum stating that using Native American symbols or depictions as mascots "can become a barrier to building a safe and nurturing school community and improving academic achievement for all students."

I didn't realize that students at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School were so upset that their teams are called the "Indians" that they couldn't concentrate in class, or that teenagers at Mohonasen High School were protesting the fact that their athletes are called "Mighty Warriors."

Like the worlds of professional and collegiate athletics, high schools choose their nicknames generally because of the history of the region or town they represent. And since this land was once owned by Native Americans, some schools chose names that reference that history.

Little did those administrators back in the mid-1900s know all the controversy they would generate in today's politically correct society. Some Native American groups have been complaining that names such as Indians, Warriors, Braves, Chiefs and Redskins are inappropriate for athletic teams because they reflect the wrong image of their people.

Except for "Redskins," which is a racial slur, none of those names seem overtly offensive to me. When I think of a warrior or a brave, I think of a fierce competitor. And since team sports are all about the fierce competition between two sides, those names are appropriate in that context.

Heck, athletes who fight through injuries over a number of years to continue playing are

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called warriors all the time. If we can't use that word for a team, what are we supposed to call those individual athletes? Brave? Oops, that word would be on the banned list, too. Foolish? Masochistic? Those don't work either.

The truth is, the schools meant no offense to the Native American community when they named their teams Indians, Warriors, Braves or Chiefs. They really were trying to honor the people who unwillingly had to give up their land so we could build strip malls and housing developments.

That doesn't seem to satisfy Mills or the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, though. They want schools to do away with all of those nicknames because they present the wrong image of Native Americans. The Commission on Civil Rights even stated that those types of nicknames "prevent non-Native Americans from understanding the true historical and cultural experiences of American Indians."

That statement is the definition of over-thinking. Do people go to athletic events and wonder about the historical meaning behind the name of a team? No. They go to watch a game. That's it. End of story.

If we were to dig deeper into the names of teams, we'd find that virtually any non-animal-related nickname probably has a negative image associated with it. Fighting Irish doesn't seem representative of Irish people in general. They don't spend every waking moment fighting. Does that mean that non-Irish people are being denied an accurate depiction of the Irish?

How about the Vikings? Most Scandinavians have not invaded countries and robbed them of their prized possessions. Does this mean that Americans are being given the wrong picture of Scandinavians by calling a team the Vikings?

What about Blue Devils? Are non-Blue Devils being denied a true account of the history of Blue Devils? For that matter, do Blue Devils even exist? And if so, why are they blue? The same thing goes for Blue Demons.

My personal favorite is the Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League. Canucks is a derogatory term for a Canadian, yet Canadians haven't called for protests until the team's name is changed. Actually, most people outside Vancouver ignore the Canucks anyway.

The truth is, no sports fan focuses on the meaning behind a team's name. The only thing they care about is the team itself. If the average American sports fan worried about the image their favorite team's nickname dredged up, we'd be getting rid of nicknames left and right. Every derogatory name would be changed to some form of animal or positive religious role model.

Unfortunately, there are only

so many fierce-sounding animals in the world. Not every team can be nicknamed the Bulldogs, the Hawks or the Wildcats, after all. Someone would be stuck with a name like Anteaters, Roadrunners or Banana Slugs. The University of California at Santa Cruz' teams are called the Banana Slugs. I pity them.

Some schools have gotten rid of their Indian nicknames already, which is fine. But, the results of those name changes have been mixed at best. Siena College went from the Indians to the Saints; St. John's University changed from Redmen to the Red Storm (I suppose red rain falls from a Red Storm) and Stanford transformed itself from Indians to the Cardinal. Not Cardinals. The Cardinal, as in a certain shade of red.

By the way, that name change also led to a mascot change at Stanford. Now, some poor person in a giant tree costume is present on the sidelines at all football and basketball games. It is officially the dumbest mascot in college sports — next to the Banana Slug, of course.

One high school in the Capital District, Canajoharie, has ditched its Indian nickname.

Unfortunately the school hasn't come up with a replacement yet, so the team's stuck in a parallel universe where some people still refer to it as the Redskins and others just don't know what to say.

Perhaps the school can borrow that symbol that Prince used during the time when he was called "The Artist Formerly Known as Prince" until it can come up with a new nickname and symbol.

What Canajoharie, Siena, Stanford and St. John's all have in common is that they changed their Indian nicknames because they wanted to, not because they were told to.

The fact that all schools in New York with Native American nicknames may have to change their names because they're being told by the commissioner of education to do so is a knee-jerk reaction at best.

If Mills wants to come across as a person who is sensitive to human needs, he should extend the request to include team nicknames of any ethnic background.

Why stop at Indians when there are also Vikings, Raiders, Pirates and Blue Devils roaming the athletic fields of New York?

Besides, changing nicknames won't erase them from the record books or from the minds of the former athletes who played at those schools. They will still remember their days as Indians, Mighty Warriors or Braves.

They won't change their identities just because their school did. After all, they don't see anything wrong with being an Indian, Warrior or Brave.

Perhaps Mills should think less about the nicknames of high school teams and more about educating the children in those schools.

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Your Opinion Matters

Center should not be 'done deal'

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a concerned resident of the town of Bethlehem, I attended the town board meeting on May 9.

I was highly encouraged by the numbers of fellow citizens who also took the time out of their schedule to be there. The purpose of the meeting was to give residents an opportunity to ask questions and air concerns on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as it relates to the proposed Bethlehem Town Center project on Route 9W in Glenmont.

At this meeting, residents provided comments, concerns, questions and opinions in true democratic fashion — leadership of the people, by the people in action, right? One individual even said it was a civics lesson for his daughter.

Imagine my surprise to return home that night to see town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, on the evening news comparing this enormous shopping center to the moderately sized Price Chopper on New Scotland Avenue in Slingerlands. Let us make sure that no one is even slightly misled — there is nothing moderate about the proposed center.

The nearly 360,000-square-foot project on 75 acres of land speaks for itself. This center will be bordered by numerous neighborhoods, an elementary school and problematic access roads, while Price Chopper plaza is in a more rural setting and has good access roads. Excuse me Supervisor Fuller, I and many of your fellow town neighbors, fail to see the similarity. Were we at the same meeting?

The supervisor suggested that because no one complains today about the Slingerlands Price Chopper, that we too will someday "forget" the impact the proposed

center will have on the quality of life forever to town residents.

Contrary to Supervisor Fuller's expectations, we will not forget, and we will remind her and the town board at the polls. I object to the parental tone of her statement inferring that taxpayers do not know what is best for us.

We must protect our elementary school children with more than spoken promises — promises that lack substance or commitment. We must fix our roads rather than add additional stress to an already failing town infrastructure.

Finally, we must do a cost benefit analysis to ensure that we do actually receive a net gain by the proposed center. We were told that we will receive \$91,000 in property tax from this center. This equates to a mere 0.38 percent of the \$24 million budget. The estimated \$430,000 in school tax revenue doesn't even equal 1 percent of the current \$50.3 million budget.

It is quite possible that this project will actually cost the town money since:

- There will be an increased need for services such as police and fire/rescue

- Several area businesses are in danger of failure if this project is approved, which would result in a loss of tax money

- Increased traffic will necessitate road improvements for Route 9W. Improvements that will be paid at taxpayers' expense.

I am offended that the comments to the news media by the town board gives the impression that our officials are using a political forum, not for its intended purpose of assessing the will of the people that they serve, but as a forum for public "venting," after which time the town board

can do as it pleases. I realize that this is an election year and that a development in Bethlehem may have a positive short-term approval rating during campaign time, however, we must look at the long-term effects. We are residents who have made this our home. We make decisions because we expect to raise our children here, not because we want to win political campaigns.

This is not and should not be a "done deal." The facts are not in, and the people are continuing to speak. I urge the board to carefully consider the will of the people as it is heard through the public forum and letters.

I assure you, in the unfortunate event that development is imposed on Glenmont and its people in its current state, the problems posed will ensure complaints for you or your successor long into the future.

These issues will not go away. We must address them now, before we make irrevocable decisions we will undoubtedly regret.

Roberta Lukasiewicz
Glenmont

Food for library thought

Editor, The Spotlight:

I don't see any activity on the Delaware Avenue site next to the library where an assisted-living center was going to be built.

Is there now no deal?

If the assisted-living center is not going to be built, I hope my letter instigates some discussion about the future of this land.

Last year, the library proposed a very expensive expansion project, which the voters rejected.

If the parcel of land next to the library should become available, I would hope that the town or the library would have some serious dialogue with the owner, Mr. Klersy, about acquiring it.

Mr. Klersy may be shopping around for another assisted-living housing developer if the CMI deal fell through — I don't know.

Why doesn't the library consider purchasing this land, if it becomes available?

After all, Mr. Klersy should get the most he can for his investment, and if he wants megabucks — so be it. It's the American way — and if I owned the land, I'd want to get the most I could.

With all the talk about the need for library improvements, expansion and better parking, this parcel could be the crown jewel for the library.

In my dream world, the library purchases the land. Then in time and with the proper budget, we could build a new state-of-the-art library, an expanded parking lot and a beautiful green space for the much loved Wednesday music on the green.

All of this on an appropriately landscaped and well-buffered lot that blends with the neighborhood. A potential win-win situation for all!

It's so rare that you get a second chance to do something good, that I thought I had nothing to lose by writing this.

But if there is a one in a million chance that my letter and ideas could bring forth some good discussion, then I've done well.

Are the powers that be listening? Is there anyone out there who could find out what is going on?

I'll be waiting and hoping.

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Matters of Opinion

BC board pays tribute to staff for service

Editor, The Spotlight:

At Bethlehem Central, we are lucky as a district to enjoy a reputation for delivering quality education to our students. Our motto — 'a tradition of excellence' — champions that commitment.

As members of the board of education, we often talk about our quality educational programs, and the press reports on our successes. Countless articles in BC's own "Highlights" have brought attention to the district's good work. But none of these can truly claim to be the source of the district's credibility. Rather, the residents of this district have come to expect quality from their schools — and they get it — because of the faculty and staff we have.

One BC teacher once said, "If you can read, thank your first-grade teacher. That's where it all starts."

A successful education starts in the classroom, and it continues down the halls to the school offices, the gymnasium and library, down to the lunch room, across to the bus garage and everywhere in between. The board is fortunate to have employed the kind of people who make it possible for our children to succeed to the best of their abilities in a safe and healthy environment.

The district recently held its Staff Recognition Dinner, an annual event that recognizes senior members of our faculty and staff — those with 10 to 30 plus years of service — and honors this year's retirees. It marks but one night each year when we stop and think about the contributions these individuals have made in building the district and establishing it as a symbol of quality.

What these longtime faculty

and staff members bring to work each day is the experience that pushes all of us to improve and keeps things running smoothly in the face of change. And there is constant change in our schools, whether it's new technology, evolving family situations or a stream of new state regulations. In every building and department, as in any organization or business, when problems arise, you look to your colleagues who have been through it before and know how to respond.

They are all professionals, of course, but their experience comprises not just their knowledge and skills but their concern for and commitment to the students of this district. In other words, it is not just lesson plans and learning standards, safe buses and clean schools, but all of the intangibles that make a school district of 800 employees

and 4,800 students work as well as it does.

Each year, even as we say goodbye and thank you to our retiring staff, we grant tenure to newer staff members who now become the ones whom others look to as mentors, leaders, supporters and friends.

And our challenge as a board is to find and employ individuals of the same caliber to continue the legacy of quality teaching, learning and growing. When it comes down to it, whatever administrators might say at a public meeting, whatever words or rankings might appear in the newspapers, nothing can hold a candle to a student's, parent's or community member's experiences in our schools — in other words, their experiences with our faculty and staff. For all our successes as a district, we have them to thank.

Lynne L. Lenhardt, Warren Stoker, Dr. Stuart Lyman, Happy Scherer, Dennis J. Stevens, Robin M. Storey and Robert Wing
Bethlehem Central school board

Board member says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank the community for supporting my re-election to the school board. I am encouraged by community support of one of the best school programs in the state.

I encourage all Bethlehem residents to share the experience that our students are having. I believe you will be impressed.

An excellent school system is the foundation of a strong community.

Stuart Lyman
Delmar

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Your Opinion Matters

Biologist hopes to stay in Delmar

Editor, The spotlight:

I am writing with the hope of keeping the Delmar Wildlife Resource Center open and the researchers working at that location. I am one of the wildlife biologists working in the facility.

My specific job functions relate to research and monitoring for — species such as beaver, coyote, bobcat and fisher and river otter. The decision to move us to Albany and move our work to regional DEC offices is ill-advised for three reasons — programmatic effects, fiscal effects and negative effects for Bethlehem merchants.

Slightly more than 30 people including 22 biologists, several technicians and clerical staff are scheduled to move in early June. Field equipment, many files, freezers and laboratory equipment will remain in Delmar.

The remainder of the building and garages will be used to house the wildlife pathology unit (which is not moving), for storage of files and equipment from other parts of the agency, and for occasional meetings or training sessions.

Note that this state-owned building, which was renovated and supplied with upgraded telephone and computer lines within the last four years, will still need to be maintained, heated and supplied with utility service even though more than 50 percent of the square footage will house only files and occasional meetings.

Meanwhile, the 30 plus employees will be housed in leased office space at 625 Broadway, and will be required to make special trips back to the Delmar facility to pick up equipment (canoes, nets, animal immobilization equipment, drugs and carriers for problem moose and bears, animal carriers and

trailers) before engaging in any field operations. This will result in a gross reduction in the efficiency of field operations and diminished service to the public.

The director of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources has stated that the function of the employees will change as aspects of the wildlife research program are moved to DEC regions. As yet, there are no firm plans, no white papers and no slack in staff time in the regions to accomplish this added work. DEC's regional offices are already operating at full capacity, without additional wildlife research activities being added.

Research functions cannot be decentralized without firm plans and commitments from regional offices. These are clearly lacking, leading many people to believe that these functions will be ended.

For these reasons — programmatic and fiscal — the plan to move Delmar biologists downtown does not make sense. The third reason is that these people do help support the local economy in Bethlehem and New

Scotland. Most of us reside in Bethlehem or the Hilltowns. Many buy lunches and gasoline, and use chiropractic, dental, physical therapy and pet grooming services in Delmar. The list goes on and on. Thirty fewer people in Albany's economy is a drop in the bucket, while 30 fewer people living and purchasing goods and services in Delmar is far more significant.

New Yorkers are demanding a strong wildlife research program. Gov. George Pataki has made excellent progress on land acquisition and other environmental issues. We need to convince him to keep a strong wildlife research program in New York while keeping the Wildlife Resource Center open and the research staff operating out of the center at peak efficiency.

Marie Kautz
Delmar

Teacher is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

So many of you have shown me support and encouragement since my accident and throughout my recovery. You have been so generous with visits to Albany Medical Center, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center and my home.

You have brought meals, gifts, plants and most of all words of encouragement. Your cards and

letters have brightened my long days.

Thank you for all that you have done. It has meant so much to me and my family to be remembered by teachers, staff, parents, students and just all of BC.

Your support has been invaluable to me.

Kathy Bartley
Knox

Svenson says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to thank those Bethlehem Central School District residents that voted for me and especially those who voiced their support during the campaign.

The opportunity to meet so many people during the last few weeks was rewarding, and I am appreciative of the many com-

ments offered.

I will be mindful of these concerns as I begin my term.

I look forward to rejoining the board in July and am grateful for the privilege of serving the next three years.

Dick Svenson
Delmar

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Elderhostel offers local programs

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Senior Living supplement in the May 2 issue of *The Spotlight* contained a story concerning Elderhostel programs by Jennifer Arsenault.

The story represented Elderhostel well, but did not include pertinent information about local programs.

The University at Albany provides a variety of Elderhostel programs throughout the year and offers participation possibilities for commuters at a reduced cost.

Some of the programs available in the upcoming months include:

- July 8-14, Two music programs.

One is a concert band with participants playing their own instruments. The final concert is open to the public without cost in the university Performing Arts Center on Friday, July 13.

The second program will be held at the Best Western Hotel at 1228 Western Ave., Albany.

Instruction includes three courses: Broadway music; Civil War music; and 19th century history of Albany.

The music appreciation courses will be taught by a member of the West Point

Military Academy Band and the history course by Henry Bankhead of Latham.

The band will be directed by Henry Carr of Delmar.

Other courses include:

- Sept. 23-28, Tour of Light-houses, from Niagara Falls to the Thousand Islands.

- Oct. 7-13, Colonial History in Upstate New York, to be taught by James Lavery of Ballston Spa. This course includes bus trips to Ticonderoga and along the Mohawk.

- Oct. 21-27, Concert band, under the direction of Ed Mizma of Rochester.

Designed for musicians just returning to their instruments after not having played for several years or for those learning an instrument. All music is grade 1-3.

- Dec. 2-8, Three courses: Decluttering taught by Helen Volk; and Three Upstate Religions, and the Interdependence of Artists and Politicians, both taught by Henry Bankhead.

- Jan. 13-18, Classical Guitar, to be taught by William D. Simcoe of Albany.

- Feb. 17-22, Big Band, under the direction of Rick Hambright, of Valatie.

This will be the fifth year for

this well-received program.

- March 3-9, Woodwind Ensemble, under the direction of Charles Emerick of Kent, Conn.

For information about courses, call me at 785-7426.

We are constantly seeking persons with the ability and interest to teach Elderhostel courses.

Qualification is more important than certification.

Our experience suggests that Elderhostel participants have a wide variety of interests, and we seek to provide unique courses not otherwise available.

Our program is the only such offering in the immediate Albany area.

I am somewhat unique among coordinators having attended 138 such programs since 1990.

Among the more than 200,000 Elderhostelers only 50 have attended more than 50 programs.

The story indicated that Elderhostel was 35 years old. This is not correct. The program recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Robert J. Ullery

Elderhostel coordinator

Superintendent needs to take a stand on center proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

For several years, school Superintendent Les Loomis has been intelligently educating us about the cost in increased school taxes to all of us when most new homes have been built within the Bethlehem school district.

At the same time, Dr. Loomis has been urging the town to make every effort to bring in large non-polluting commercial businesses, which are major taxpayers, and which have the effect of reducing school taxes.

So it is surprising that when just such an enterprise, the proposed Bethlehem Town Center, attempts to build here, all Dr. Loomis will say, according to the May 16 *Spotlight*, is that the school board is "neither an advocate for nor an opponent of the project."

If Dr. Loomis wishes to be taken seriously when he speaks on this subject in the future, he should not be on the fence now.

Stanley Zalen

Delmar

Workshops to address women's spiritual needs and well-being

Editor, The Spotlight:

Life's incredible demands and responsibilities of jobs, children, schedules, goals and recreational activities often overshadow spiritual needs.

For this reason, I was elated to learn of a seminar offered to all women through the Bethlehem Women's Ministries at Bethlehem Community Church on Saturday, June 2.

Several provocative workshops will be offered, many be medical professionals. Workshops topics

include, Responding to Life's Troubles, Changes that Heal and Understanding Emotions.

Courses are geared to accommodate flexibility so a participant can choose to attend part or all of the day-long workshops.

Participants will be spiritually rejuvenated while receiving insight, energy and healing to some of life's everyday problems. This is an opportunity that we, as women, cannot afford to miss.

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Legion to sponsor Memorial Day parade May 26

American Legion Post 1493 will sponsor the Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m.

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

Kiwanis to dedicate gazebo

A dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 26, at 3:30 p.m. in Hotaling Park on the corner of Maple and Voorheesville avenues.

Members of the Kiwanis Club, along with village officials, will dedicate the gazebo in commemoration of the club's 50 years of community service in New Scotland.

Village to honor volunteers

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held on Saturday, May 26, at 7 p.m. behind the Voorheesville firehouse on Altamont Avenue.

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

There will be music, dancing and food.

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

Kiwanis to serve Brooks barbecue

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Brooks

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chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 26, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Reilly & Son Funeral Home on Voorheesville Avenue.

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

Chicken dinners cost \$7, rib dinners are \$8, children's meals are \$6, a la carte ribs cost \$7 and chicken is \$5.50.

Proceeds support youth activities and community services.

Annual races set for Saturday

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

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

A trophy will be awarded to the first three places in each division.

Entry forms can be picked up at the village hall.

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

St. Matthew's Church announces summer hours

St. Matthew's Church will begin its summer Mass schedule on Memorial Day weekend.

During the summer, Masses

are celebrated at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Diabetes fund-raiser slated for May 25

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

The team is raising funds and awareness for the American Diabetes Association.

Students to enjoy prom

Prom-goers will walk through the high school gym for all to see on Saturday, May 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Professional pictures will be taken at the high school after which prom participants will be announced and escorted through the gym. Participants will then attend a private prom at the Marriott in Colonie.

An after-prom breakfast, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be held at the high school.

Dollars for Scholars sets Ping-pong race

Dollars for Scholars will hold

its third annual great Ping-pong race on Saturday, May 26, following the memorial ceremony at the village park.

Ping-pong balls will be dropped in the Vly Creek by the horseshoe pits.

Prizes have been donated by various local businesses. Tickets cost \$1 and can be purchased in the park or by calling Linda Conway at 765-4308 or Tim Kelley at 765-3314, ext. 205.

Students to give concert

Students in seventh through 12th grade will present an instrumental concert tonight, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Mid-level orientation slated for May 24

Mid-level orientation for parents of incoming sixth-graders will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

No school May 28

Schools in the district will be closed on Monday, May 28, to observe Memorial Day.

Thacher Park to sponsor nature walks

Thacher Park will offer two hikes on Saturday, May 26.

Fred Schroeder will lead a tour of the Long Path in the northeast section of the Thacher Park at 9 a.m.

The hike will take approximately four hours. Water and snacks are suggested. Hikers will meet at the Indian Ladder picnic area.

A wildflower walk, given by Ed Miller, is set for 10 a.m.

A bird walk, with Walter Ellison, is scheduled for Sunday, May 27, at 7 a.m. Hikers will meet at the Paint Mine picnic area.

A tour of the Indian Ladder Trail will be given on Monday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

For information and to confirm the time and place, call 872-1237.

Trails day event set at sanctuary

The Audubon Society of New York is celebrating National Trails Day on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary at 46 Rarick Road in Selkirk.

Participants will have the opportunity to help preserve our trails and join the American Hiking Society. There will also be a barn sale, posters, decals and refreshments. For information, call 767-9051, ext. 15.

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The eyes have it at vision seminar

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to the board of trustees. She has been a busy and very visible supporter of the library as Friends hospitality chairwoman. We know she loves the library and look forward to her contributions as a board member.

Thank you all for the passage of our budget.

This week there is something special for opera lovers at the library. On Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Stan Kutinsky will present the first in a series of opera lectures, which will include a short bio and recordings of tenor Franco Corelli.

Opera novices as well as experienced opera-goers are welcome.

The Thursday Night Poets will meet on May 24 in the director's office at 7 p.m.

Community residents who would like to showcase their performing arts are invited to an open mic night on the library lawn on Aug. 22. If you have a talent for singing, dancing, yodeling, playing the spoons, reciting poetry or whatever, call the library now to sign up.

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

The library will be closed from Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28, and reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Enjoy the holiday.

Barbara Vink

Teddy Bear's Picnic scheduled at library

Bethlehem Public Library's 18th annual Teddy Bear's Picnic for children age 2 to 6 and their families will be on Tuesday, June 5, at 11 a.m. on the green (or indoors in the event of rain).

Bring cookies to share, blankets and bears; juice will be provided. For information, call 439-9314.

Grange to serve ham dinner

Bethlehem Grange will dish up a baked ham with strawberry shortcake dinner on Saturday, June 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Grange hall on Route 396 at Beckers Corners in Selkirk.

Dinner will be served family style. The cost is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children.

The hall is handicapped accessible. For information, call 767-3342.

Library slates toddler program

Bethlehem Public Library presents "Eyes, Nose, Fingers, Toes" for toddlers 22 to 35 months with an adult on Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, at 10:30 a.m.

There will be stories, songs, games and finger food snacks.

To register, call 439-9314.

Pet adoption clinic

Peppertree Rescue will hold an animal adoption clinic on Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at L.C. Smith Pet Center on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

All Americans



Ryan Vis, celebrates with his brother Sam, 6, after he became a U.S. citizen on May 11. The boys' parents are Nancy and Greg Vis of Delmar.

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Vision Correction Center.

We have lots to say thanks for. The Friends of the Library book and bake sale was a tremendous success. Books and baked goods went like hotcakes.

Many thanks go to the crew of high schoolers who came to lug in the hundreds of heavy boxes, and teacher Mark Diefendorf. It was particularly gratifying to see how many volunteers gave us so many hours to organize books.

Karla Flegel and her Friends officers, Cindy Childs and Jan Kurposka were there, along with library board president Nancy Mosher, Jan Brennan, Nancy DiBlasi and others. Margaret Adkins called on her list of the world's best bakers. SuperValu donated bags. Our maintenance guys, Herb LaRock and Gene Sickles, cheerfully worked above the call of duty. We really appreciate you all.

We welcome Margaret Adkins

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Freedom Fest will be held on Cedar Grove Road in South Bethlehem.

For information, call 767-0852 or visit www.freedomfest2001.net.

Reading Odyssey theme of summer club

RCS Community Library will offer a Summer Reading Club and traveling library.

The reading club's theme will be: "2001: A Reading Odyssey."

The traveling library will visit First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.; Feura Bush Neighborhood Association Library Thursdays at 3 p.m.; the Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; RCS Community Library Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; and Wyche Park in New Baltimore Thursdays at 10 a.m.

The Food For Thought Recreation Program will be held weekdays.

The dates for the summer program are July 19 through Aug. 16.

Students tuning up for concert

RCS seventh- and eighth-graders will give their spring concert on Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. in the RCS Senior High School auditorium.

Ice cream parlor opens

Take a drive in the country to visit Albany County's newest ice cream parlor. The former Murph's Pub on River Road will be changing its format to an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

The restaurants famed Murph Burger (made from one-half pound of black Angus beef) will still be available, along with hot dogs, fish fries and chicken sandwiches.

Grange to fire up chicken barbecue

Ravena Grange will serve a takeout-only chicken barbecue on Thursday, May 24, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations to honor students

The following RCS students were inducted into the National Honor Society last week: Ian Applebee, Matt Bolen, Jason Bonafide, James Craven, Nina Cutro-Kelly, Michael Duker, Paloma Alcon and Maria Fassi.

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And, Meredith Pascale, Jamie Philpott, Jessica Poetzsch, Jessica Pomokoy, Stacey Schwartz, Steven Shepard, Michael Smith, Kiernan Townley, Jessica Whydra, Darrick Priester and Megan Tracey.

Congratulations to all.

Ice cream social slated at schoolhouse

Ice cream and stories will be the order of the day when the Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow holds its annual ice cream social on Tuesday, May 29, at 7 p.m.

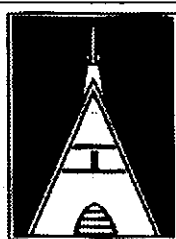
Stories will be presented by veteran storyteller Arlene Brown.

Winning ways



Voorheesville resident and Columbia-Greene Community College student Della Ballinger is one of the recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. College President James Campion, left, and SUNY Chancellor Robert King attended the ceremony.

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Religious Devotion

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V'ville foundation launches fund-raising drive

Voorheesville Community and School Foundation has announced its first major fund-raising effort for the year, with a goal of \$40,000.

Foundation chairman Tom McKenna said inscribed bricks in two sizes, benches and display cases will be sold to create "The Walkway to Tomorrow." They will be installed at the new high school facility, scheduled for completion in fall 2002.

"The Walkway to Tomorrow" will reflect the kind of spirit we are fortunate to have here in the district, and will serve as an honorarium to those who support our school and community for decades to come," McKenna said.

"While selling inscribed bricks is not a new fund-raising tactic, we believe the breadth of choices being offered to participants, from bricks, benches and display cases, as well as the facts that our starting prices are low, \$40 for a regular-sized brick (4 inches by 4 inches), and all materials will be integrated in the new facility, should create significant interest in the program," he added.

Brick sales started unofficially at the recent high school play. Board member Liz Kormos-

Osmat headed the initial drive.

"We wanted to get a jump on the season and we set up a booth to start getting the word out. While we sold a number of bricks, the main idea was to alert people

larger brick, 8 inches square, will sell for \$100.

"We envision a wide range of participants, from businesses thanking the community for their support to grandparents, parents and family members using the opportunity for memorials or congratulatory messages," said foundation treasurer John Schachne.

The foundation expects to sell 1,000 bricks, between May and November.

Tom McKenna

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of the opportunity to leave a legacy to remember a student, a teacher, or a member of someone's family," she said.

Last month the Voorheesville school board passed a resolution allowing the sale of bricks.

Fliers promoting the new effort will be distributed by students, local retailers and at various school and community events.

Each brick will have three lines with 14 characters each. The

district, their respective family and friends plus the strong support from our business community, we anticipate no problem in selling out," McKenna said.

The foundation has a special program for larger donors. Terry Underwood, board vice chairman and head of the corporate donors program, said, "We're looking for generous benefactors who would donate up to \$5,000."

Among the items for corporate sponsorship is the original school bell, which will go on display at the high school.

Profits raised from the sale, will be earmarked for school projects. Brick application forms will be available about June 4 at

the elementary and high schools, participating business or by calling McKenna days at 433-0313.

The Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, an independent, nonprofit group affiliated with the Community Foundation of the Capitol Region, offers a way for district residents to enhance the quality of life in the community through the tax-deductible support of cultural, academic and athletic programs.

All programs are initiated, developed and implemented by the community for the community. All financial contributions support local district initiatives.

The foundation's board of directors is a resident volunteer group, dedicated to quality education and community life. These individuals oversee the allocation of gifts and are charged with the responsibility to ensure that all gifts are used as directed by the benefactors.

Recently completing its first year as an operating entity, the foundation has endorsed an annual grant of \$25,000 for Voorheesville's Pond View Farm from its administrator, the Community Foundation of the Capitol Region.

Pond View Farm provides a learning environment for physically and mentally challenged children.

In addition to "The Walkway to Tomorrow" campaign, the foundation has also approved a \$1,000 grant to the Voorheesville Elementary Humanities Committee to support upcoming programs and will soon announce the details of a 5K road race, scheduled for the fall.

Five Rivers offers three-part series

Five Rivers Environmental Center will host Part I of a three-part series entitled, "It All Flows Downstream: Tributaries of the Hudson River," on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m.

Participants will walk to the Phillipinkill, a stream on Five Rivers' grounds, and learn about the quality of its water, using basic chemical tests for acidity, dissolved oxygen and nitrates.

There will also be discussion on how these substances affect the life in and around the stream.

Participants in this free program should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Music department sets recruitment

The Bethlehem Central School District's music department has announced the dates for its annual recruitment evenings.

Band recruitment for students who will be in fifth grade next year will be held on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

String recruitment for students who will be in fourth grade next year will be on Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Both programs will be in the high school auditorium.

Music department staff will be available to answer any questions and provide information about Bethlehem's instrumental music program.

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What are the symptoms of periodontal disease? The first sign is bleeding gums. There may also be excessive formation of tartar on the teeth. Teeth may be loose or may shift easily. There may also be swelling in the gingival area, which could indicate the presence of a possible abscess.

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BCHS names third quarter honor, merit students

Bethlehem Central High School recently announced students who are on the honor and merit rolls for the third quarter.

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And Evan Marsh, Christopher McGann, Robert McGrath, Amy McPheeters, Max Mehlman,

Catherine Mendel, Leah Mosall, Jenna Munnely, Meaghan Murphy, Kevin Perazzelli, Jameson Putnam, Laura Rabinow, Nicholas Radko, Kristyn Raffaele, Jesse Rasowsky, Julia Raymon, Bethany Reddy, Catherine Reilly, Seth Reinhardt, Richard Rogers, Thomas Rood, Anna Rubin, Tiah Rubin, Scott Sajdak, Jessica Schoen, David Schwab, Ariel Schwartz, Andrew Shawhan, Shauna Spinosa, Abigail Stambach, Luke Sullivan, Matthew Tymann, Matthew Unright, Brendan Venter, Elizabeth Walker, David Ward, Danielle Wolinsky and Carrie Zurenko.

10th-grade honor roll

Joshua Alfred, Emily Axford, Marie Bell, Jonathan Berk, John Davis, Marianne DiNapoli, Timothy Donahue, Winter Eyres, Danica Feustel, Kaitlin Foley, Lindsay Franklin, Zachary Frone, Emma Furman, Evan Gall, Richard Grant, Bridget Griffin, Benjamin Hager, Kathleen Hart, Julia Hoffman, Peter Hoffman, Stephanie Holmes, Chelsea Isdell, David Kadish, Nicole Keith, Megan Kindlon, Lauren

Kohl, Peter Laird, Amanda LeRoy, Zachary Levine, Hannah Lewis, Tony Lombardo, Meredith Magin, Jennifer Marro, Kathleen McCarthy, Dennis Miaw, Joshua Modney, Jordan Murray and Daniel Otero.

And Kathleen Parafinczuk, Matthew Pasquini, Kaitlyn Peterson, Roxanne Piegare, Lillian Pittman, Colleen Plummer, Thomas Potter, Katelyn Primomo, Keelin Purcell, Kelly Rider, Maytal Saltiel, Brenda Schmidt, Adam Shpeen, Evan Siegel, Julie Silverman, Allegra Smith, Erin Stenson, Daniel Stevens, Benjamin Suarato, Abby Svenson, Matthew Swiatowicz, Larysa Switlyk, Matthew Taber, Michael Thomas, Jessica Volpi, Katherine Wagoner, Lauren Wakeman, Leonard White, Andrew Whiting and Jessica Willen.

11th-grade honor roll

Christopher Abbott, Kathryn Adams, Madeleine Andersen, Ellen Bandel, Harold Barnard, Jeffrey Barner, Rachel Bellizzi, Peter Bird, Laura Blumental, Nichole Bronson, Mark Bulger, Elaine Carberry, Allison Carloni, Brandon Cary, Jonathan Clair, Quinn Coffey, Nicole Comi, Peter Cooley, Rebecca Corson, Lindsey Crusan, Kelley Curran, Miranda Davis, Leslie DiPaolo, Megan Dole, Katherine Donovan, Andrew Eckel, Jason Fudin, Lauren Gordon-Fahn, Deborah Gordon-Messer, Katherine Gould and Andrew Grund.

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Lauren Schucker, Meredith Singer, Jennifer Sokoler, Paul Stewart, Margaret Sullivan, Andrew Swiatowicz, Kelly Vadney, Kathryn Venezia, Sara Virgil, Kristen Wagner, Michael Walker, Eric Wilcox, Emily Wistar, Benjamin Wolinsky, Wunan Zhou and David Zurenko.

12th-grade honor roll

Chelsea Adewunmi, Blaire Banagan, Allissa Bango, Edward Barnard, Anne Barrett, Amy Bennett, Rebecca Berlow, Robin Betzhold, Rebecca Botta, Erica Brunner, Julianne Bub, Rodrigo Cerda, Andrea Chorbajian, Sondra Conti, Caitlin Crowley, Beth Danziger, Mathieu Digeser, Kevin Duffy, David Elefante, Laura Farley, Lindsay Finlayson, Megan Fish, Callen Fishman, James Foster, Shirong Gao, Julia Garfinkel, Heather Gilmore, Steven Guglielmo, Kenneth Hackman, Stephen Hallock, Kerry Hicks, Samuel Holzman, Amy Houghton, Mason Jones, Gregory Jukins, Vedrana Kalas, Jared Kalman, Katharina Kappeli, Christopher Kasarjian and Helena Kopchick.

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Ninth-grade merit roll

Emily Abbott, Daniel Adams, Stephen Allen, Meghan Amiri, Cole Andreson, Frieda Arenos, Monica Ayres, Sara Bailey, Erica Beach, Amanda Blanchard, Richard Bonventre, Cassie Bradley, Melissa Bresin, Timothy Carey, Stephanie Cariati, Colin Cassidy, Ronald Catalano, Justin Collen, Krina Collins, Kathryn Conklin, Amy Cunningham, Michael Dax, Michael Digulio, Daniel Donovan, Ashley Dwyer, Lina Dzekorius, Kevin Eames, Sarah English, Kathleen Fage, Jonathan Felch, Jennifer Foley, Mark Foster, Joshua Frank, Sarah Frueh, Elizabeth Gallacchi, Abigail Goldberg, Aaron Gookin, Victoria Graf, Brian Greenberg, Michael Greenberg, Jennifer Grund, Brian Gyory, Timothy Hannigan, Annie Hennessy, Stephanie Houck, Stephen Ieronimo, Christian Jacobson, Carole Jenks, Emily Karian, Daniel Keefer, Daniel Kelleher, Kathryn Kolakoski, Aaron Kolodny, Jeremy Kondrat, David Kopach, Atalia Krohmal, Johann Kwan, Amy LaGrange and Chad Languish.

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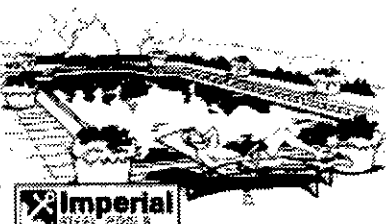
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Library

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last December against the board's proposed \$8.5 million library renovation plan, was critical of Palmer and her board colleagues in his campaign.

"It didn't have quite the outcome I was looking for, but it's obviously the closest vote any incumbent has encountered in recent memory, at least in my memory," Moore said. "And the budget didn't pass by as large a margin as usual either. I think there's a lesson there if the board chooses to heed it. ... It was so close, maybe the library board will heed our suggestions (for improvements). Was it close enough to affect change, or not? We'll see."

"I didn't know what to expect, but I was just very pleased that Melissa won," Pieri said. "She has been an intelligent and hard-working board member and I'm glad she's still around."

But she declined to say whether the narrow margin delivered any message.

"I don't know what (voters) thinking and motivation might have been," she said. "There was really no opportunity in the vote to express an opinion about the library's direction. ... I think the

support is there for the library. Certainly the budget vote wasn't in question."

Board president Susan Birkhead said the election "may be reflective of an increased level of awareness of what the library is about, what it provides, and where it ought to go in the future."

While the budget approval reflects underlying support of the library itself, she said, the narrow trustee balloting "is a continuation of the statement that was made in December (by the voters), that the community did not want the library proposal as it was presented."

"It's good we're at the point where we can regroup and look to the future," Pieri said.

To that end, the board at its March and April meetings began discussions of a community-wide survey to ascertain the public's views on the library's future physical plant needs, Birkhead said. The format of that survey is in the preliminary discussion stage.

"We're in discussion with a local citizen who has offered to assist in the development of the survey, a citizen with professional expertise in designing surveys," she said, declining to name them.

In Voorheesville, Margaret Adkins, an active member of the Friends of the Voorheesville Public Library, won a five-year term for the seat being vacated by current board president Nancy Mosher, who declined to seek re-election.

"Margaret's been chairman of the hospitality committee of the Friends group, and very active with the library. We're very glad she's been chosen for the board," Vink said.

Adkins defeated fellow first-time candidate Janet Breeze, 400-271.

Three seats on the RCS Community Library board were up for grabs, including a two-year vacancy and five-year terms for seats currently held by board president Kathleen Kelleher-Assael and secretary Marc Hafensteiner, who completed the final two years of a previous unexpired term. Both sought re-election.

Kelleher-Assael topped the balloting with 703 votes to retain a five-year seat. But newcomer Patricia Visconti bested Hafensteiner, 688-645, to secure the second full term; Hafensteiner will complete the term of current board vice president Kevin Williams, who is resigning.

All three boards will announce their slates of officers for the coming year at their respective June meetings, and the new boards will take office effective in July.

Overhaul

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\$37,500 and up to \$100,000 toward a fund to acquire any property or easement necessary to carry out Earth Tech's improvements — but Earth Tech will bear the brunt of those acquisitions, 62.5 percent of its cost.

Moreover, "Fraser Defendants shall have no role or responsibilities with respect to any of the activities or work relating to the project" and "no liability to Earth Tech or the Town" except for its agreed-upon payments — in effect, leaving the burden of meeting the production targets solely on Earth Tech's shoulders.

The two defendant companies continue in arbitration over certain counter-claims between them, but all parties agreed to file necessary documents in court suspending current litigation.

Should the system fail to meet production targets again or necessary permits not be granted, the town would be free to resume legal action.

There had been more than a year of legal depositions and other preliminary actions in the case, and trial was pending, before the agreement was struck.

In accordance with the non-disparagement agreement, Supervisor Sheila Fuller declined to comment on specifics, but said she was pleased with the settlement.

"There is not one penny

coming from the town on this," she said. "It still remains to be seen if Earth Tech can produce the water promised to this town in its original contract. But I think we've built in security for this town in the 13-and-a-half-year guarantee. But if they can't do it, we're able to go right back to litigation."

A special meeting was called by Fuller last Monday, May 14, to consider the draft agreement, but action was postponed, pending its signing by the defendants.

The board unanimously approved the agreement Thursday.

"This was a nontypical settlement agreement," said Alessi, who is now counsel to the town board.

"It was very complex, and it was the result of hard negotiations on both sides. The fact that it's 54 pages long attests to that," he added. "But I'm very pleased with the result for the town."

He will outline the agreement at the town board's regular meeting tonight.

Earth Tech agreed as part of the settlement to begin testing related to its proposed supplemental well system within 30 days of the agreement's signing, and to seek relevant permits for the work as soon as possible.

All parties to the settlement agreed to cooperate in pursuing those permits.

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The tasty art of barbecue

By DONNA J. BELL

Ever since one culinary caveman discovered that roasting meat over an open flame was a good idea, there have been barbecues. The word barbecue, which is an offshoot of the Spanish barbacoa (a wood frame used as a drying rack or cooking grill), came into vogue among the earliest settlers of the South.

Commonly referred to as a grill, a barbecue is generally a brazier fitted with a grill and sometimes a spit. The brazier can range anywhere from a simple firebowl, which uses hot coals as heat, to an elaborate electric barbecue.

To barbecue, you cook the meat, poultry or fish (or basically anything edible) on a grill or in a pit or on a spit — using hot coals, hardwood, gas or electricity as a heat source. The food is basted,

usually with a highly seasoned sauce, to keep it moist.

South Carolina and Texas boast two of the most famous American regional barbecue styles.

One of the first question novice barbecuers have is "How hot should the temperature be?" Of course, trial and error and experience are the best teachers, but the International Barbecue Association (IBA) offers a simple method for determining the approximate temperature of the cooking surface.

The IBA recommends that you carefully set your hand down close, but not on, the grill. The length of time you can maintain an open hand will give you a rough idea of grill's temperature.

- One second or less is a very hot fire — 600 degrees or higher

- Two seconds is a hot fire — 500 to 650 degrees

- Three seconds is a medium-

hot fire — 450 to 550 degrees

- Four seconds is a medium fire — 400 to 500 degrees

- Five seconds is a low-medium fire — 300 to 400 degrees

- Six seconds or more is a very low fire — 300 degrees or less.

Once the temperature is determined, it can then be adjusted. It is always possible to add additional charcoal or turn up the gas when the fire is not hot enough. On charcoal grills, there is normally an adjustable cooking grid that can be lowered closer to the heat.

If things are too hot, raise the meat on charcoal. You can also close the air intake holes and slow down the fire.

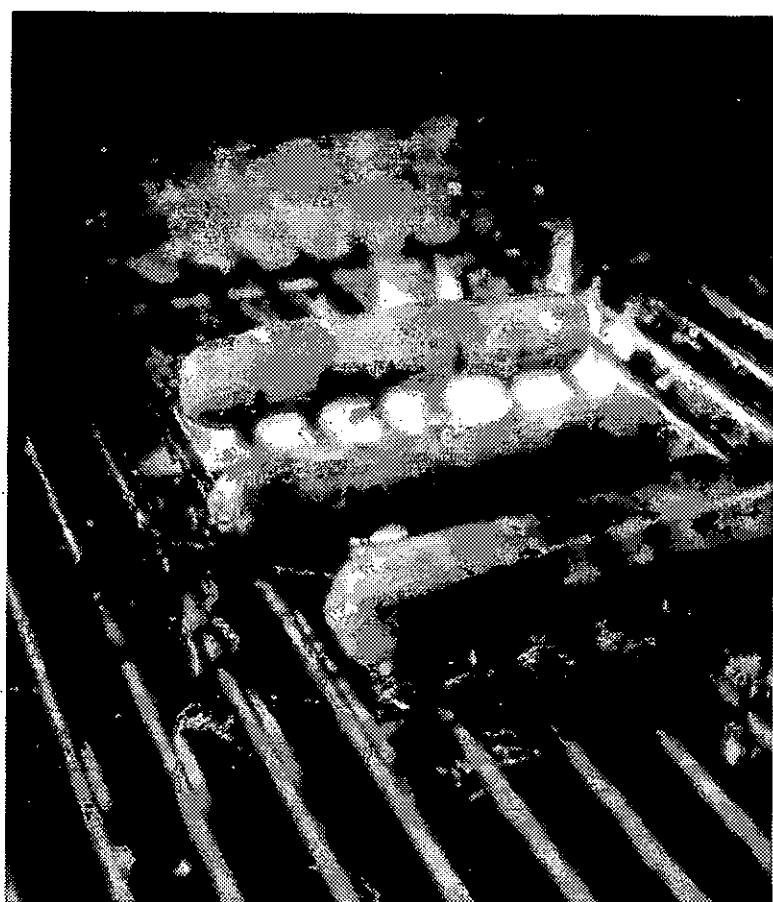
Do not close the ones on top unless you desire to kill the fire entirely.

On gas grills, first turn down the amount of gas being applied to the fire. If this is not enough, then you can open the door about an inch and place a piece of metal to hold it open. Adjust the opening size accordingly.

The next big topic that most beginners ask about is "How do you season the meat and stop it from drying out?" There are literally thousands of rubs, mixes and marinades that you can make with common ingredients found in your spice rack and refrigerator.

If you are just starting out, you may want to start with a premixed rub and marinades. Some oil- and vinegar-based salad dressings work well, as does meat marinade. These are available in the local grocery store or butcher shop.

However, the IBA warns not to spread barbecue sauce on your



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meat while it is cooking. Store-bought barbecue sauce is made with sugar and tomatoes, and experts say that both of these items burn at very low tem-

peratures. Use them only when the fire has been either turned off or the charcoal is almost out. Allow the temperature to drop significantly before adding

barbecue sauce to the meat. The temperature should only be hot enough to dry the liquid out of the sauce, not cook or burn it.

If these few tidbits have you drooling for some slow-roasted ribs falling off the bone and dripping with unpolitically correct fat, you can get information on the tasty art of the barbecue. Visit your local library, bookstore, or culinary Internet site for recipes to get your started.

Here are a few of the most popular barbecue books selling today, according to Amazon.com

— *The Kansas City Barbecue Society Cookbook: Barbecue...It's Not Just for Breakfast Anymore* (\$22.95) *The Everything Barbecue Book* by Jennifer Jenkins and Dale Irvin (\$12.95) *Memphis Barbecue, Bar-B-Que, Bar-B-Q, B-B-Q* by Carolyn S. Wells (\$11.95)

Summer backyard barbecue tools for the trade

Don't be caught at the grill trying to fix a meal for the family with just a fork. Before you head to the barbecue, load up on these popular tools.

Brushes for basting

Keep several 2.5-inch-wide brushes, which are easy to find at hardware stores, near the grill for painting sauces onto foods while they cook.

Gloves

The longer and more heavy-duty, the better. Gloves allow you to move food around on the grill without worrying about burning yourself.

Marinating bowls

Shallow glass or other nonreactive bowls are the best.

Skewers

These are great in bamboo or metal, whichever you prefer, for kebab making.

Spatula

Have a metal one on hand that's long-handled and sturdy,

yet flexible enough to slip under delicate foods such as fish and vegetables.

Spring-loaded tongs.

You use them for placing food on the grill, moving it, and checking for doneness.

Wire brush

You can clean a cool grill with wadded up aluminum foil or steel wool, but a sturdy wire brush gives that little something extra: your hands don't get dirty, and you can clean the grill while it's still hot, which is easier. These brushes are available at hardware stores.

Wire grids and baskets

Grids keep small vegetables and fish from falling into the fire. If you're working with especially delicate foods, such as whole fish or fillets, use a hinged basket with a handle, which fully encloses the food so it can be flipped without breaking apart.

Schuyler Ridge offers seminars

People who are considering a job in long-term care or thinking about making a move in their health care career are invited to a free dinner seminar at Schuyler Ridge Residential Health Care in Clifton Park Thursday, May 31.

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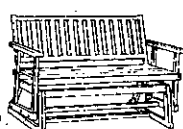
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Catskill Jazz Festival scheduled for early August

All that jazz will resound for free through Catskill on the first weekend in August.

Catskill Jazz Festival president Joel Levy and chairman Robert Smallwood have teamed up with the Greene County Council on the Arts, the Greene County Tourism Office and the Heart of Catskill Association to present an impressive international jazz festival from Aug. 2 to 5.

The festival will begin Thursday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. with The Latin Jazz All Stars. Friday features a jazz/fusion concert dubbed "Intensity".

On Saturday, concert attendees will experience a two-part performance series entitled "Jazz Masters — Old and New" at 4 and 7 p.m.

The festival will conclude Sunday, Aug. 5, with classes, workshops and a jam session presented by the Jazz Masters.

Two riverfront sites will be

venues for the festival. Dutchmen's Landing will be the site of Thursday night's presentation of "Caribbean Celebration," a Latin jazz extravaganza. The Heart of Catskill Association will host this concert as part of its popular "Concerts In The Park" series.

The recently renovated, refurbished and landscaped Catskill Point Project, on the banks of the Hudson River and the Catskill, will be the site of the following three days of jazz. Both sites are within view of Olana, the exotic 19th-century mansion of artist Frederic Church.

The County Tourism Office, the Council on the Arts and various community groups have planned many activities and presentations throughout the weekend to supplement the jazz festivities.

All concerts, activities and events will be open to the general public, free of charge.

"We want the world to experience the greatest music and musicians around," Levy said. "Plus, it's an opportune time to check out the recently completed Catskill Point Park Project. While we plan to schedule one or two gratis events in the future, we've decided to really get things rolling for the first year and start this with a bang!"

In November, festival organizers retained jazz flutist Ali Ryerson as music director for the festival. Ryerson, who records for the famous jazz label Concord, has been described as "easily the most important jazz flutist to have emerged thus far this decade."

Ryerson recently appeared and was heard nationwide on National Public Radio in concert at Kennedy Center. Her jazz festival experience includes the Monterey Jazz Festival, the JVC in New York, Guinness Festival in Ireland, Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and the Williamsburg Festival, where she became

acquainted with Levy.

On that occasion, she was both a featured jazz soloist, as well as a classical flutist, performing alongside the New York Philharmonic's principal flutist, Julius Baker, under the baton of Anthony Newman.

Festival organizers believe that the Catskill Region, its unique cultural history and its evolving, and thriving, artistic community can be a significant element in making such a national and international musical event a runaway success. It is hoped this will become an annual event, with the Catskill Point serving as its permanent home.

Renowned as the "original gateway" to the Northern Catskills, Catskill is easily accessible from Thruway Exits 20 and 21.

The festival schedule is as follows:

• Thursday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Dutchmen's Landing: "Caribbean Celebration" with The Latin Jazz All Stars featuring Brian Lynch on trumpet and vocalist Xiomara Laugart.

• Friday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. at Catskill Point: "Intensity" (jazz/fusion) with the Sheila Cooper Quartet (vocals and alto saxophone); the Will Terrill Quartet (featured drummer); Joe Beck (guitar); Woodstock veteran

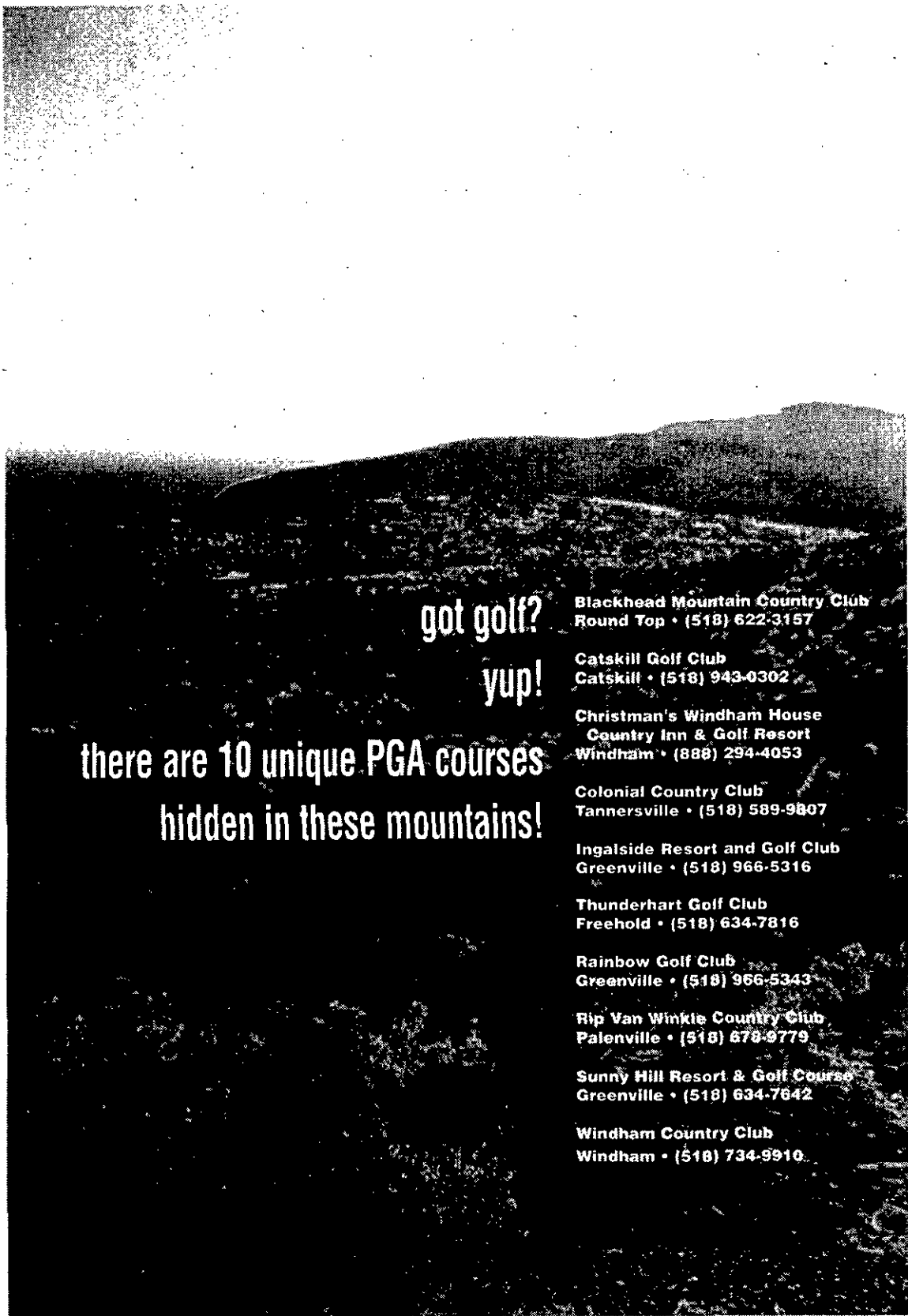
Trevor Lawrence (saxophone); Bob Albanese (piano); Ratzo Harris (bass); Betty MacDonald (vocals); Toru Dodo (piano); Eric Udel (fender bass); and Ari Hoenig (drums).

• Saturday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10:30 at Catskill Point: "Jazz Masters Old and New" with Brazilian star Eliane Elias (piano and vocals); Ali Ryerson (flute); Lou "Blue Lou" Marini (saxophone); Mike Mainieri (vibes); Andy Middleton (saxophone); Ratzo Harris (bass); Bob Albanese (piano); Toru Dodo (piano); Joe Beck (guitar); Will Terrill (drums); Trevor Lawrence (saxophone); Ari Hoenig (drums). There will also be special intermission concerts by selected sidemen from festival groups.

• Sunday, Aug. 5, beginning at 1 p.m.: Free master classes at the Catskill Point for a limited pre-enrolled group of musicians.

Organizers have established these master classes, with the ultimate aim of creating a foothold for a jazz institute in Catskill, coinciding with growth of the Festival over the years.

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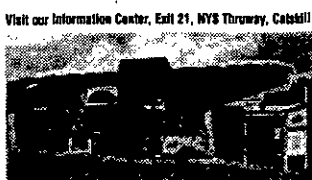
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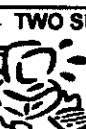
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For fun in the sun, take basic health precautions

By JENNIFER ARSENAULT

Summer can bring some health hazards along with its higher temperatures. But with proper precaution, you can have fun in the sun all summer long.

To avoid sunburn, which can later lead to skin cancer, Dr. Michael Reilly, an emergency physician at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady, recommends using precautions like sunscreen and wearing light-colored clothing and hats. For younger children, he suggests using a stroller with a canopy top.

The American Academy of Dermatology's guidelines for sun

safety include: staying out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest; staying in the shade whenever possible; avoiding reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays; using a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays; and reapplying sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, especially if you're swimming or sweating.

Sunscreen should initially be applied to dry skin 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors, with attention paid to the face, ears, hands and arms, and skin that is not covered by clothing.

Staying hydrated in the hot

summer sun can avoid some potential health risks. Dehydration can lead to heat exhaustion, which is characterized by fatigue and weakness, nausea and vomiting, headaches, dizziness, muscle cramps, increased heart rate and irritability.

Untreated heat exhaustion can turn into heat stroke, which is an extremely severe hyperthermic condition when the body's regulatory mechanisms fail and body temperature can rise to a life-threatening level.

Heart rate and blood pressure can drop, convulsions can occur, and death can result, Reilly said. "I have not seen one case in 14 years," he added, "but it does

happen periodically.

To avoid both of these conditions, Reilly recommends drinking lots of fluids, limiting time spent outside, moving to somewhere that's air-conditioned, or jumping in a pool.

If those fail, the next stop is the emergency room.

When hiking or camping, Reilly advises taking preventive measures like insect repellent or long sleeves and pants to avoid tick-borne diseases.

Lyme disease may cause symptoms affecting the skin, nervous system, heart and/or joints of an individual.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is characterized by a sudden onset of moderate to high fever (which can last for two or three weeks), severe headache, fatigue, deep muscle pain, chills and rash.

Another tick-related virus that has shown up downstate is ehrlichiosis, a bacterial infection spread by deer tick, the dog tick

and the lone star tick. According to the state Department of Health, infection usually produces mild to moderately severe illness, with high fever and headache, but may occasionally be life-threatening or even fatal.

Avoiding or protecting yourself from mosquitoes during the summer is also a good idea.

"We do know West Nile virus is out there, and it does tend to affect the very young, old or immunologically compromised populations," Reilly said.

According to DOH, 14 New Yorkers (all from New York City) were hospitalized last year after being infected by West Nile virus; with one death.

One in 150 people who are infected will become seriously ill; others will have mild "flu-like" symptoms or none at all. There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus infection. If the disease progresses into encephalitis, hospitalization and supportive treatment are necessary.

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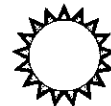
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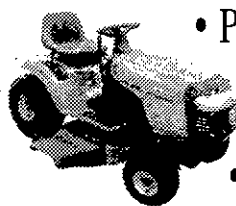
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As watercraft use grows, so do state regulations

By DONNA J. BELL

You can call it a jet ski or a Sea-doo but either of these water vehicles fall under the generic category of personal watercraft (PWC). Over the past five years there has been an explosion in the interest in PWCs, and, of course, the more vehicles

owned and operated means more accidents and potential problems.

The state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation estimates that there are now more than 32,000 registered PWCs with about 100,000 operators in New York.

As with any motorized vehicle, common sense should prevail.

Operators should be old enough to control the equipment and sober enough to understand the consequences of their actions.

Because the Coast Guard considers a personal watercraft a boat, when you hop on board you are the captain and therefore legally in command of a powerboat. That means you are

bound by the boating rules of the road as well as the laws and traditions of safe boating.

Federal regulations require all personal watercraft to be registered and have an identification number. When your registration application is approved, you'll receive your certificate of number, title and validation sticker. Follow state and federal guidelines for displaying validation and registration numbers.

It's your responsibility to know and follow local laws and ordinances regarding use of your watercraft. Common restrictions that vary by state or municipality include age of the operator, no wake zones, assigned operating areas and speed limits.

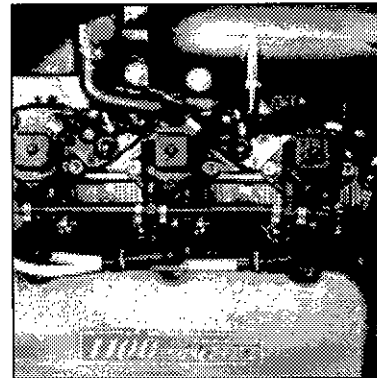
If you're unsure of local laws,

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In 1998, new state legislation mandated safety program for operators of PWC who wish to ride on New York waters. The legislation requires all PWC operators to complete a certified safety course similar to courses now required for teen-agers who want to operate a boat or snowmobile in New York.

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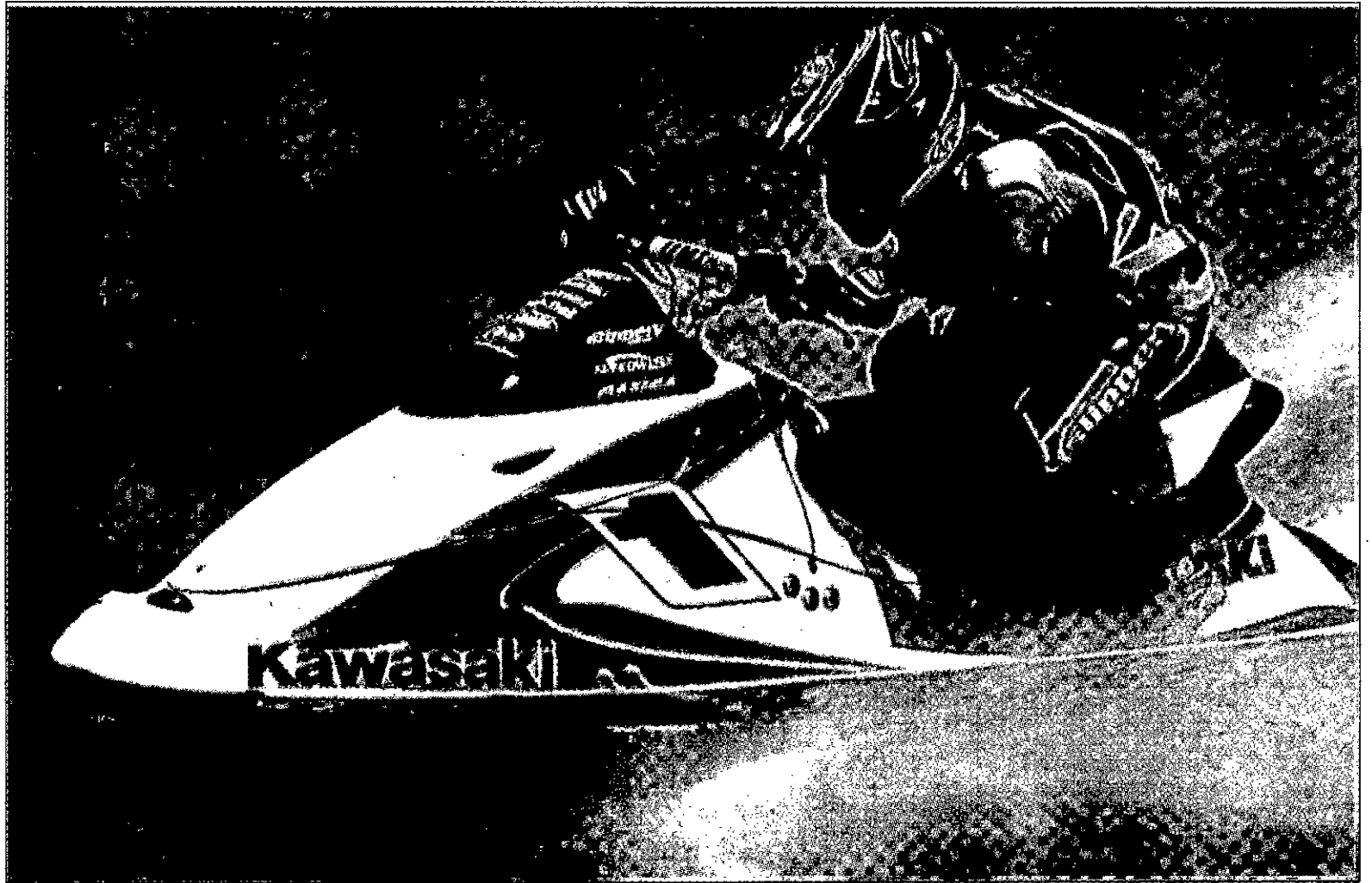
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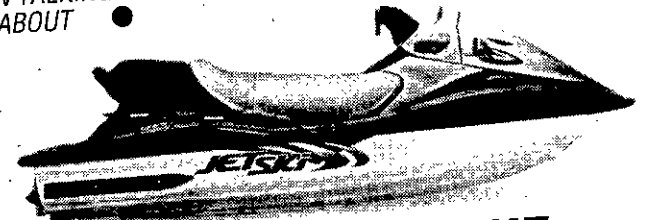
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How to choose the right camp

Parents need information to sort through listings

By TRISH DAVIS

Last year your neighbor's son had a wonderful time at summer camp, but your nephew was miserable. Now it's time to start thinking about camp for your child. With hundreds of camps to choose from, how can you get the information you need to select the right camp for your child?

Before soliciting recommendations on the perfect summer camp, parents should talk to their child and find out what he or she expects from camp. Don't assume you already know. The child who lives and breathes soccer during the school year may welcome the chance to play other sports in a less competitive environment during the summer.

Decide if your child and your budget are ready for sleepaway camp or if day camp would be a better option. There is no "right age" for overnight camp for every child. Most first-time campers are between the ages of 10 and 12.

However, a child who is enthusiastic about camp and has had enjoyed sleepovers or overnight visits to relatives without parents, may be ready for camp at an earlier age.

After listening to your child, develop a list of the activities, educational and social experiences your family would like to see in a camp. Will your child be happier at a camp that reinforces his or her special interests, or have more fun at a traditional camp where campers are encouraged to try a variety of activities?

Although there have always been arts camps and sports camps, the choice of specialty camps has grown over the past decade. There are rugged wilderness camps devoted to backpacking or kayaking, camps for avid child bird watchers, water-skiers, or rock guitar players. French Woods in New York offers a circus skills program. Cape Cod Sea Camps are known for their sailing program.

If a child has an interest, there is almost certain to be a specialty camp to support and develop it. On the other hand, many families prefer low-key, non-competitive

traditional camps where they can try activities they don't do during the rest of the year.

Once you have decided on day or overnight camp, general or specialty program, list the other factors that will affect your choice: length of stay, cost, age and gender of your child, location, facilities and special needs.

Recommendations from friends

Most families know someone who has already sent a child to camp. Personal recommendations are always important, but it is helpful to remember that all children are different. The perfect camp for one child may be a poor choice for another. This is true even if the children are siblings. More expensive camps are not automatically better than cheaper ones, although they usually have less rustic facilities. Listen to the recent experiences of others, but don't limit yourself to camps your friend's children have attended.

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Camp organization referral services

The American Camping Association and the National Camp Association, both professional camp organizations, offer free referral services but will make referrals only to their own member camps.

"The American Camping Association is the only organization that accredits camps," said Deborah Scharacter, director of the public guidance program run by the New York Section. "We visit each camp regularly and have a very personal sense of how each camp operates."

The National Camp Association also guides parents through a maze of camping options.

"We are very focused. We visit

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Here are some useful telephone numbers and Internet addresses to get started on your search for a camp.

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National Camp Association — 212-645-0653, 1-800-966-CAMP or on the Internet at

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CampPage — Information is available at campa.org. (A guide to overnight and wilderness camps in the United States and Canada).

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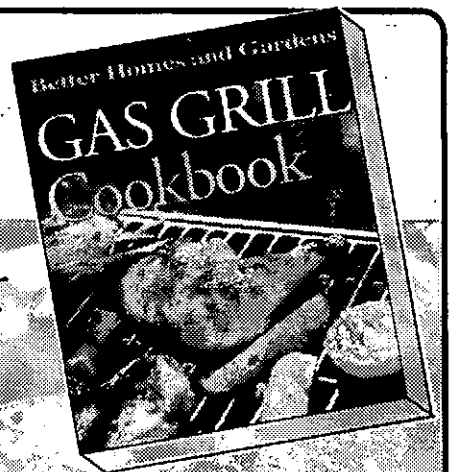
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when you bake it with pastry star cutouts on top of the fruit filling. Sprinkle Wilton's red and blue colored sugars on the stars for added fun.

Patriotic brownie cupcakes

No gathering is set without a moist, rich brownie dessert. This Memorial Day, bake Wilton's double chocolate, cream cheese

Star Kabobs

If you want a simple treat, you've got it with Wilton's clever Star Kabobs! Steer away from ordinary fruit bowls and cheese trays this Memorial Day. Instead, use Wilton's smallest star cutter from the Nesting Star Cutter Set and cut out Cojack cheese, cheddar cheese, kiwi, honeydew

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melon, strawberries and watermelon. After the fruits and cheeses have been put on the skewer, poke Wilton Stars & Stripes Party Picks through the top ingredients for extra decoration.

White Chocolate Mousse Stars

If you don't feel like baking a dessert this year for your

Memorial Day celebration try Wilton's mouth-watering White Chocolate Mousse Stars instead. A delectable mixture of vanilla pudding, whipping cream, white chocolate chips and unflavored gelatin, the mousse is a light treat when topped with fresh strawberries and blueberries. Shape the mixture in Wilton's Mini Star Pan for a festive touch.

White Chocolate Mousse Stars

Makes 12 stars

1 package (3.4-ounces) regular vanilla pudding (Do not substitute instant pudding)
1 1/2 cups milk
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup cool water
1 1/2 cups white chocolate chips
1 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
Fresh raspberries and blueberries

Lightly spray cavities of Wilton's Mini Star Pan with vegetable pan spray. Prepare pudding according to package directions (use only the one and a half cups milk).

In small saucepan, soften gelatin in liquid and heat until clear, set aside. When pudding is thickened, add white chocolate chips and stir until smooth. Add gelatin mixture and stir. Place bowl in another filled with ice and whisk until cool and very thick, but still soft.

Whip cream with confectioners' sugar until thickened. Fold 1 cup whipped cream into chocolate mixture, then fold into remaining cream. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Fill each cavity about 1/2 inch below top. Tap on hard surface. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight. To unmold, loosen sides with small pointed spatula, turn out onto large serving tray. Garnish with berries.

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1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
5-6 tablespoons ice water
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Fruit Filling:

4 Granny Smith apples (about 1 1/2 lbs) peeled, cored and sliced
4 Bartlett pears (about 1 1/2 lbs) peeled, cored and sliced
1 pint fresh blueberries*
1 pint fresh raspberries*
2 cups sugar
cups flour
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F

For pastry, combine flour, sugar and salt in medium mixing bowl. Cut in shortening with pastry blender or steel blade of food processor until mixture is crumbly. Add ice water, one tablespoon at a time, and mix with a fork or food processor until mixture holds together in ball. Roll pastry on lightly floured board to 13 x 12 rectangle, about 1/2-inch thick.

Cut out stars with Wilton's Star Nesting Metal Cutter Set. Cover with clean cloth while making filling. For fruit filling, combine apples, pears, blueberries, raspberries and lemon juice in large bowl. Combine sugar and flour and stir into fruit. Spread fruit mixture evenly into pan. Dot with butter. Combine walnuts and confectioners' sugar. Sprinkle over filling. Top with pastry stars, brush with Wilton's Pure Vanilla Extract and sprinkle with Wilton's Red and Blue Colored Sugars.

Bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until pastry is light golden brown and fruit is bubbly and thickened. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

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Gaps in a student's learning result from loss of content retention in any subject area, which begins within 24 to 48 hours, unless the new information is reinforced or applied immediately. After a month, without reinforcement, about 80 percent of what the student has recently learned is lost.

Ask almost any school age youngster in early spring to describe the upcoming summer months between academic terms, and he or she will probably talk about freedom from school work and responsibility, the fun of summer leisure activities or the carefree nature of time spent "hanging around, taking it easy."

By August, much of the academic achievement of the previous school year is lost.

Learning skills — critical building blocks for children — must be augmented continually.

School children must develop the ability to understand a variety of increasingly difficult materials to progress successfully toward literacy.

To do this, parents must take the responsibility of summer learning.

By following some of these summer learning tips, parents and students may also find summer learning to be fun.

- Speak with your child's counselor over summer to determine academic strengths and weaknesses. This will help you prepare for the school year ahead.

- Stimulate curiosity and love of learning by planning family trips to the zoo, museums, a local newspaper office, the beach and other places packed with learning opportunities.

- Have your child write to distant grandparents, family members or pen pals. This activity will tell you a lot about achievement in language, spelling and reading.

- In some cases, parents need help providing necessary learning opportunities. Consider enrolling your child in a summer enrichment program such as those provided by Sylvan Learning Centers.

In addition, supplemental education services provide an excellent means of curbing the learning gap between children's regular schooling and the summer months.

Local chapters of Sylvan Learning Centers are in Albany, Clifton Park, Saratoga Springs and Schenectady. They can be reached at 1-800-educate.

Patriotic Brownie Cupcakes

Makes 18 cupcakes

For Brownie Cupcakes:

1/3 cup unsalted butter or margarine
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons water
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips, divided
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

For Cream Cheese Filling:

2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 egg

Preheat oven to 325° F. Place Wilton's Patriotic Baking Cups in cavities of a standard muffin pan.

In saucepan, melt butter, sugar and water. Remove from heat. Add 1 cup of chocolate chips and stir until melted. Stir in vanilla. In food processor fitted with steel blade, mix eggs. Add chocolate mixture, process until combined. Add flour, baking soda and salt with several on-off turns, process until flour is combined with chocolate. Stir in remaining 1 cup chocolate chips and optional nuts. By hand, gently marble cream cheese filling into chocolate mixture.

Fill each baking cup 1/2 full. Bake 20-25 minutes or until cake tester inserted in middle of cupcake comes out almost clean. Cool completely on rack before decorating.

Ice smooth and decorate with sprinkles, icing decorations, piping gel or stars.

Web site lists youth activities

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 the community's 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.

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Voters

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"There was some confusion that said the tax rate was going up 11 percent, when it only was going up 6.9 percent," DeLuca said.

Part of the confusion, he said, was the fact that the town of Coeymans changed to 100 percent assessment last year, which meant that taxes went up, even though the tax rate didn't.

"There was a lot of misunderstanding where the taxes came from," DeLuca said.

Although voter turnout was close to last year's, DeLuca was disappointed more voters didn't show up.

"We did something we've never done before, and that was to tape a program we'd done to the local business association on the budget, and show it on local television," DeLuca said. "We also held a budget hearing and not one person came."

The school board decided at a special meeting on May 21 to hold another budget vote on June 19. No dollar amount was decided.

The board has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

The board is seeking community input and will decide after that what budget amount will be put up for a vote.

DeLuca said he did not believe the 2.2 percent of the budget slated for the capital project, passed a year and a half ago, affected voters' decisions.

"The building project is 80 percent aidable, so it doesn't make taxes go up," DeLuca said.

Ground was broken on May 1 for the project. A \$329,000 bus proposition passed 568-462, and Jeffrey Stumbaugh and Mona Selover were also elected to the board.

Bethlehem's \$50,326,151 budget passed easily, 2,325-1,281. It represents a tax increase of 3.9 percent. A \$976,416 bus proposition also passed.

Stuart Lyman was re-elected to the board, and Richard Svenson, who lost his board seat in last year's election, was also elected.

Business Superintendent John Maguire said he was "thrilled" with the vote.

With the PSEG Power New York property (the former Niagara Mohawk steam plant) assessment uncertain, the school board presented voters with a no-frills budget this year.

"It's wonderful the way the community rallied behind the budget," Maguire said. "This is a unique and problematic year, with PSEG and the tax base negotiations. We've done our level best with the budget, and communicated openly with the community."

Maguire said both Lyman and Svenson will continue to make a positive contribution to the board.

"Stu brings his veterinary and business background to the board, and Dick brings his health and engineering expertise," Maguire said. "We really appreciate the commitment of the people who serve as board members. Beyond the expertise they bring, it's a huge commitment."

Svenson, who served on the board from 1997 to 2000, is looking forward to returning.

"Although I haven't been involved with the PILOT agreement with PSEG, finalizing the business with this is a priority," Svenson said. "We've just started construction on the bond issue approved in 1999, and it's important to get this done in a timely fashion and within the budget."

Svenson said he also wants to evaluate the middle school's house program, currently finishing its first year.

"We've all heard a lot about the new standards, and particularly with Academic Intervention Services and other unfunded mandates, we should see what we can do in terms of state grants and other funding sources," Svenson said.

With Nigro Cos. hoping to develop property across from Glenmont Elementary School, Svenson said the creation of a capital facilities master plan is important.

"This would be something more long-term," he said.

Svenson, who is an engineer, directs the Department of Health's Center for Environmental Health.

Voorheesville's \$16,191,980 budget passed 504-402. Joseph Pofit was re-elected to a five-year term on the school board, and C. James Coffin will finish out the three years left in the term he was appointed to when Holly Desmond Debes resigned in December.

Kevin Kroencke was defeated in his first bid for a school board seat.

Board president John Cole said he was pleased with the budget vote. "All I can count on each year is that we've done our work as best we can, and we hope that the community supports that," Cole said.

Voorheesville's building project will likely be the board's focus in coming days, Cole said.

"We need a management structure for when the buildings will be reorganized," Cole said, referring to moving sixth-graders to the high school to form a cohesive middle-level program.

"We also need to meet the curriculum demands with the new state standards," he said.

Cole said all three school board candidates would have done a good job on the board, and expressed confidence in Pofit and Coffin.

"Jim and Joe have both served the board well," Cole said.

Five Rivers offers Early Birder walks

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar has scheduled Early Birder guided walks for Thursdays, May 24 and 31.

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Friendship Singers seeks new members to audition

Friendship Singers, a local musical performing group, invites singers to audition for membership.

The group has entertained audiences in the Capital District for 20 years, and specializes in music that is upbeat and inspirational.

Show tunes and other familiar and light-hearted numbers are among its most popular offerings.

Two programs are performed at a number of sites every year, the first in the spring and the

second during the holiday season in December.

Friendship Singers present musical numbers with three- or four-part harmony, and many are choreographed, requiring simple dance steps.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Tuesday mornings and there are both daytime and evening performances.

For information about joining the group or scheduling a concert, call Marie Liddle at 439-2360.

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Sports

BC relay team edges Saratoga at Eddy meet

By ROB JONAS

Last Saturday's William F. Eddy Jr. Track and Field Meet at Union College provided a breakthrough for the Bethlehem boys 3,200-meter relay team.

The quartet of **Adam Rodriguez**, **Geoff Decker**, **Doug DeMarco** and **Dan Kohler** ran a school-record time of 7:57.7 to defeat Saratoga and claim first place at the Capital District's top invitational meet.

"All four kids ran under two minutes, so that was exciting," Bethlehem coach **Dave Banas** said.

Bethlehem's distance relay was looking for a measure of revenge against Saratoga, which has owned the event at the Sectional level for years. The Blue Streaks had edged the Eagles by one-tenth of a second at the Colonie Relays two weeks earlier at Colonie Central High School.

"I knew going in that the 3,200 relay was going to be the race to focus on because some of the other teams were going to focus on other events," Banas said.

Bethlehem and Saratoga kept each other in their sights until the

final 100 meters, when Kohler pulled away in a frantic sprint to give the Eagles a 1.3-second margin of victory.

"We were side-by-side for the last 100 meters, so that was an exciting finish," Banas said.

Bethlehem's win over Saratoga couldn't have come at a better time. With the Section II, Class A meet coming up tomorrow at Shenendehowa and the state qualifiers taking place June 1 in Johnstown, Banas said that the Eagles are now established as a team to beat, along with Saratoga.

"But, there are some other teams that can factor into it," Banas said. "Shaker has a very good distance relay team, and Shenendehowa usually puts something together."

Devin Vanriper also had a big performance for Bethlehem at the Eddy meet. Vanriper leaped out of the shadow of teammate **Rafiq Umar** to win the triple jump with a distance of 43-feet, 6.25-inches.

"He's done well all along," Banas said of Vanriper. "He often gets lost in the shuffle because we have Rafiq. Rafiq usually beats Devin, but he was away this week-

end. So, I was happy for Devin. He's worked very hard."

Overall, the Eagles scored in four events to finish in a tie with Albany Academy for 11th place overall with 23 points. **Evan Siegal** contributed a sixth-place finish in the 400-meter race with a time of 52.12 seconds, and Bethlehem's 800-meter relay team finished fifth with a time of 1:39.61.

"We did pretty well," Banas said. "We took a pretty limited squad, and we did pretty well."

The Eagles hope that their performance at the Eddy meet, combined with a third-place finish at the Suburban Council Championships last Tuesday, will give them an extra boost of confidence heading into tomorrow's Class A meet.

"There are some quality teams out there, so we'll be happy with a top-five finish," Banas said.

Voorheesville resident **Dan Olson** led Albany Academy's effort at the Eddy meet with a victory in the high jump. Olson cleared a meet-record height of 7-feet, 1.5-inches. The previous record of 6-feet, 10-inches was established in 1974.



Bethlehem's Geoff Decker, right, hands off to Dan Kohler during the boys 1,600-meter relay at last Saturday's William F. Eddy Jr. Track and Field Meet at Union College. Decker and Kohler later teamed up with Adam Rodriguez and Doug DeMarco to win the 3,200-meter relay in a school-record time of 7:57.7.

Jim Franco

Voorheesville earns playoff berth

The Voorheesville baseball team assured itself of at least a .500 record in the Colonial Council with a 10-3 victory against Cobleskill-Richmondville last Thursday.

The Blackbirds (8-7 league, 10-8 overall) were led on two fronts by **Kevin Vanderwarker**. He scattered seven hits to pick up the victory on the pitcher's mound, and he had three hits and five RBIs to help his own cause, including a home run.

The victory locked up a Class C playoff berth for Voorheesville. Any team with at least a .500 record in their leagues qualify for the Section II playoffs. The Blackbirds will learn of their seeding today at the Section II meeting in Latham.

Voorheesville moved above the .500 mark in the league last Wednesday with a 10-6 victory against Schalmont.

The Blackbirds scored four runs in the top of the first inning

and tacked on four more over the next four innings to build an 8-0 lead. Schalmont cut the lead to five runs with a rally in the bottom of the fifth, but Voorheesville added two runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Vanderwarker and **Josh Marks** each had two hits and an RBI for the Blackbirds, who pounded three Schalmont pitchers for 14 hits.

Voorheesville traveled to Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Monday.

Jones transfers to Univ. at Albany


Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate **Gary Jones** will play football for the University at Albany after graduating Hudson Valley Community College.

Jones, a 1998 first-team All-Area running back, rushed for 1,564 yards and 22 touchdowns in his senior season at HVCC.

Jones is one of eight Capital District football players who have committed to UAlbany. Others include Albany Academy's Matt Kryzak and Christian Brothers Academy's Tom DePalma.

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Eagles clinch Gold Division title

By ROB JONAS

Avenging losses has become a habit for the Bethlehem baseball team.

The Eagles clinched the Suburban Council Gold Division title last Friday with a 4-3 victory against a Niskayuna team that had beaten them by the same score only a couple of weeks earlier.

"We split with Niskayuna, we split with Columbia and we split with Averill Park," Bethlehem coach **John DeMeo** said. "So, our wins against Blue Division teams were very important."

Like their previous meeting, Niskayuna jumped out early against the Eagles (11-4 league, 13-5 overall). The Silver Warriors scored single runs in the second and third innings off starting pitcher **Mark Bulger** to grab a 2-0 lead.

"We had some opportunities early," DeMeo said. "We just didn't get the hits to plate the runs."

That pattern was broken in the top of the fourth inning. With the bases loaded, Bulger ripped a single to drive in Bethlehem's first run. **Avi Rasowsky** then hit a double to plate two more runs to give the Eagles a 3-2 lead.

Niskayuna got to Bulger again in the bottom of the fifth inning. **Chris Nappi** doubled and later scored on a single to tie the game at 3-3.

The score remained tied until the top of the seventh inning. Bulger hit a one-out double, and **Matt Drislane** drove Bulger in with a two-out single to put Bethlehem ahead by one run. Bulger made the lead stand by shutting out Niskayuna in the bottom of

the seventh to pick up the victory.

"It was a well-played game by both sides," DeMeo said. "It was nice because they had beaten us at our place by the same score the first time, so it was a nice turn-about."

Bethlehem's one-run victory against Niskayuna was preceded by a 6-1 loss to Colonie Central High School last Wednesday.

The Eagles took advantage of some early wildness by Garnet Raiders' pitcher **Scott Chambers**. The normally-effective Chambers walked the first four Bethlehem batters to fall into a 1-0 hole, but he struck out the next three Eagles to get out of the first inning.

"He threw a lot of pitches," DeMeo said. "That's why I thought

that if we could get one more hit, we could get to him."

Bethlehem's lead didn't last long. Colonie scored a run in the bottom of the first inning to tie the game, and **Giovan Scialdone** ripped an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth to put the Garnet Raiders ahead 2-1. Colonie added a run in the bottom of the fifth and three more in the sixth off Rasowsky to pull away.

The loss to Colonie was Bethlehem's lone defeat against a Blue Division opponent — a fact that could help the Eagles when the seedings for the Section II, Class A playoffs are determined today in Latham.

"The second season is going to be important," DeMeo said. "It will be interesting to see where we fall."

Lysenko's goals help NSSC under-14 girls win

Jen Lysenko scored two second-half goals to lead the New Scotland Soccer Club's under-14 girls team to a 2-0 win against previously unbeaten Catskill Sunday.

Lysenko recorded her first goal early in the second half off a combination cross-field pass set up by **Jessica Giglio**, **Rebecca Thorman** and **Sara Dimmitt**.

The second goal was similar to the first, with Lysenko tallying off a feed from Thorman and **Megan Inglis**.

New Scotland's defense did the rest, allowing Catskill eight shots on goal. **Eva Levingrub** made the necessary saves to preserve the team's second shutout in three games.

The under-14 boys team suffered its first loss of the season Sunday with a 3-1 setback against Catskill.

Zachary Fluster got New Scotland on the scoreboard with a first-half goal, assisted by **Matt Kremer**. Catskill scored the next two goals of the first half, though, and added another in the second half to pull away.

Goaltender **Mark Casolo** was tested often by Catskill, especially in the second half. Casolo finished with nine saves for New Scotland.

The loss dropped the under-14 boys team out of a first-place tie with Catskill in the league. New Scotland is 3-1 on the season, while Catskill improved its record to 4-0.

Taking wing



Bethlehem's Pat Heenan looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during last Friday's Suburban Council boys lacrosse game at Colonie Central High School. The Eagles were edged by the Garnet Raiders 6-5 to fall to 2-11 in the league, 3-12 overall.

Jim Franco

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BC advances in tennis tourney

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys tennis machine rolled over another would-be challenger.

The Eagles (17-0) swept all but the third doubles match to down Queensbury 8-1 Monday in the semifinals of the Section II, Class A team tennis tournament.

"I thought we all played well," Bethlehem coach **Steve Smith** said. "It's a new season with Sectionals so they were all fired up, especially the seniors."

Four Eagles kept their singles records perfect with victories against Queensbury. **Matt Treadgold** dropped the first game but won the next 12 to defeat **Brian Wasserman** 6-1, 6-0 at first singles. **Nick Finger** breezed by **Jed Stuart** 6-2, 6-3 at fourth singles. **Peter Cooley** downed **Zach Beadle** 6-0, 6-1 at fifth singles and **Alan Lewis** got past **Max Christopolus** 6-0, 7-5 at sixth singles.

"He's been a joy to watch," Smith said of Treadgold, who will be entering individual Sectionals today as the No. 1 seeded singles player. "For someone who knows tennis, he's been fun to watch."

Jon Clair, who is the No. 2 seed in singles for individual Sectionals, kept pace with Treadgold by sweeping **Mike Zappone** 6-0, 6-0 at second singles. **David Perlmutter** rounded out Bethlehem's singles effort by defeating **Adam Armstrong** 6-0, 6-2.

Bethlehem's first doubles team of **Carter Thomas** and **Chris Saddlemire** won in straight sets, while the second doubles team of **Sandeep Murthy** and **Eric Herd** needed three sets to win their match.

The victory set up a showdown yesterday in Saratoga between Bethlehem and Niskayuna for the Class A team title. Niskayuna defeated Shenendehowa 6-3 in Monday's other semifinal.

Both teams hoped to get yesterday's championship match in, despite the prediction of rain.

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Bethlehem's Chris Saddlemire returns a serve during Monday's Section II, Class A team tennis tournament semifinal match against Queensbury. Saddlemire and Carter Thomas won their match at first doubles 6-1, 6-0 to help the Eagles defeat the Spartans 8-1.

Rob Jonas

"I hope they let us go inside (if it rains) because I don't want to drag this out any more than we have to," Smith said.

Bethlehem breezed into the semifinal round by sweeping Saratoga 9-0 in last Friday's quarterfinal match. Eight of the nine matches were decided in straight sets.

"That was a nice match be-

cause Jon Clair played his first match at No. 1 singles and he won 6-0, 6-0," Smith said.

"I was also able to go deep into my bench and let some of my younger kids play, and they showed that despite a long time off, they were ready to go," he added.

The individual Sectionals continue throughout the week.

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RCS sweeps four games to move up in standings

By ROB JONAS

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk softball team knows it has two of the three elements it needs to win the Section II, Class B title. The third element is a question mark, though.

The Indians entered their final game of the regular season Monday against first-place Mechanicville with an 11-4 record in the Colonial Council (14-6 overall) — good enough to tie Schalmont for second place in the league.

What has made or broken RCS this season is its offense, according to coach **Bruce Stott**.

"It's always come down to how well we perform on the offensive end because we have a pitcher, **Kim Prior**, who has had an all-star caliber year, and our defense plays well behind her," Stott said.

The Indians produced enough runs last week to sweep their four opponents, including a key 2-1 victory against Schalmont last Wednesday.

Stott said the two teams mirror each other. "We both have good pitching and good defense," he said. "It comes down to who blinks first, and we've been fortunate to win two one-run games against them."

RCS grabbed a 1-0 lead on Schalmont in the bottom of the second inning, but the Sabres came back with a run in the top of the third to tie the game. The

score remained tied at 1-1 until the bottom of the seventh, when **Courtney Ross** scored on a passed ball to give the Indians the victory.

Katie Stott and **Nicole Leonard** combined for four of RCS's six hits, while Prior scattered seven hits in a complete-game performance.

The Indians prepared for Schalmont by beating Holy Names 5-2 last Monday and downing Cohoes 8-3 last Tuesday. Stott had key hits in both games, lacking a two-run single against Holy Names and launching a bases-clearing triple in the win over Cohoes. RCS concluded its 4-0 week by defeating Watervliet last Thursday.

The four wins gave RCS momentum heading into Monday's contest against Mechanicville, which has yet to lose a league game. The Red Raiders edged the Indians by one run in extra innings a couple of weeks earlier.

"Mechanicville is a great team. They provide a great challenge for us," Stott said. "I think we're up to the challenge, though."

The Mechanicville contest will be the final tune-up for RCS heading into the Class B playoffs. The Indians were hoping for a good placement when the seedings were announced yesterday.

"To be successful in Sectionals, we have to be able to put up some runs against some tough pitchers," Stott said.

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Obituaries

Gerald Austin

Gerald B. Austin, M.D., 78, of Delmar died Friday, May 11, at his home.

Born in Plattsburgh, he was a graduate of Plattsburgh High School.

He received a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and attended midshipman school at the University of Notre Dame. He received his medical degree from Albany Medical College.

Dr. Austin was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a second lieutenant.

He practiced pediatric general medicine in Delmar for many years. He also was team physician for the Bethlehem Central High School football team for many years. In 1966, he served as a pediatric consultant to the government of Guyana.

Dr. Austin was pediatric consultant to the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center and medical director of the Cerebral Palsy Center. He was a fellow in the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy. He was a clinical associate professor of pediatrics at Albany Medical College, pediatric consultant for Albany County Department of Health and medical director for the Bureau of Medical Standards at the state Department of Health.

He was a former president and member of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany and a member of the Fort Orange Stamp Club. He also served on the board of directors of Tri-Village Little League.

He was the widow of Mary Irish Austin.

Survivors include his wife, M. Ann Austin; three daughters, Nancy Austin of Stephentown, Mary Austin Maley of Moores-town, N.J., and Edie Miskewicz of Delmar; four sons, Keith Austin of East Greenbush, Jerry Austin of Castleton-on-Hudson, and

Donald MacMillan and Stephen MacMillan, both of Delmar; and 22 grandchildren.

Services were from First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Medical College Alumni Fund Endowment of the Poskanzer Library through the alumni office of Albany Medical College.

Donald Allen

Donald R. Allen, 85, of Voorheesville, died Monday, May 14, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Ghent, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

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

Mr. Allen was an assistant registrar for SUNY Albany before he retired.

He was a deacon and elder at United Church of Cohoes.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Allen; two daughters, Donna Bell of San Jose, Calif., and Barbara Allen of Voorheesville; a brother, Leslie Allen of Averill park; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Contributions may be made to the America heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or Community Caregivers, PO Box 599, Altamont 12009.

Alan Alderson

Alan J. Alderson Jr., 50, of Selkirk died Tuesday, May 15.

Born in Hoosick Falls, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Alderson worked for Blue Circle Cement for 31 years.

He was the widow of Carolyn Alderson.

Survivors include his wife, Norvelle Alderson; his mother, Mildred Alderson of Elizabethtown; a sister, Linda Alderson of Amsterdam; two brothers, George McHugh of Coeymans and Harley Alderson Jr. of Ravena; a son, Alan Alderson Jr. of Coxsackie; a daughter, Michele Alderson of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Sones; two stepsons, Ricki Hammond and David Hammond; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

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

Ethel Casey

Ethel Casey, 92, of Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany and formerly of Selkirk, died Saturday, May 12, at the home.

Born in Coeymans, she lived in Keesville before moving to Selkirk.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

She was the widow of Edward Casey.

Survivors include a sister, Alice Powell of Earlton.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Union Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143.

Joseph Albert

Joseph Albert of Loudonville and formerly of Selkirk, died Tuesday, May 15.

Mr. Albert was a truck driver for Millbrook baked goods in Albany for 25 years before he retired.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the USS Tripepe.

He was a member of the Hart Bowling League. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing bocce.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Fahey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Margaret Harrison of North Andover, Mass.; a son, Joseph Albert of Albany; his companion, Joan Winne of Loudonville; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home and Blessed Sacrament Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association Capital District Chapter, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

Margaret Perreault

Margaret C. Perreault, 78, of Delmar died Friday, May 12, at Hospice at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Cohoes, she was a graduate of Cohoes High School and Troy Business School.

Mrs. Perreault was an administrative assistant at Living Resources for the past 13 years.

During World War II, she worked for General Electric in Schenectady and later for Peerless Fiber Co. and Rensselaer Valve in Cohoes.

She was a volunteer at St. Mary's Parish in Waterford and served as president of the Mothers Club.

She was the widow of Edward Perreault.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Tangorre of Delmar; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Waterford.

Contributions may be made to the Wound Care Center or Hospice Unit-6th Floor, c/o Samaritan Hospital, 2215 Burdett Ave., Troy 12180 or Living Resources, 2176 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady 12306.

Pesticide watch sets forum on new law

Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, a local citizen's advocacy group, is sponsoring a public forum entitled "Neighbor Notification, Pesticides and You!" on Wednesday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the community room at Bethlehem Public Library.

Pam Hadad-Hurst, executive director of the New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, will present information on the Neighbor Notification Law, the newly enacted county law that required commercial pesticide applicators to provide 24-hour notice to abutting neighbors prior to spraying pesticides.

Hadad-Hurst will be discussing what your rights are under the law and how you can protect yourself and your family.

For information, call Cay McEneny at 439-5359.

Five Rivers offers stream program

A water program will be offered on Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

The group will learn about insect life at the bottom of Five River's Vlomankill Stream and will be invited to go wading to capture (then release) small water insects for a close-up and personal look at the creatures.

The free program is part two of a three part series titled, "It All Flows Downstream: Tributaries of the Hudson."

Participants should dress for the outdoors and wet feet. For information, call 475-0291.

To Life slates info program

To Life — the Capital District's personal source for breast cancer education and support — will offer a look into the relationship between breast and ovarian cancer at its "Connect the Dots" program on Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. Registration is at 5:30 p.m.

"Medical studies reveal a clear and convincing, hereditary link between breast and ovarian cancer," said To Life founder and President Mara Ginsberg.

"Women who are at increased risk for ovarian cancer are those who have breast cancer, family histories of breast cancer, or women of Ashkenazic Jewish descent," Ginsberg added.

The Connect the Dots program is intended to help women understand the connection between these two diseases and how to unmask the symptoms. They will learn from the area's leading experts about how to conduct a preliminary assessment of their own breast cancer risk, and will receive additional information about ovarian cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment choices.

The program will feature presentations by authorities in the field of oncology and genetics, including Dr. John Malfetano, a gynecological oncologist with Associates in Gynecological Care and Patricia Murphy, a molecular geneticist and president of GeneWISE.

Patients will offer testimonials about cancer treatment options and experiences during their journey to recovery and beyond.

Connect the Dots is a multi-disciplinary program made possible by a supporting grant from the state Department of Health. It is open to the public and free of charge. Light refreshments will be served.

For information and to register, call To Life at 518-439-5975, or e-mail info@ToLife.org.

Program details are also posted on the To Life Web site at www.ToLife.org.

Library schedules story times

Bethlehem Public Library will hold "Spring Stories" for preschoolers age 3 to 6 on May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Register for the session by calling 439-9314. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Delmar Reformed to host blood drive

Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. will host a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, June 6, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Appointments can be made by calling the church office at 439-9929.

Softball game to benefit Ellers fund

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.



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Sandra Ret and Stephen Drobner

Ret, Drobner to wed

Sandra Marie Ret, daughter of Judy Ret of Glenmont, and Stephen Lansing Drobner, son of Randy and Gail Drobner of Selkirk, are engaged to be married.

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

She is a Medicaid service coordinator at Albany County ARC in Slingerlands.

The future groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

He is a landscaper for Hughes Landscaping in Delmar.

The couple plans a June 15 wedding.

Choral director presents farewell concert

Choraliers, Sound System Singers, Bass-On-Up, Concert Singers, Choristers and Pink Ladies will perform in the May choral concert today, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium.

At the spring 2001 New York State School Music Association festival, Choraliers received a gold medal with distinction and Sound System Singers received a gold medal.

Retiring director Joseph Farrell will conduct his farewell concert, ending his 35-and-a-half-year career in the Bethlehem

school district.

The vocal music of Morley, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Bernstein and the Beatles will be heard. Featured senior soloists will be Laura Puzio, Suzanne Cardona and Vedrana Kalas.

Vocal jazz selections will be presented by Sound System Singers and will feature Matt Bittner and Chelsea Adewunmi with Tom McGrath and Jared Kalman in the rhythm section.

Brian Axford, Hannah Lewis and Nancy Hull will accompany the singers. The public is invited to this free concert.

Births

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Leah Mary Weber, to Mimi and Mark Weber of Delmar, May 7.

Dean's List

Moravian College — Katherine McKee of Delmar.

Employment service available at town park

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

The service is located at the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation building at Elm Avenue Park. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. during the school year; and from 9:30 a.m. to noon during the summer.

Students can register at the park office or at the high school or middle school guidance offices. For information, call 439-0503.

Slingerlands lawyer to lead foundation

Barry Gold of Slingerlands was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America.

A partner in the Albany law firm of Thuillez, Ford, Gold & Johnson, Gold practices health law on a statewide basis.

Delmar sailor on USS Kinkaid

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matt Goldberg of Delmar recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the destroyer USS Kinkaid, home ported in San Diego.

Woman joins firm

Marie Bortugno of Slingerlands recently joined the staff of Accent Furniture of Albany.

Bortugno, a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, is responsible for all aspects of marketing and public relations.

She is president of the Slingerlands chapter of Business Network International.



Chris Bick and Marilou Flynn

Flynn, Bick to wed

Marilou Flynn, daughter of Thomas and Sandra Flynn of Delmar, and Chris Bick, son of Daniel and Susan Bick of Niskayuna, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Cortland.

She is a first-grade teacher in the Colonie Central School

District and a graduate student at Sage Graduate School.

The future groom is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and North Adams State College.

He is a senior software engineer for Systems 1 in Saratoga Springs.

The couple plans a Sept. 21 wedding.

Town Youth Court seeks volunteer jurors

Bethlehem Youth Court is looking for youth grades eight to 12 to volunteer for jury duty.

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For information, call Majorie Maniccia at 478-9544 or e-mail BYC261@empireone.net.

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Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By JOHN BRENT

More of a folk gatherin' than a big festival, GottaGetGon will celebrate its 32nd year this weekend, May 25, 26 and 27 at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa.

The regional family folk festival began in 1970, deriving its name from the urge to "get gone" from the city to a more rural area to enjoy an unpretentious acoustic style of music.

Sponsored by a regional group, PSG (Pickin' and Singin' and Gatherin'), organizers are expecting an energetic crowd. "GottaGetGon audiences like to be part of the music," said Howie Eskin, member of PSG and one of the festival organizers. "Performers not only have the opportunity to showcase their music, but can count on enthusiastic participation as well."

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— Howie Eskin

Some of this year's featured performers, established names in the folk music tradition, include the Burns Sisters, Cormac McCarthy, Cosy Sheridan, the NexTradition and the Newton Street Irregulars who will perform with dance caller Gail Griffith. Eskin said that the Burns Sisters are one of the biggest draws for this type of festival. "They are very popular and perform in a folk style mixed with a country twang," he said. "They come with a band of three or four people and have a really big sound and a lot of energy." Featured performances are scheduled throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to the more well-known entertainers and artists, representatives from a new generation of folk music performers, including Paddy Kilrain, Erin Harkes, Katie Haverly, Peter Siegal and the duo Jason and Russell, will pick and sing during a special Friday night concert.

"These performers are less traditional," said Eskin. "They bring in some new ideas in terms of the type of songs and in terms of their technique."

This is a weekend-long family event, and visitors are welcome to come for one day or an evening or stay for the entire four-day, three-night shebang. Those wishing to spend one or more nights are invited to camp at the site. From Friday at 3 p.m. to Monday at 3 p.m., the campgrounds are open and can accommodate tents, pop-ups, cars and RVs. Showers and flush toilets are available. There are no food concessions so bring your own eats. Cooking may be done on propane/gas stoves, or charcoal grills. No campfires or pets, please. The camping is included in the weekend rates but an electric hookup is an additional \$12.

"Of course," Eskin points out, "people have the option to head into Ballston Spa for lunch or dinner and then return to the fairgrounds."

The fun really kicks off on Friday at 7 p.m. with a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to share. Supply your own beverage, plates, napkins and utensils.

The dinner is followed by the New Folks Concert at 8 p.m.

Saturday activities officially begin at 10:30 a.m. with a Sampler Concert with a brief turn by each of the featured performers.

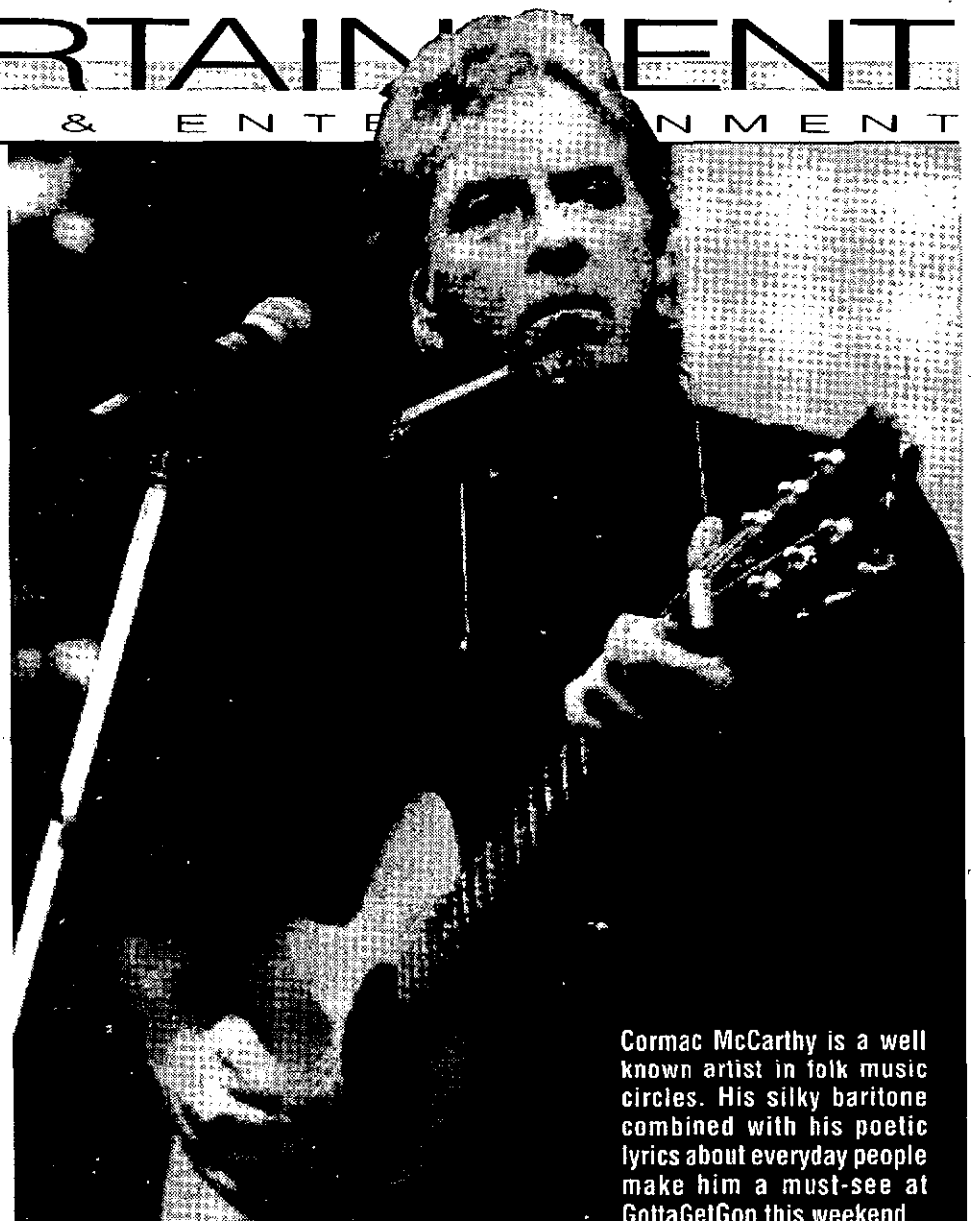
From 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., NexTradition, known as TNT for short, will perform. The a capella group combines British and American traditions with their renditions of sea songs, chanteys, gospel and blues. They also love to perform worksongs of the railroads, mines, factories and fields that reflect a deep appreciation for those who created music as a way to help cope with long hours of physically demanding work.

The two members of TNT, Alison Kelley and Ken Schatz are both "city kids" — she's from New York City and he's from Washington, D.C. — but their music is pure down-home folk.

"They sing with wonderful harmonies," Eskin said. "Their voices blend in interesting ways — more like a plaid than a smooth weave."

Two workshops will be held from 2 to 2:45 p.m. on Saturday. Cormac McCarthy and Walter Strauss (of Burns' Band) will conduct a Guitar Workshop while the Burns Sisters and NexTradition will work with people interested in Harmony Singing.

Eskin said that on both Saturday and Sunday two workshops are scheduled



Cormac McCarthy is a well known artist in folk music circles. His silky baritone combined with his poetic lyrics about everyday people make him a must-see at GottaGetGon this weekend.

GottaGetGon provides weekend getaway for folk fans



Songwriter/performer Cosy Sheridan will be on hand for the festivities at GottaGetGon this weekend. Her wit and enthusiasm have made her a crowd pleaser whenever she performs.



People attending the GottaGetGon this weekend will have ample opportunity to get together with others to participate in jam sessions or to just sit back and listen as impromptu groups perform.

together and that "people can choose between the two or go back and forth." Such is the informal nature of the event.

Cosy Sheridan takes the stage at 3 p.m. "A wonderfully lively, very funny and enormously amiable entertainer, with a keen and wicked eye for the excesses of our fast-food, TV-happy and noisome culture," said a *Boston Globe* review of the popular entertainer.

Following Sheridan's performance, a workshop on Song Writing will be offered by Sheridan, McCarthy and the Burns Sisters at 4 p.m.

A workshop on Goose Bump Images will be conducted by NexTradition, also at 4 p.m.

At 8 p.m., a Family Country Dance will take place as moms and dads, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, new friends and old friends dance to the music of the Newton Street Irregulars Dance Band with caller Gail Griffith.

The workshops resume on Sunday at 11 a.m. with a session on Sacred Songs hosted by the Burns Sisters.

Sheridan will conduct another workshop at that time with those who have a song they are working on.

Cormac McCarthy will perform at 1 p.m. on Sunday. His voice is described as a "silky baritone with just enough grit." McCarthy writes and sings about the common people — their hopes, struggles, relationships, madness and love. Sometimes funny, sometimes desperate, his poetic lyrics come from a man who has turned an insightful

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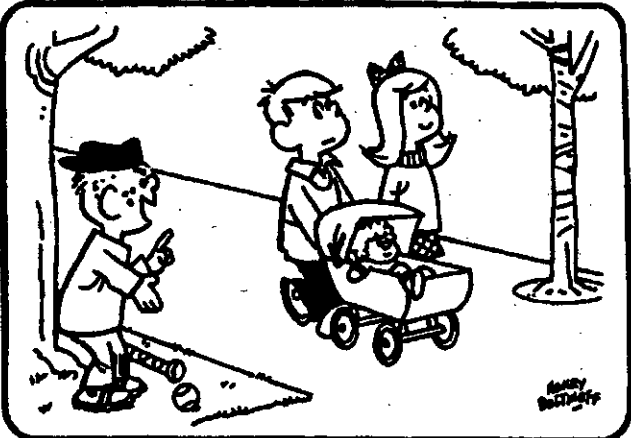
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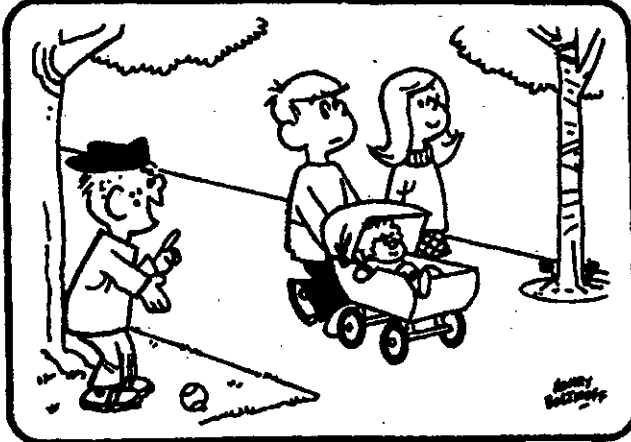
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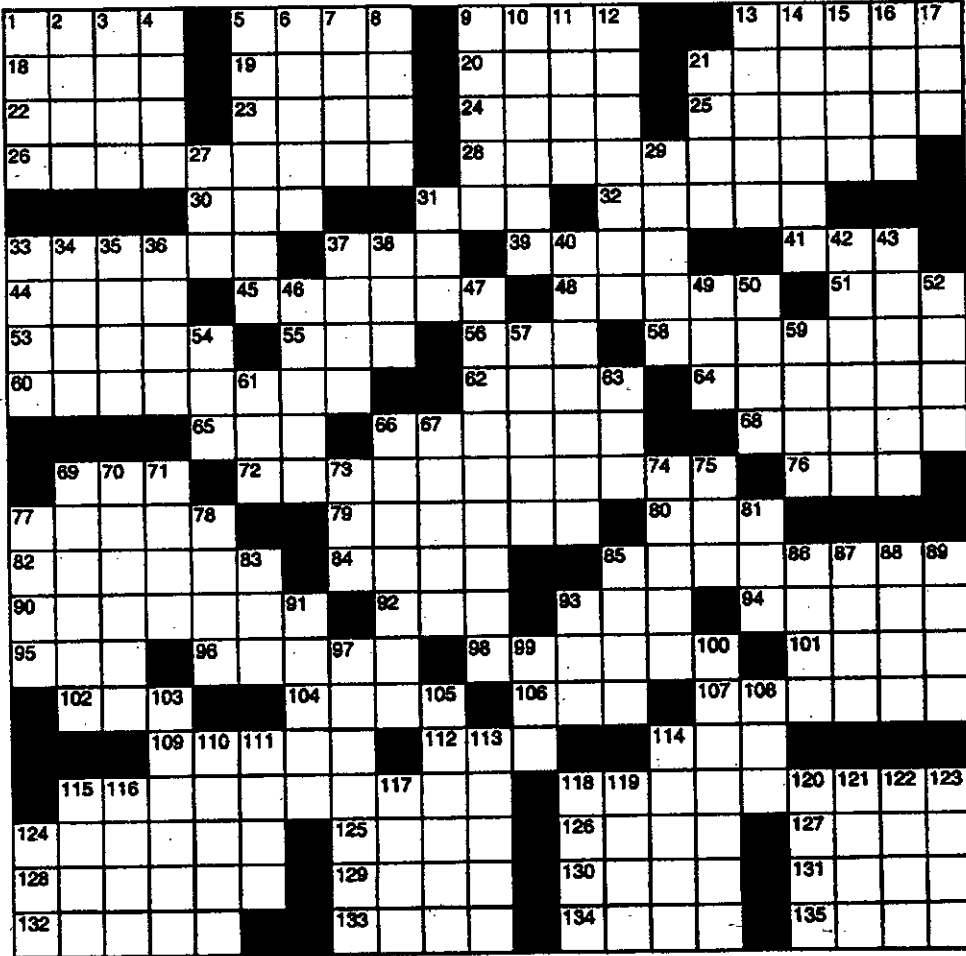
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ANTIQUES DISCUSSION

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BINGO

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NEW SCOTLAND
EYE CARE SEMINAR

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Wyman Osterhout Community Center,

New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 5/24
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.

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND
EVENTS AT V'VILLE LIBRARY

Thursday Night Poets; Opera Lovers lecture; both 7 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road. Information, 765-2791.

Fri. 5/25
BETHLEHEM
"SPRING STORIES"

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

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
PIONEER CLUBS

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 5/26
BETHLEHEM
WILDFLOWER WALK

Discussion of basic plant identification, natural history of regional early bloomers, by center naturalists; dress for outdoors, bring field identification guides. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2:00 p.m. Free. Information, 475-0291.

AA MEETING

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

Sun. 5/27
BETHLEHEM
FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Indoor flea market; Bethlehem Elks Lodge, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; kitchen open at 8 a.m. Information, 767-2836.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 5 Elm Ave., Delmar, 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-9929.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont, 426-9955.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Avenue, 767-9953.

St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 439-3265;
St. Thomas The Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951;
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND
HOME-STYLE BREAKFAST

Adults \$5, children \$3, under 5 free. Onesequethaw Volunteer Fire Co., Clarksville Firehouse, County Route 301, 7 a.m.-noon.

THE DRAGON'S EGG

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-6976.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Mon. 5/28
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.

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.

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 5/29
BETHLEHEM
TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME

Fly 92 vs. Bethlehem Central Middle School teachers; proceeds to benefit Russell Eilers Scholarship Fund. \$3 admission, refreshments. Softball field, Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)

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

BINGO

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

DELMAR ROTARY

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

NEW SCOTLAND
NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m.

Wed. 5/30
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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

BC MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT

Band recruitment for incoming fifth graders; staff available to answer questions. Auditorium, Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Ave.,

Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND
FAITH TEMPLE

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

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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 partnership: 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 Partnership hereby designates the Secretary 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 secretary be mailed to: Great Eastern Limited Partnership, c/o Great

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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 Massachusetts, 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,

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LLC
Its General Partner
By: S/Alfred W. Boylan
Managing Member
(May 23, 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. Properties, LLC.
SECOND: The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County in the State of New York.
THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Attn: Khalan S. Hennessey, 4 Providence Ct., Cohoes, New York 12047.
FOURTH: The Articles of Organi-

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zation are to be effective upon filing.
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. Hennessey
4 Providence Court
Cohoes, New York 12047
(May 23, 2001)

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1. The name of the limited liability company is SUNBELT BUSINESS BROKERS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on April 16, 2001 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: SUNBELT BUSINESS BROKERS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT, LLC, 44 Elliot Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061.

5. The purposes of the limited liability company are to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.

Dated: May 7, 2001
(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the limited liability company is ALEXANDRIA ASSOCIATES, LLC.

2. The Certificate of Conversion creating the limited liability company was filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on May 2, 2001 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is ALEXANDRIA ASSOCIATES, LLC, c/o Lisa Friedlander, 670 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.

5. The purposes of the limited liability company are to engage in the real estate business, and in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.

6. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: June 30, 2005.

Dated: May 7, 2001
(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization for SPORT FLOOR, LLC, were filed with the New York Secretary of State on April 19, 2001. LLC's office is located in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent for the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against LLC to c/o The BIG Arena, 900 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. LLC shall terminate on December 31, 2050. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Submission of an Asbestos Inspection Report and Management Plan

The Bethlehem Central School District has submitted on May 9, 1999 to the New York State Education Department, the school district management plan. In accordance with the EPA "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763), "the asbestos management plans for the school district buildings are available and kept on file at the Bethlehem Central Maintenance Facility, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054.

These records, including all recent changes, are available for review Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Lawrence Gill, Health and Safety Coordinator at 518-439-2123.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/16/01. LLC organized in Maryland (MD) on 2/12/1997. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543, 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.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DATABASAUROS, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/25/01. 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: 100 Congress Ave., Suite 455, Austin, TX 78701. CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011 is the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Mirant Services, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/4/2001. LLC organized in Delaware (DE) on 7/29/1981. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the principal office address of LLC: 1155 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA 30338. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 23, 2001)

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 Pennsylvania (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 Corporation Bureau, 308 N. Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: provide title insurance and other real estate settlement services.

(May 23, 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 location: 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 gas.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Name: Emergency Medicine Physicians of Albany County, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/13/01. Office location: 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 be served. Purpose: practice the profession of medicine.

(May 23, 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 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

An Application for Authority for LHTG, LLC, a Delaware LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Secretary 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 office 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 purposes.

Filer: Conway Lavelle & Finn, LLP

Address: 450 New Karner Road
Albany, New York 12205
(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Centex Home Equity Company, LLC a foreign limited liability company (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 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.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of Merits Medical Imaging Services, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/18/01. LLC organized 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. Purpose: servicing of medical equipment for imaging centers and hospitals.

(May 23, 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 organized in Indiana (IN) on 2/28/01. 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: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Office address of LLC in IN: 1300 South Clinton

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St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Copy of Arts. of Org. on file with IN Secy. of State, Corp. Div., 302 West Washington St., Rm. E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of City Lites Signs Distribution LLC a limited liability company (LLC). Formation 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 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability 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 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 23, 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, Albany, NY 12210; LLC shall practice the profession of law.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

PLM ELECTRIC POWER ENGINEERING, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

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 Engineering, 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 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

WorthMark Financial Services, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 03/09/01. Office: Albany County.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

HRF International, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on May 8, 2001. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to HRF International, LLC, 75 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 187 Wolf Road, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 9, 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 the LLC, 14 Hemlock Street, P.O. Box 517, Latham, New York 12110. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Filer: Conway Lavelle & Finn, LLP

Address: 450 New Karner Road
Albany, New York 12205
(May 23, 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 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 3 Wembley Court, Colonie, New York 12205.

(May 23, 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 LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

(May 23, 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 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: SHARP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Application for

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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 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: NORWEST PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of 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 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 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. 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, 65 Hurst Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

Name: No Frills Income Club (NFIC), L.P. The Certificate of 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 whom 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 23, 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 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 23, 2001)

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 23, 2001)

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

The name of the LLC is ANDERSON 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 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on application of LCC International/XM Satellite Radio, 565 Taxter Road, Elmsford, New York 10523 for Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-20, Light Industrial District, (c)(1) Public Utility, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to install wireless communication antenna on an existing tower and construct an equipment cabinet in a Light Industrial District at premises 105 Smultz Road, Glenmont, New York 12077.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Leka and Erma Gjonaj, 32 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-13, Residence AB District and area Variance under Article XV, Width of Lots, Section 128-63, Minimum required widths A (1)(e) Commercial District, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a single family dwelling and permit dog grooming in a residential zone at premises 32 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals.

(May 23, 2001)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of David & Doris Medwin, 505 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, NY, for approval by said Planning Board of a three (3) lot subdivision of a 10.279 acre parcel located on the Feura Bush Rd., as shown on map entitled "Survey & Map of MEDWIN SUBDIVISION NO. 2, Lands N/F David A. & Doris G. Medwin, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York", dated 2/20/96, revised to 6/12/96 and made by Lamont Engineers, East Berne, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck

Chairman, Planning Board
NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ESCILA LLC was filed with SSNY on 05/07/01. 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

HARDCASTLE LLC was filed with

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SSNY on 05/07/01. 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

INTEGRATED BUSINESS CONSULTING 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 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

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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 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

METRO DEVELOPMENTS LLC was filed with SSNY on 04/23/01. 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

DELTA ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES OF NEW YORK, 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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MCKEAN 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 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 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BARTEC LLC was filed with

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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 Flr, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TMI PROPERTIES, LLC was filed with SSNY on 4/9/01. 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, 10 Erie Boulevard, Albany NY 12204. The registered agent is: Matthew Biagiotti at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

(May 23, 2001)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

A Couple of Nuts, LLC
Dated: Albany, New York
May 15, 2001

Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Limited Liability Law Section 206(a)(8)(b), your attention is directed to the following facts:

1. The name of the limited liability company is A Couple of Nuts, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of A Couple of Nuts, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on May 3, 2001.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of A Couple of Nuts, LLC shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against A Couple of Nuts, LLC to the following post office address: Donald Reinhardt 13 Mayhall Street Albany, New York 12205
5. The name and business or residence address of each member is available from the Secretary of State.
6. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
7. The character of the business of A Couple of Nuts, LLC is as follows: To own and operate both retail and wholesale food and sundry items and to engage in any business permitted under the law, except to do in New York any business for which any statute of New York other than the Limited Liability Company Law specifically re-

quires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used for such business.
(May 23, 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 Organization 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 post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process 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 with this Agreement.

SIXTH: the purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

(May 23, 2001)

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 "Company").

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 dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law").

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to provide engineering design for commercial development and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law.

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eye toward the life around him and filtered his observations through his talents which have been seasoned by crowd pleasing shows around the country.

Eskin points out that Sheridan and McCarthy are friends and while they have been booked independently, "I wouldn't be at all surprised if they played together."

Driving Rhythms and Roaring Choruses is the theme of the 2 p.m. workshop conducted by NexTradition who share the time slot with Cosy Sheridan and her Funny Songs workshop.

Marie, Annie and Jeannie — the Burns Sisters — will perform at 3 p.m. The lush vocal harmonies of their acoustic folk/country style will take listeners on an emotional ride through joy to longing and doubt and back again.

Following the concerts and workshops on Sunday, an open stage will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Here's an opportunity for untried talent to take the spotlight and perform for a truly appreciative audience.

After dark an a Capella singing will give all those interested in a unique opportunity to blend their voices with 50 or 60 other folk fans to create a very impressive sound.

"The group starts out small at around 6:30 or 7," said Eskin. "Little by little more and more people join in."

When asked if the sing-along session was organized by anyone he said that it was not. "It generally flows along on its own," he said. "You'll notice a lot of people carrying around beat up copies of a song book called 'Rise Up Singing.' Many of the songs are from that book."

Monday is set aside for breaking camp and "hanging out." the weekend concludes at 3 p.m. on Monday.

The weekend promises to be more than just a series of performances. Those wishing for a more "hands on" participation will not only have the opportunity to get involved with the workshops but traditionally at this gathering and others like it groups of individuals join together here and there to jam and create music for

their own pleasure and the enjoyment of those who simply like to listen. In fact, the informal gatherings of musicians and listeners are likely to continue well into the night.

"We set aside a quiet area on the campgrounds," said Eskin. "People who want a good night's sleep have that option, but the jam sessions are a big attraction for many."

"You'll see all kinds of instruments," said Eskin. "Aside from guitars and fiddles there are cellos, flutes, concertinas and even a guy who plays the trumpet," said Eskin, with a chuckle. "That's usually not what people consider a folk instrument."

When asked about a definition of folk music, Eskin likes to quote folk performer and scholar Michael Cooney who said, "If you know who wrote the song, it's not folk music."



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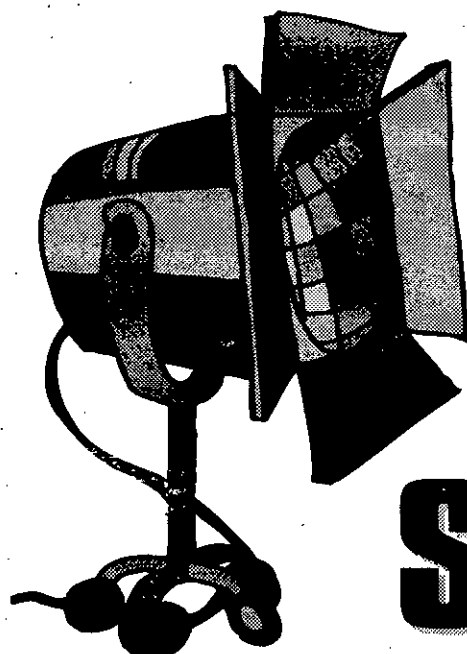
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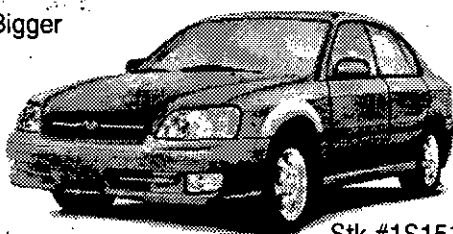
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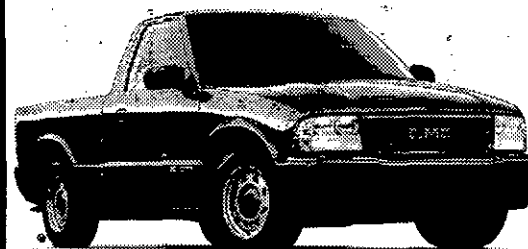
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Historical group plans day trips

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BCHS class of '62 planning reunion

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